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To: International Kyudo Federation European Kyudo Federation Members of European Kyudo Federation

Lithuanian Kyudo Federation statement

Lithuanian Kyudo Federation strongly condemns the military aggression of the Russian Federation and Republic of Belarus against Ukraine. Those military actions clearly infringe upon the Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, constitute a serious violation of international law prohibiting use of force, and are a grave breach of the United Nations Charter. Any unilateral change of the status quo by force is totally unacceptable.

Lithuanian Kyudo Federation requests to consider a suspension of the membership of IPO «Kyudo Federation» in European Kyudo Federation and in International Kyudo Federation and deny participation of Russian athletes in all international kyudo activities.

Lithuanian Kyudo Federation and all our members stands in absolute solidarity with the Ukrainian people at this time. We call on the entire kyudo community to join and provide full support to Ukrainian people wherever may be required.

We believe in democratic values which don't align with the current international situation, and we urge the civil society to remain united and promote dialogue as a tool for achieving everlasting peace.

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