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**IPA SECTION RUSSIA**

The President  
Yury Zhdanov

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Mr President,

Dear Yury,

The current events between Russia and Ukraine are of great concern to the IPA family, and you will be aware of the letter I sent on 26 February 2022 to the presidents of all sections on this subject on behalf of the IEB.

While the IEB has chosen to adopt a cautious approach, knowing that the two nations in question are an integral part of the IPA, we must protect our association and not jeopardise our principles and values, in the name of ideologies that contradict our core values.

As our statutes clearly state, the IPA is a non-governmental, politically neutral and independent organisation (art.1), committed to the principles as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (art. 2) and whose national sections are drawn from States where it is possible to execute unrestricted realisation of the principles as set out in our statutes (art.13). Moreover, article 7 specifies that one of the aims of the IPA is to encourage peaceful co-existence between peoples and preservation of world peace.

To clarify matters and to protect the image of the IPA and its members, we ask you, on behalf of IPA Russia, to take a stand on the current situation. While it is up to other authorities to seek political solutions and hopefully bring a peace process to a rapid conclusion, we must ensure that our members respect the basic principles of the association.

The initiated conflict is generating a lot of reactions within the IPA, and some of the social media posts from IPA members in your section are disturbing in their tone and conviction. We know that it is not easy to control every member, but we expect the national committee of your section to demand the necessary caution from them. At the same time, we think it is important that the official publications of the Russian section, especially on the website, remain politically neutral, and focus on the life and events of the section. Therefore, please avoid any publication of a political nature.

We look forward to receiving your response as President of IPA Russia by 4 March. In the meantime, if you wish, I am of course at your disposal for a phone or video call.

With the assurance of our friendship,

Servo per Amikeco

Pierre-Martin Moulin

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cc IEB members