

2022 NRASLI Representative Assembly Special Resolution
“NRASLI calls for an immediate cessation of
Russia's military invasion of Ukraine”

Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, which began in February 2022, still continues, producing numerous casualties and refugees.

Needless to say, we never accept the invasion, which violates the national sovereignty of Ukraine, destroys the human rights along with the lives and livelihoods of the Ukrainian people, and hurts the people in both Ukraine and Russia deeply.

Among other things, we are deeply concerned about the difficult situation that people in need of social support may face, in particular, people with disabilities, especially deaf and hard of hearing people who need communication support and sign language interpreters who are in charge of the support.

The National Research Association for Sign Language Interpretation (NRASLI) is an organization established having the philosophy of "sign language interpreting to protect the rights of the Deaf." There is the history of the Deaf who have lived without sufficient protection of their rights behind it. In addition, our activities are based on the "guarantee of basic human rights," which is the principle of the Constitution of Japan and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Since its establishment in 1974, we have been learning, researching, and working on the significance and rights of sign language interpreters from the perspective of protecting the lives and livelihoods of the Deaf, and the roles of sign language interpreters and their relationship with society.

We believe this situation made it very clear that the lives and livelihoods of people, especially those with disabilities who need social support, cannot be protected without peace.

We now oppose all wars and, in solidarity with the Ukrainian people seeking peace and persons involved around the world, call for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine.

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