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To: International Union of Kettlebell Lifting

5 March 2022

RESOLUTION

ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS IN THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF KETTLEBELL LIFTING

Dear Sirs,

On 24 February 2022 the Russian Federation launched an unprecedented military invasion of Ukraine, threatening its sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and the sanctity of its internationally recognized borders. In light of such aggression, the Lithuanian Kettlebell Lifting Federation:

Condemns the broad offensive and the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus that, among other things, pose a threat to civilian lives;

Disagrees with the decisions of Mr. Putin and the Russian Duma not to treat the occupied territories of East Ukraine as integral parts of Ukraine and to officially recognize the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic and Luhansk People's Republic in Eastern Ukraine as independent states, including the signing of bilateral cooperation agreements on the provision of military assistance that stipulate the possibility for the Russian Federation to establish military bases in the said territories;

Notes that the current military assault against Ukraine could be a part of a long-term strategy to shake the very foundations of European security;

Emphasizes that this unprecedented breach of international law by the aggressor poses a serious threat to international peace and security; and

Urges the International Union of Kettlebell Lifting (hereafter referred to as IUKL) to:

- call for a general meeting of IUKL;
- suspend Russian and Belarussian entities' membership in the IUKL;
- restrict the participation of Russian and Belarussian representatives in IUKL's activities, international events, and management.

Yours faithfully,

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