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Dear Mr President,

Polish Mountaineering Association welcomed the decision of the IFSC Board to cancel the sport climbing competition in Moscow.

However, we would like to point out that 'conflict in the Ukraine' and 'unprecedented crisis' are a direct consequence of the brutal invasion of the Russian army on the territory of a free and sovereign state of Ukraine. By doing so the governments of Russia and Belarus have broken the Olympic Truce. In this situation, we believe that the actions taken by IFSC are far from being sufficient.

Polish climbers have had close relations with Ukrainian friends for many years. Ukrainians are members of Polish climbing clubs, and regularly participate in competitions organized by our Federation. In the face of unprecedented aggression by Russia, when Ukrainian climbers will have to defend their homes, it is impossible to compete Fair Play with the participation of Russian and Belarusian team members at any level.

We appeal to the IFSC authorities to take steps to exclude the Climbing Federation of Russia (CFM) and the Belarus Alpine Federation (BAF) from the members of the organization.

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