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The war on Ukraine has affected significantly scientific cooperation and communication in particle physics and also in many other fields of scientific, cultural and educational exchange. Immediately after the war in Feb 2022, many scientific institutions paused or banned scientific cooperation and exchange with Russian and Belorussian institutes and their scientists. Publications were out on hold or even banned, if Russian scientists were on the author list.

The Science4Peace Forum was created in March 2022 as a consequences of these restrictions, as a completely independent Forum for open communication among scientists, using independent ZOOM rooms and Webpages. The basic ideas of the S4P Forum are fully in line with the policy of IUPAP of supporting and encouraging free scientific exchange. In the course of discussions on the consequences of the war on Ukraine, the S4P Forum organized a high-level panel discussion on “Sanctions in Science - One Year of Sanctions” [[1]].

The war on Ukraine has also increased enormously the risk of nuclear escalation. Together with 14 Nobel laureates and many Scientists, the S4P Forum launched an appeal to subscribe to the “no-first use” policy and urged the governments to subscribe to the Treaty of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons adopted by the United Nations [[2]].

The S4P Forum fully supports the ideas and activities originating from the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD) to open and to keep open discussion channels at all levels, using Science as a common language.

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