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To: Mr. Željko Tanasković
ESSF President

Dear Mr. Tanasković,

The Ukrainian Federation of School Sports highly appreciates your activities in the development of school sport in the world and your support of Ukraine, especially in this extremely difficult time, in the time when russia has launched a full-scale war against Ukraine and is committing genocide against the Ukrainian people.

During the war, russian soldiers tortured and killed tens of thousands of Ukrainians, including many children and women. The terrorist state destroys entire cities, launches rockets at schools, universities, hospitals, stadiums, sports and playgrounds.

Although belarus participation in this war is not official, but it is obvious that the planes and missiles fly from its territory, killing our children, and russian soldiers, with the the desire to seize Ukraine, came from its territory on February 24, 2022!

Today, world sport once again began to discuss the possibility of athletes from these countries to return to the competition. We consider such conversations are not just unacceptable, but even criminal. Almost all athletes of these countries - some silently, some loudly support the bloody war. And many of them have military ranks and are active servicemen.

The purpose of such participation of russians and belarusians in competitions is to spread the idea of the russian world. Also, their goal is to prove the superiority of the ideas of the russian peace over democratic Western ideals, to increase the number of supporters of russo-fascist ideas.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian athletes, yesterday's pupils and students, were forced to take up arms and defend their native land. Thousands of them are still at the front. About two hundred, unfortunately, died....

On behalf of the Ukrainian Federation of School Sports, I appeal to you with a request: please, by all available methods, help to ensure that the athletes of the aggressor countries - russia and belarus - will continue to remain isolated on the world sports arena.

Taking this opportunity, I express to you, dear Laurent, my most sincere respect and ask you to make maximum efforts so that the sanctions against athletes from russia and belarus remain in force.

Sincerely Yours,

President,
Roman GREBA

