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Subject: Suspension of Membership of the IPO Kyudo Federation (Russia)

Dear IKYF Member Organizations,

On behalf of the International Kyudo Federation (IKYF), we hereby notify you of the suspension of the IPO Kyudo Federation (Russia) (hereinafter referred to as "Russian Kyudo Federation")'s membership, effective immediately.

This decision has been made in response to the ongoing military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which constitutes a serious violation of international law and has been widely condemned by the international community, including numerous international sports organizations. In line with the principles of the Olympic Movement and in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and athletes, IKYF has decided to take this action.

In view of the above, the IKYF board of directors on 8th July 2025 decided that :

1. The Russian Kyudo Federation shall not participate in any official IKYF activities, including competitions, seminars, meetings and All Nippon Kyudo Federation (ANKF) shinsa.
2. Representatives of the Russian Kyudo Federation are no longer eligible to hold any official position within IKYF during the suspension period.
3. The use of the Russian flag, emblem, or any national symbols in connection with IKYF events is prohibited.
4. IKYF will take the following measures regarding Kyudo practitioners who hold Russian nationality:
 - 4.1 They will be allowed to participate in IKYF events and ANKF shinsa, but only as Athletes with Individual Neutral (AIN) status and not as representatives of the Russian Kyudo Federation.
 - 4.2 In order to participate in IKYF-hosted events or ANKF shinsa, they must submit a written pledge acknowledging the following conditions. If any violations are discovered after participation, records, shogo, and dan ranks obtained during the event will be invalidated, and the individual will be barred from future participation.
 - Do not display the word "Russia" or any Russian national flag on Kyudo equipment, attire, or accessories.
 - Refrain from making political statements or engaging in political activities, including on social media.
 - The individual must not be employed by the Russian government, military, or security agencies.

- 4.3 IKYF will not be involved in visa-related or other administrative procedures for the travel.
 - 4.4 To prepare for any potential issues, a Russian-language interpreter will be arranged.
 - 4.5 Application procedures for seminars and ANKF shinsa will continue to be handled by the Russian Kyudo Federation Secretariat, but strictly in the capacity of a point of contact for AIN participants. Application forms will not include the name "Russian Kyudo Federation," and the president of the Russian Kyudo Federation will sign the forms in an individual capacity only.
 - 4.6 Among Kyudo practitioners who hold Russian nationality, those residing outside of Russia may participate as members of the Kyudo organization in their country or region of residence , if they are approved by that organization.
5. The response of IKYF member organizations and other Kyudo organizations regarding Russia remains at the sole discretion and responsibility of each organization.

IKYF recognizes that this decision may affect individual Kyudo practitioners in Russia who do not bear responsibility for political decisions. Therefore, a separate policy has been established to allow individuals under neutral status, to participate in certain IKYF events and ANKF shinsa, under strict conditions.

This suspension shall remain in effect until further notice, subject to review in accordance with the developments in the international context and future decisions by the IKYF Board.

We sincerely hope for a swift and peaceful resolution to the conflict and for the time when mutual understanding and cultural exchange through Kyudo can once again be fully restored.

Sincerely,

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