



NORDIC CYCLING

Dear members of the UEC management committee

First of all, we need to recall the unprecedented times under which we meet at this annual meeting. We have just witnessed, for the first time since 1939, when an independent democratic country in Europe have been attacked by a neighboring country in an act which fundamentally undermine international law. We guess that all European countries unite in our joint effort to condemn this illegal act. And please remember that less than 2000 kilometers from Odense, people are fighting for their lives.

Given this the international community has come together in our effort to condemn this action and suspend Russian and Belorussian representatives from several international sports organizations.

Even though cycling's international organizations have made strong action towards Russia and Belorussia by banning national and trade teams from the sport, they have fallen short of suspending Russian and Belorussian citizens official's from attending meetings within international cycling.

We appreciate the self-exclusion of the Russian and Belorussian representatives from this weekend's Annual Meeting, but it cannot be a long-term solution for a governance problem that most likely will be with UEC for several months, if not years. We also believe it to be fundamentally wrong to punish Russian and Belorussian citizens as athletes who represent their countries, while leaving board members and executive committee members who represent the same countries, in their positions. We believe this is unacceptable and unfair and can only be set straight by suspending Russian and Belorussian citizens across the board, athletes and non-athletes, alike. **In this we urge the European Cycling Federation (UEC) to immediately suspend all Russian and Belorussian official representatives from its board and commissions until further notice. We also urge the UEC to work for the same decision at the UCI.**

We understand the complexity of the situation and the difficult choices to make and therefore ask you to come up with an acceptable long-term solution as soon as possible.

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The Board of Nordic Cycling (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden)
The Board of the Austrian Cycling Federation
The Board of the Belgium Cycling Federation
The Board of the Dutch Cycling Federation
The Board of the Polish Cycling Federation