



Dr Thomas Bach
IOC President

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Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine please accept our highest assurances of respect relating to the IOC actions and steps taken to support Ukraine and Ukrainian sport.

According to the latest news published on the Russian Olympic Committee website, it has recognised regional organisations from illegally annexed Ukrainian territories (<https://olympic.ru/news/breaking-news/itogi-ispolkoma-okr-21/>; <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1141447/roc-accepts-members-annexed-ukraine>).

Olympic Councils of the so-called Luhansk People's Republic (LPR), Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), Kherson and Zaporizhzhia Olympic Councils were admitted as ROC members at its Executive Committee meeting on 5 October 2023. Sevastopol Olympic Council and Olympic Council of the Republic of Crimea were given the ROC membership in 2016.

Inclusion of organizations that represent the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine by the ROC is brutal and clear violation of the Olympic Charter, in particular: its Fundamental Principle 5, Rules 1 (2), 27 (2.2), 27 (5), 28 (5), as the territorial jurisdiction of the Russian Olympic Committee does not coincide with the legally recognized borders of Russia. The ROC, as an organization belonging to the Olympic movement, does not fulfill its obligations to comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter, does not ensure compliance with the Olympic Charter in its country and takes part in activities that are contrary to the Olympic Charter.

Herewith, the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine would like to appeal to you, Mr. Bach, with a request to submit the issue of this violation for consideration at the next meeting of the IOC Executive Board and to apply the sanctions established by the Olympic Charter for such severe violation of the principles and fundamentals of the Olympic movement.

We hope the IOC will take all appropriate steps to keep implacable to violators of the Olympic Charter and to ensure that sport stays beyond politics, open for those who adhere to the Olympic Charter and Olympic values.

Sincerely yours,

Vadym Guttsait
President