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**Statement of the Polish Tennis Association regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine,**

In recent days we have been observing with the greatest attention and sadness the armed and bandit aggression of Russia against our neighbor Ukraine and its people. We have also read the published statements of the International Tennis Federation and Tennis Europe on this matter. We agree that the players should not be blamed for the actions of the governments of the States they represent. However, the actions of the Russian regime violate not only international law, but also the principles so close to the spirit of sport, to which we are all obliged.

It is an honor and a joy for our teams and players to participate in the European Championships organized by Tennis Europe. This year, again we have entered our teams to these competitions and we are also planning to submit our application to host qualifying round.

However, under the above circumstances, we will not compete with the Russian national teams and players. It is a difficult and weighty decision for us, but we believe that the present situation requires us to take a firm stance on this matter. Banditry and the harm done to innocent people cannot be tolerated.

We also hope that both the International Tennis Federation and Tennis Europe will share our point of view and show understanding of our decision.

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