

Helsinki, Finland, 28th of February 2022

IFF Central Board meeting 2/2022 28.02.2022 over email

Place: Per Capsulam over email

Participants: Tomas Eriksson	President
Jörg Beer	
Monica Birdal	Treasurer
Tamuz Hidir	
Steen Houman	
Calle Karlsson	
Martin Klabere	
Carlos Lopez	
Agata Plechan	ATC Chair
Pakkamol Siriwat	
Filip Suman	Vice President
Kaarina Vuori	
John Liljelund	Secretary General
Stefan Kratz	IFF Competition manager

Excused: Stephen King

Minutes

§ 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 19:00 CET and wished the members of the IFF CB welcome to the virtual per capsulam Central Board meeting. Mr. Eriksson further concluded that Mr. King, for personal reasons was unable to participate.

§ 2. Approval of the agenda

Mr. Eriksson concluded that there are no changes or additions to the agenda.

CB decided: To approve the report

§ 3. IFF decisions in regard to the War in Ukraine

Mr. Eriksson reported that the IFF on Friday the 25th of February, had strongly condemned the act of war committed by the Russian Federation on Ukraine and its people and insisted that this attack and invasion of Ukraine must stop, and all foreign military withdraw from Ukraine. The International Sports community has, with the lead of the IOC, reacted strongly to the invasion and taken decisions putting in place more concrete sanctions to the Russian Federation and Belarus and their sports organisations, the need for IFF to also take our responsibility to take a decision for sanctions immediately, to show our support to the people of Ukraine..

Mr. Eriksson explained that together with the IFF secretary general the conclusion was made, due to the ongoing war in Ukraine and as there are no indications that the Russian invaders would stop their attack, that there is a need for IFF to take a clear standpoint in this difficult situation. The breach of the sovereignty of the independence is one of the most precious rights of a nation. IFF has during the previous days analysed the different sanctions made by the different International Sport organisations and used this as a base for the preparations.

IFF has further today received statements from both the Latvian Floorball Union (LFU) and the Polish Floorball Federation (PFF) in which they have officially informed of their standpoint in this situation. The PFF has informed that they are not willing to participate in any IFF Events where Russia or Belarus would participate and LFU has further informed that they would, based on a governmental decree, be unable to host any event with participation from either the Russian Federation or Belarus or any representatives of their national Floorball federations.

Based on the discussions, the comments and information from the IFF members, it was decided this morning to call for a per capsulam CB meeting for the 28th of February to take further decisions concerning the position of the Russian Floorball Federation (NFFR) in Floorball and the IFF.

The proposal made was that the IFF CB would take a decision per capsulam, concerning the status of the NFFR in IFF. We believe it is of value to make a swift decision and show our solidarity with Ukraine and to condemn the Russian attack. It was discussed that any action taken should also affect the management of the NFFR, which is the part of Russian floorball directly connected to the Russian government.

The proposal is built on three levels, to primary to decide that there are to be no IFF Events organised in the Russia Federation or Belarus, nor any use of the national flags or anthems in IFF Events. On the second level the in additional to the above, that there can for the indefinite time not be any participation of any Russian or Belarus teams in any IFF Events and thirdly to suspend the national member associations of Russia and Belarus, the National Floorball Federation of Russia (NFFR) and the Belarus Floorball Federation (BFF) from all IFF activities and all international floorball organised by an IFF member association for an indefinite time.

The IFF is concerned is with the Ukrainian people and we are in direct contact with the Ukrainian Floorball Federation to provide any support necessary and to help to enable their participation in the upcoming World Floorball Championships Qualifying event in May.

The CB members expressed that the IFF stands in solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian Floorball Federation and hopes for a peaceful resolution to this attack.

CB decided: To suspend the Russian and Belarus IFF member associations National Floorball Federation of Russia (NFFR) and the Belarus Floorball Federation from all International Floorball activity for an indefinite time. There will be no floorball related events of organized in the Russian Federation and Belarus during the time of the suspension and no Russian or Belarus representatives may participate in any IFF Competitions, Events or meetings during the suspension.

§ 6. Closing of the meeting

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 19:05.

John Liljelund
Secretary General

Tomas Eriksson
President