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## **Statement from Nordic and Baltic basketball federations and Polish basketball federation**

The Nordic, Baltic basketball federations and Polish basketball federation would like to draw your attention and the attention of the general public to the fact that discussions regarding the return of Russia and Belarus to sports are clearly premature.

The Russian aggression in Ukraine is constant and is still escalating. Under these circumstances, it will be unacceptable to open up for Russian and Belarusian international sports participation.

An aggressor should not have the opportunity to participate in sports, including basketball, at any level, neither as an athlete nor as an official. The public should have nothing but zero tolerance for the war that the aggressors have started.

We are of the opinion that Russian and Belarusian competitors should not be allowed to participate in international basketball or sports, neither as competitors nor as officials, and should be excluded also from governance of international sports organizations until Russia's aggression ends and peace is achieved.

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