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It is after lengthy consideration and with a heavy heart that the European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS) has made the decision to temporarily suspend Russian and Belarussian ESVS members from active participation in the Society.

The ESVS sadly understands the frustration and upset this may well cause, and the decision was not taken lightly. The ESVS wishes to convey a firm message in the face of the current situation that we cannot and do not support the actions of the Russian government, nor the defence of them by the Belarussian government.

First and foremost, the ESVS wishes for an end to this war, and a return to peace for all those impacted.

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Prof. Maarit Venermo
ESVS Secretary General

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Prof. Mauro Gargiulo
ESVS President