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**For the attention of:**  
World Athletics President  
European Athletics President  
World Athletics Member Federations

Dear Colleagues!

In the light of the latest reports and sanctions imposed on Belarus Athletic Federation, we would like to inform you on the official position regarding our Federation.

We consider the decision of the World Athletics Council to exclude the Belarusian athletes, support personnel and officials from participating in international competitions to be contrary to the World Athletics Constitution and the principle of "politics out of sport". We think World Athletics has made a hasty decision that is based on emotions and a distorted understanding of the real situation. Belarus Athletic Federation even has not been given a chance to provide any explanations on the charges, which are heard from various unverified information sources as well as deprived of the possibility of being heard. In our opinion, this decision will not lead to the protection of the interests of Athletics, but, on the contrary, to the incitement of discord and hatred by nationality in the sports community.

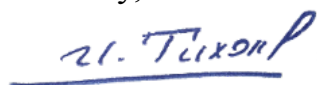
While the International Paralympic Committee allows athletes from different countries to participate in the Paralympic Games under a neutral flag, World Athletics imposes sanctions on the sports community, which has not violated anything and solely stands for peace and mutual understanding between peoples and nations. World Athletics is not interested in the fact that Belarusian troops do not take part in the conflict on the territory of the Ukraine.

Belarus, like no one else, remembers the consequences of a terrible and devastating war. That is why our country once again, on its own initiative, acts as a dialogue platform for peace talks between Russia and Ukraine. Athletes of Belarus, the entire sports community of our country, all citizens of Belarus want just one thing - peace and unity on Earth!

The whole sport has already experienced the policy of pressure and boycotting sporting events more than once. It has not led to anything good. We urge World Athletics and other organizations to take deliberate and balanced

independent decisions in the interests of sports and athletes, and not follow the opinions of politicians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ivan Tsikhan", with a horizontal line underneath.

Ivan Tsikhan  
President  
Belarus Athletic Federation