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## TO ALL NATIONAL IPA PRESIDENTS

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Dear Presidents, Dear Friends

In view of the current events between Russia and Ukraine, the IEB sent a letter to the President of IPA Russia on 28 February, see attached. Our friend Yury replied within the given deadline, please see his response also attached.

Following this exchange of communication, the IEB organised a video conference on 4 March to discuss the next steps to be taken, and the following became evident from our discussions: The IEB concluded that IPA Russia's letter only partially answered our questions, and did not convince us of the position of IPA Russia's committee regarding the actions of the Russian government, in particular in relation to the IPA's aim of encouraging peaceful co-existence between peoples and preservation of world peace, as stated in article 7 of the IPA Statutes.

In line with an ever-increasing number of international organisations, we note that Russia is seriously violating the human rights and fundamental principles that make up the IPA, as stated in article 2 of the IPA Statutes, and which our founder considered as core values for our association after the Second World War. Even if we assume that in principle, most members of IPA Russia do not support such an armed conflict and all the human misery it causes, we would expect a national IPA board to clearly state this, and to re-assure the IEB in this regard. This is not the case.

In order to protect the IPA and what it is in its deepest DNA, but also to protect the members of IPA Russia and to ensure that they can remain in the association, the IEB has therefore decided to impose an immediate provisional suspension of IPA Russia, in accordance with article 18 of our International Statutes and article 7 of our International Rules. This measure will allow us to clarify our position, but will also give us the necessary time to observe further developments. This provisional suspension necessitates a debate at the next IPA World Congress at IEC level, and the IEB will have to present a motion to the plenum, based on the development of the situation, in order to either confirm the suspension and extend it, lift it, or ask for the expulsion of the affected section.

We emphasise once again that this measure will at least have the positive effect of ensuring that all members of IPA Russia retain their membership.

I would like to assure you that the IEB is monitoring the situation carefully, and is at your disposal if you wish to contact us. We all hope for a peaceful solution to the current conflict.

With our friendship – Servo per Amikeco,

Pierre-Martin Moulin

PRESIDENT

cc IEB members