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To all our members
To Swiss Olympic
To FINA
To LEN

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Statement of the Swiss Swimming Federation regarding the invasion of the Ukraine

We, the Swiss Swimming Federation, in agreement with Swiss Olympic, the Nordic Swimming Federations, FINA in its press release from today and LEN yesterday strongly condemn the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian government supported by the government of Belarus. We call on the international aquatics' community, and especially FINA, to additionally to the rescheduling of their events immediately suspend Russia and Belarus from all involvement in international aquatics until a peaceful resolution of this conflict. All parties should be able to take part in future sporting activities on equal terms.

We fully support the relocation or cancellation of all events currently planned in Russia or Belarus, as requested by the International Olympic Committee and our National Olympic Committee as well as the exclusion of representatives of Russia and Belarus from all recognized aquatics events and governing bodies. Ukrainian athletes have to fear for their lives, they have been forced to defend their homes and families, and are unable to train or compete solely because of the inhuman actions of the Russian and Belarusian governments. Until this situation is resolved, Russia and Belarus should not take part in international aquatics at any level.

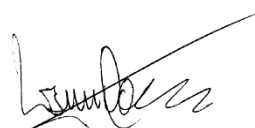
The Swiss Swimming Federation will not send delegations to aquatic events held in Russia or Belarus, including the FINA World Junior Championships and the FINA Short Course World Swimming Championships scheduled later this year, as long as no peaceful solution has been found.

We feel with the Ukrainian people, suffering under this for us unimaginable act of barbarism and offer our support to the Ukrainian Swimming Federation.

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