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To: Mr. Laurent Petrynka ISF President

Dear Mr. Petrynka!

The Committee on Physical Education and Sport of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine expresses our sincere respect to you and appeals to you with the following: we ask you to prevent the return of student athletes from russia and belarus to participate in the international competitions under the eagis of your organization.

The full-scale war and genocide of the Ukrainian people is been going on for almost a year. Russian troops continue to kill and torture the civils and children, launch rockets, destroy our infrastructure - hospitals, schools, universities, stadiums, sport complexes and other civil objects!

Belarus provides its territory for the training of russian soldiers, for the takeoff of russian bombers, for launching missiles at peaceful Ukrainian cities. At least 218 athletes and coaches from various sports died. There are many children, pupils and students among them. In particular, 11 years old Kateryna Dyachenko, rhythmic gymnastics 19 years old Yevhen Malyshev, biathlon 16 years old Artem Pryimenko, sambo 14 years old Alina Peregudova, weightlifting 20 years old Daria Kurdel, sports dance 10 years old Dmytro Yevdochenko, football 19 years old Taras Stakhiv, karate 15 years old Maria Lebid, and others.

Sports in the hands of dictators is another tool with which they lie to the whole world and spread chauvinistic ideas. So, I ask you to help by all available methods to continue banning the participation of russian and belarusian athletes in student sports competitions.

Regards,

Head, Vadym STETSENK