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Re: Update on FINA's response to the war in Ukraine

Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you well.

We would like to inform you that further to the FINA Bureau's decision on 8 March 2022 and the new measures at its disposal to exclude Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials from FINA competitions, and following the review of an independent risk assessment, the FINA Bureau met today and confirmed that athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus will not take part in the upcoming 19th FINA World Championships Budapest 2022.

Following these decisions, FINA was informed by the Russian Swimming Federation of the withdrawal of all Russian aquatics athletes from all FINA events. It was later clarified that the withdrawal only applied to the 19th FINA World Championships in Budapest 2022.

As you know, FINA also previously removed a number of aquatics events scheduled for Russia. Today, the FINA Bureau also decided to remove the hosting of the FINA Swimming World Championships (25M) 2022 from Kazan (RUS). The scheduled dates of 17-22 December 2022 will be maintained, and FINA is currently in discussions with potential hosts to take over the event.

Finally, FINA reiterates that it maintains its strongest condemnation of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and remain committed to its support of the Ukraine Swimming, Diving and Artistic Swimming Federation as they prepare for upcoming competitions.

We remain, as always at your disposal for any questions.

Respectfully yours,

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