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To: Mr. Husain Al Musallam, FINA President  
FINA Member Federations

**Open Letter**

Dear Mr. FINA President,  
Dear Aquatic Community,

The Russian Federation with the support of the Republic of Belarus has started the new wave of aggression against Ukraine. This is an act of war, an attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, a brutal violation of the UN Charter and basic norms of the international law as well as the principles of the Olympic Charter and FINA law.

Ukrainian athletes are forced to defend their homes and families and cannot train or compete solely because of the inhumane actions of the Russian and Belarusian governments.

In such situation Ukrainian Teams will have not possibilities to take part in FINA competitions on the territories of Russia or Belarus, particularly in the FINA World Swimming Championships and the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2022 in Kazan, Russia.

The Ukrainian Swimming Federation appreciated FINA decision to determinate and cancel some FINA events in Russia on March and April months this year.

However, the Ukrainian Swimming Federation call the FINA and international aquatic sports community immediately to suspend Russia and Belarus from all water sports events until their governments stop military aggression against Ukraine, restore respect to the principles of international law and Ukrainian athletes may participate in sports activities on an equal footing.

Our request is supported already by numerous FINA Members Federations and International Federations of other sports.

Many thanks to all authorities and individuals who support Ukrainian peoples to live on the motherlands without military pressure from Kremlin and his satellites.

Sincerely Yours

President of the  
Ukrainian Swimming Federation

Andrii Vlaskov