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Att: Anders Besseberg, President
Nicole Resch, Secretary General

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OPEN LETTER TO IBU EXECUTIVE BOARD AND IBU MEMBER FEDERATIONS

The Norwegian Biathlon Association hereby acknowledge the open letter sent from the Czech Biathlon Union, by the President Mgr. Hamza.

With reference to the second part of the McLaren Report, the systemic doping taking place in Russia harms our sport extremely. We strongly encourage IBU Executive Board to act in this case and steps forward as a good example in front of the rest of the Olympic Winter Sports.

The unprecedented scale of the entire Russian doping system – starting from the number of Biathletes involved in it and ranging to intricate and sophisticated practices controlled and organized by the government – is something we cannot turn away from, or not react upon. The Norwegian Biathlon Association share the view of the Czech Biathlon Union: A clear and resolute action must be taken should we not lose face in front of our sponsors, media and Biathlon fans. We must take the responsibility for the rest of the Biathlon family, and the clean, honest and fantastic profiles our great sport consists of.

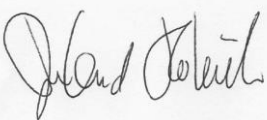
We were also disappointed that Tyumen could bid for the WCH 2021, against the recommendations from both WADA and IOC already early in July 2016.

We stand behind our friends from the Czech Biathlon Union, and urge that the IBU Executive Board takes immediate action and removes all competitions from Russia until international anti-doping standards in Russia are officially approved and recognized by WADA.

In addition; all active Russian Biathletes listed in the McLaren Report with valid proof, should be banned with immediate effect.

We trust that the IBU Executive Board will make the necessary decisions in this case, in order to take care of the reputation of Biathlon. Should so not happen, The Norwegian Team will consider boycott of international competitions in Russia.

Regards
The Norwegian Biathlon Association



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