

Nordic Shooting Region



To: ESC Leadership
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Dear Mr President
Dear members of the ESC Presidium

We, the Nordic Shooting Region, stand together in support of the people of Ukraine and our friends and colleagues in the Ukrainian Shooting Federation. The events of the last week have left everyone across the world shocked and appalled. We call upon the ESC to show leadership and humanity and to condemn, without hesitation, the atrocities being enacted in Ukraine by the military forces of the Russian Federation abetted by the government of Belarus.

Additionally, we endorse the condemnation by the IOC of the breach of The Olympic Truce by the Russian Federation and we also support the calls for athletes and officials of both Russia and Belarus to be suspended from international competitions organised by the ESC.

Our sport must be seen to rise above personal ego and ambitions and now, more than ever, we must play our part in the wider Olympic family. We therefore respectfully request the ESC Presidium to meet at the earliest opportunity before the European Championships in Norway, and to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly to consider and ensure we have a leadership untainted by association, perceived or actual, with the war in Ukraine.

The credibility of our sport, its place on the Olympic Programme, and our futures rely on us making the right decision now.

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