

# Second statement on Russia's war on Ukraine and international sport

Russia's unprovoked and unjustifiable war of choice against Ukraine, facilitated by the Belarusian government, is abhorrent and a flagrant breach of its international obligations. Respect for human rights and peaceful relations between nations form the foundation of international sport.

We, as a collective of like-minded nations, reaffirm [our statement of 8 March](#) and, while recognising the autonomy of sporting organisations, further state our governments' position that:

In cases where national and international sports organisations, and other event organisers, choose to permit sportspeople (including athletes, officials and administrators) from Russia and Belarus to participate in sporting events:

We call on all international sport federations to take account of these principles, applaud all those that have taken action already, and encourage our own domestic sporting bodies to engage with their international federations to do so. These restrictions should be in place until cooperation under the rules-based international order has become possible again.

Furthermore, we reiterate our encouragement for the international sport community to continue to show its solidarity with the people of Ukraine, including through supporting the continuation and reconstruction of Ukrainian sport where possible.

1. Australia: The Hon Anika Wells MP, Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Sport
2. Austria: Vice-Chancellor Werner Kogler, Minister of Arts and Culture, Civil Service and Sport
3. Belgium: Valérie Glatigny, Minister for Higher Education, Adult Education, Scientific Research, University Hospitals, Youth Welfare, Houses of Justice, Youth, Sport and the Promotion of Brussels of the French-Speaking Community. This signature commits the French-speaking Community, the Flemish Community and the German-speaking Community of Belgium.
4. Canada: The Honourable Pascale St-Onge, Minister of Sport
5. Croatia: Dr Nikolina Brnjac, Minister of Tourism and Sport
6. Cyprus: Prodromos Prodromou, Minister of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth

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7. Czech Republic: Filip Neusser, President of the National Sports Agency
8. Denmark: Ane Halsboe-Jørgensen, Minister for Culture
9. Estonia: Liina Kersna, Minister of Education and Research in the responsibilities of Minister of Culture
10. Finland: Petri Honkonen, Minister for Science and Culture
11. France: Amélie Oudéa-Castéra, Minister of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games
12. Germany: Mahmut Özdemir MP, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community
13. Greece: Lefteris Avgenakis, Deputy Minister for Sports
14. Iceland: Ásmundur Einar Daðason, Minister of Education and Children
15. Ireland: Jack Chambers TD, Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht
16. Italy: Valentina Vezzali, Secretary of State for Sport
17. Japan: H.E. SUEMATSU Shinsuke, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
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23. Malta: Dr Clifton Grima, Minister for Education, Youth, Sport, Research and Innovation
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26. Norway: Anette Trettebergstuen, Minister of Culture and Equality
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34. United Kingdom: The Rt Hon Nadine Dorries MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
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