

Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal
Vaste commissie voor Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport

Brussels, March 2022

RE: Request to please allow into the country all people with a bleeding disorder

Dear members of the Vaste commissie voor Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport,

We write to you on behalf of the NVHP (founded in 1971 as the Nederlandse Vereniging van Hemofilie-Patiënten) and the European Haemophilia Consortium (EHC) to entreat you to urgently accept all applications for asylum or transfer to The Netherlands from people with a bleeding disorder of all ages and their family members, who have had to leave Ukraine and lost access to life-saving treatment and care.

The European bleeding disorder community of patients and healthcare providers is extremely well organized, inter-connected and networked. We reassure you that displaced persons with a bleeding disorder that you allow into the country will receive the support they urgently need:

- The Haemophilia Treatment Centres in The Netherlands are well placed, and being supported by international colleagues, to provide continued treatment and care, and;
- The NVHP, supported by the EHC itself and other EHC members, are standing by to provide other urgent forms of assistance and support to these members of our broad, international patient community.

People with a bleeding disorder are rare. Often invisible, they can easily fall through the cracks of an overwhelmed system in times of emergency and crisis. But these people are members of our community, they are our extended family, and we are here to help and support them. We ask only that you please let them in, so that we can help you, help them.

Yours Sincerely,



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President NVHP



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President EHC

