



## СПОРТИВНА СТУДЕНТСЬКА СПІЛКА УКРАЇНИ SPORT STUDENTS' UNION OF UKRAINE

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**To: FISU Acting President  
Mr. Leonz EDER**

Dear Mr. Leonz,

The Sports Students' Union of Ukraine asks you to prevent the participation of russian and belarusian athletes in the international students' competitions under the aegis of FISU.

In our deep conviction, the decision to suspend athletes from aggressor countries, adopted earlier, was the only correct one and corresponded to the world sanctions policy.

We are sincerely grateful for the support and solidarity with Ukraine at such difficult time for us. But it is important to continue to preserve the unity of the world sports community and prevent those who support the war and the genocide of the Ukrainian people from returning to the sports fields.

In almost a year since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, russia has killed tens of thousands of peaceful Ukrainians. Even today, it continues to destroy buildings, civil infrastructure, kindergartens, schools, universities, stadiums, sports facilities, kill children, wipe entire cities off the face of the earth. Rockets and bombs are launched, in particular, from the territory of belarus. This country has turned into a training base for the russian military.

Allow me to inform you that thousands of Ukrainian sportsmen were forced to take up arms to defend their homeland, or to become volunteers and help the army and people in need. Hundreds, unfortunately, died.

For the dictatorial regimes of russia and belarus, sport has turned into another tool of propaganda. We ask you not to give the terrorists a chance to return to the competition as if nothing had happened.

Taking this opportunity, allow us to renew our respect and wish to all peace.

Sincerely yours,

**President,  
Yevgeniy IMAS**

