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Thomas Konietzko
President
International Canoe Federation

Dear Mr. President,

Polish Canoe Federation wants to express our opposition to the possibility for Russian's and Belarusian's athletes for participation in competitions in coming years.

We agree with the statement of the Ukrainian Canoe Federation, that allowing athletes to participate will express support for violence and acceptance of armed attacks. Polish Canoe Federation is surprised by the fact that with the official support of the war by Russian athletes, the IOC is considering the possibility of their return to competition at a time when Russian competitors freely participate in training, organize competitions and Ukrainian players fight for their country, sacrificing their talent and often their lives.

Polish Canoe Federation, like all Sports Federation in Poland, declare their strong opposition to allow Russian and Belarusian athlete to take part in international competition.



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