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### Statement on the Mistreatment of Africans During the Ukraine Conflict

We are disturbed by media reports and related personal accounts of discriminatory treatment of people of African descent in Ukraine, by refusing them passage to safe zones or borders as they seek protection from the ongoing war. The CAPCR condemns all forms of violence and racism anywhere, and hope for peaceful resolution of the conflict. While we remember and pray for the people of Ukraine at this very difficult time of the war, we expect that the people and government will treat all of her residents and citizens with the same justice and fairness that the global community demands and wishes for Ukraine, including the many people of African descent in her country. To do any less for the people of African descent or any others will make a mockery of the call or deserved quest for peace and respect for the dignity of humanity as well as international law protocols.

We support the efforts of the various African and other governments to ensure protection of their citizens and remain available to assist with relevant information and referral resources to our partners in Europe and Africa who are engaged in the security of the Africans(including the Caribbeans) in Ukraine, including the many students who are now experiencing a disruption of their education.

