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Dear Mr President,

Polish Mountaineering Association welcomed the decision of the UIAA Executive Board to cancel the ice climbing World Cup in Russia.

We also appreciate the UIAA's clear condemnation of the Russian aggression against Ukraine. However, we believe that these measures are insufficient. Polish climbers have had close contacts 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 the unprecedented, brutal invasion of the Russian army on the territory of free and sovereign Ukraine, it is impossible to compete on the basis of fair-play rules with the participation of Russian players, at any level. This is especially true when Ukrainian climbers have to defend their homes. We appeal to the UIAA Management Board to revoke the membership of the Russian Mountaineering Federation.

Management Board of the Polish Mountaineering Association

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