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The European Children's Hospitals Organization (ECHO) is appalled and deeply saddened by the missile attack in Kyiv on Ohmatdyt National Specialized Children's Hospital, a valued member of our Children's hospital community.

Our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones, have sustained injuries and who continue to work tirelessly to secure the safety of their patients in the most challenging of circumstances.

We unequivocally condemn such acts of violence that endanger the lives of innocent children, their families, and the dedicated healthcare professionals. Children's wellbeing should be regarded above and beyond any conflict or war. Children's hospitals should be sanctuaries where children, young people and their families can seek and receive care without fear of violence or threat. We call upon the international community to take decisive action to protect healthcare facilities, civilians and children in all conflict zones.

The ECHO network stands ready to support our colleagues at Ohmatdyt - and the wider international community- in ensuring that sick children in Ukraine can continue to get access to the expert medical care they need.

Cordially,

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