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Position Paper of UEAA concerning the draft law 7588 in Ukraine

The UEAA members are concerned about draft law 7588, which refers to the transfer of lands of the Academy's research farms into private hands.

The UEAA has openly supported, both through the positions expressed by each individual member of our Academy and through a joint position document of the UEAA, the righteous struggle of the Ukrainian people to liberate the country from the unprecedented aggression of Russia.

The damage caused to Ukraine's land resources, which affects both food security and the general state of the environment, exceeded the mark of 1.32 billion UAH, and the damage caused by the aggressor, specifically to agricultural lands, is more than 750 million UAH. This is just what is currently known. Many areas are under occupation. A large part of the soil is chemically and physically contaminated because of hostilities and the destruction of enterprises and critical infrastructure. The enemy destroyed Ukraine's only plant genetic bank, which contained more than 160,000 plant varieties and hybrids worldwide. The state of agricultural land today is almost the key problem after the war. Their recovery and revival are urgent. And this is an important strategic task for domestic agricultural science. Under these conditions, ensuring food safety and security can only be ensured through strong agricultural scientific research, to avoid dependence on the import of products and research results.

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From the own experience of some of the UEAA member academies, we know that the dispossession of research units from the land surfaces indispensable for research led to a dramatic decrease in their ability to fulfil their duties.

That is why we, the representatives of the member academies of the UEAA, appeal to the understanding of the Ukrainian Government to abandon the implementation of the draft Law 7588.

Yours truly,



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