



To Russian Kendo Federation  
Mr. Rouslan Aloev  
Moscow, Russia

**31EKC2022 in Germany - Ukraine and Russia**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With deep regret and sorrow we are forced to witness the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which we deem a flagrant violation of law and moral principles of humanity.

We recall the values of the disciplines organized by our Federation, which although related to ancient weapons, finally aim to promote personal development and peace and prosperity among all peoples.

We note the recommendations and calls by international sports organisations, including the IOC, in this respect.

We note that the people of Russia not necessarily agree with and take responsibility for the actions of their government. However, this dilemma cannot be solved.

**We inform you that we have received a formal motion to suspend the membership rights of the Russian Kendo Federation, in particular for their participation in European Championships for a period to be determined. The EKF BO supports such motion, as do other Member Federations.**

Under the EKF Statutes we are bound to follow, this question will be discussed and decided by the EKF General Assembly in May 2022 in Frankfurt, Germany. All EKF Member Federations will be informed on this well before to safeguard due process and allow an informed decision. We shall follow the rules and the law, even when others fail to do so.

We note that the final decision by the EKF GA will be taken one day before the Championship, so consider the associated risks, if you register for the EKC.

For any further comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely Yours,

**Dieter Hauck, President  
European Kendo Federation**

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