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## **Message in solidarity with the Russian people following the plane crash**

The International Federation of Social Workers, European Region expresses its sympathy and condolences to the families and friends who have lost loved ones in the crash of the Russian airplane on the 31st of October where 224 people lost their lives so tragically, children and their parents travelling home from their holidays.

Antonina Dashkina, President of the Russian Union of Social Pedagogues and Social Workers has advised us of the important work social workers are continuing to carry out for those directly affected by this terrible tragedy. In her words “Social workers from 15 regions of Russia are in the process of working with families now - DNK, morgues, confines, funerals - they deal with this all”.

Social workers are trained in supporting people in the most difficult situations and crisis in their lives and IFSW Europe expresses solidarity with our Russian social work colleagues who are now supporting and assisting the families of the victims in times of great grief and sorrow.

In Solidarity,

IFSW Europe Executive Committee

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