



**European Baptist Federation Council meeting
Bucharest, Romania
24th – 27th September 2014**

EBF Bucharest RESOLUTION on Ukraine and Russia

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Adopts the Baptist World Alliance Resolution from Izmir, Turkey, July 9-11, 2014 regarding the situation in Ukraine:

“The General Council of the Baptist World Alliance

Acknowledges, with deep sadness and great concern, the current political crisis in Ukraine that has resulted in armed conflict, loss of life, displacement of many people and severe tension between Russia and Ukraine;

Notes with concern that, in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine generally, the situation has led to increased religious persecution, especially against evangelical Christians;

Believes that our allegiance to Jesus Christ as Lord transcends all our national allegiances and aspirations, and that Christ, by his death on the Cross has "broken down the dividing walls of hostility" (Ephesians 2:14), now and for all time to come;

Supports all efforts by the international community toward freedom, justice and peace for the whole of Ukraine, and all initiatives toward the reconciliation of those who have been in conflict with each another;

Encourages the work of Ukrainian Baptists in reaching out in the love of Christ to those most affected by the conflict;

Urges the leaders and churches of the Baptist unions of Ukraine and Russia to overcome prejudice and misunderstanding in the situation, to seek to “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15) to each other, and to continue to work together in partnership toward a common vision of mission and the growth of the Kingdom of God in their region; and

Promises to continue to pray for peace and reconciliation among the people of Ukraine and their political leaders, and to support our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine in the challenging days to come.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. **(Matthew 5:9)**