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The Supreme Court of Estonia sent a statement of support to its Ukrainian colleagues on Wednesday, March 2, expressing its full support and hoping that the aggression would end soon and that Ukraine would be able to restore its constitutional order.

On the same day, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Villu Kõve and the heads of the Latvian and Lithuanian constitutional courts addressed the Venice Commission and the Conference of European Constitutional Courts (CECC). They expressed solidarity with Ukrainian colleagues and people, while unequivocally condemning Russia's aggression against an independent Ukrainian state and its territorial integrity.

The heads of the Baltic courts also proposed to exclude Russian and Belarusian constitutional courts from the CECC. The CECC's statute emphasizes the role of the constitutional courts in protecting democracy, the rule of law and human rights. At the same time, the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation has not condemned the attack on Ukraine, nor has the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Belarus condemned involvement of their country in military aggression.

Earlier this week, the heads of the Supreme Courts of several European countries, including the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, were in contact with the President of the Supreme Court of Ukraine, Vsevolod Kniaziev. It was discussed how to help Ukrainian colleagues in a situation where the Russian invasion has also shattered the judiciary – some judges have left Kyiv, courthouses have been damaged.

The statement of support of the Supreme Court can be found here [1] and the address of the chief justices of the Baltic States here [2].



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