

To:  
ANOC Executive Council

October 15, 2022

## **ANOC 2022 General Assembly in Seoul**

Dear President Mitchell.

Alongside the rest of the international sports family, the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Norway and Sweden are deeply concerned about the ongoing and escalating Russian and Belarussian military aggression in Ukraine. The invasion of Ukraine constitutes a breach of international law, this has created an extraordinary dangerous situation with possible global impacts.

The NOCs of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Norway and Sweden give our full support to the ongoing recommendations on no Russian and Belarusian participation in sports. As presented to ANOC in the Nordic written statement, dated September 23, 2022, this should imply both athletes and officials. This was also underlined in the statement of the Baltic Olympic Committees, Paralympic Committees and Sports Confederations to ANOC, dated October 7, 2022.

We truly believe in the international unifying mission of sport, and we believe that sport can - and should - play a role to foster dialogue in areas of conflict.

In a situation where we see a dangerously escalating military situation in Ukraine, with dire humanitarian consequences, we ask the ANOC Executive Council to reconsider whether officials from the Russian Olympic Committee and Belarusian Olympic Committee shall be able to take part in the upcoming General Assembly in Seoul. Solidarity with the Ukrainian people and with Ukrainian sports must continue to be our number one priority.

Best regards,

*National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of:*

*Denmark*

*Estonia*

*Finland*

*Iceland*

*Latvia*

*Lithuania*

*Poland*

*Norway*

*Sweden*