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International Committee of Sport for the Deaf

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### Deaflympic Games and the situation in Ukraine

The Executive Board of the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports, which is the Executive Board of The Norwegian Deaf Sport Organisation monitors the situation that unfolds in Ukraine closely.

Following an extraordinary meeting at the Executive Board on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, this statement has been released:

#### ***The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports calls for full exclusion of Russian and Belarussian sports.***

- *The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports follow the developments on the tragic and dangerous situation in Ukraine.*
- *The Russian attack on Ukraine is a blatant breach on international law and is unacceptable.*
- *At the moment, a wide ranging set of coordinated international sanctions are being developed within a broad range of sectors, hereunder at EU level.*
- *The Russian attack on the Ukrainian people and breach of international law, demands international condemnation and sanctions. On this background, it is our clear opinion that Russian and Belarussian athletes shall not participate in international sport events outside of Russia or Belarus. Russian and Belarussian sport leaders shall be suspended from their international positions. Through our 55 national sport federations, we call upon the international sport federations to follow up on this matter. We also call upon other major international sports organisations, hereunder the IOC, IPC, SOI and ICSD to adopt this position.*
- *The Norwegian NOC/NPC/NDI/SON will give our support to further sanctions towards Russia and Belarussian sports.”*

In a situation where Russia, with the support of Belarus, has aggressively breached international law and invaded another Deaflympic member state just ahead of the Deaflympic Games, the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports call upon the International Committee of Sport for the Deaf to expel the Russian and the Belarussian Deaf Sport Organisations from taking part in the upcoming Deaflympic

## Norges Døveidrettsutvalg

Norwegian Deaf Sports Organisation (NDI) is a committee under the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports



Games competitions in Caxais do Sul, Brasil. We also call upon the International Committee of Sport for the Deaf to do everything in its power to make sure that the Ukrainian Deaflympic athletes can take part in the Deaflympic Games.

Best regards,

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