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Russia's military aggression against Ukraine grossly violates and undermines European and global security and stability. Following previously expressed opinion from the Nordic, Baltic and Polish Basketball federations, we would like repeatedly to reaffirm our close and comprehensive opinion with regard to Russian or Belarusian officials', players' and representatives' participation in basketball community events – including governance - at the European and World level. Unfortunately, so far, we have not received FIBA's answer on our previously expressed opinion with regard to our stand on this matter, which is very disappointing and unacceptable.

Secondly, please be informed that under the current circumstances, many countries have already adopted or are preparing various laws and regulations to limit the opportunities for sports federations to receive state funding for basketball development and operations, if these organizations cooperate or participate in the same events with Russia or Belarus. Thus, the participation of the Nordic-Baltic States and Poland in FIBA programmes or its structures involving representatives from Russia or Belarus will be close to impossible. Such cooperation poses a significant threat to the possibilities for receiving state budget resources which is essential financial resource for sports federations, affecting the development of basketball in our countries.

Taking into account the before mentioned, for as long as there is a war in Ukraine, we reiterate our joint commitment that the Nordic-Baltic States' Basketball federations and Poland Basketball Federation withdraw from the participation in FIBA Wilead programme and further will not nominate participants in other FIBA programmes if the Russian and Belarus representatives are programme participants. If the FIBA take no effective supportive action, it will be entirely clear that all mentioned national basketball federations will consider to withdraw nominated candidates from all FIBA Commissions, structures and programmes.

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