



*Il Presidente*

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Via e-mail  
To Mr. Gianarrigo Rona  
WBF President

To the WBF Board

To Mr. Jan Kamras  
EBL President

To the EBL Board

Dear all,

The recent situation affecting Ukraine, and in particular the events of the last hours related to the Russian attack, are so serious and against international and humanitarian law, that they cannot exempt also our institutions from taking an official position of firm condemnation of the action perpetrated by the government of Russia.

I also believe, consequently, that the WBF and the EBL, with reference to all the upcoming international events (World Championships and European Championships of all specialties), should refuse the participation of the Russian national representatives, possibly allowing the individual participation of those players, on personal basis, already designated at this point.

This is also considering that the designated Russian players might not approve the action of the Russian government and that, even if not expressly declared (for understandable political prudence), the participation on a personal capacity might indicate a substantial distancing from the position of the Russian government.

I sincerely hope that my call for action and request on this regard will be approved.

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