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**International Paralympic Committee**

Dahlmannstraße 2  
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Germany

Dear Members of the International Paralympic Committee and Milan-Cortina 2026  
Organising Committee,

Your decision to permit Russian and Belarusian athletes to compete under their national  
flags at the 2026 Winter Paralympic Games is indefensible.

Russia continues to wage a brutal war of aggression against Ukraine. Civilians are being  
killed. Cities are being destroyed. Belarus continues to enable this war. Nothing material  
has changed to justify restoring full national representation.

Reinstating flags and symbols of the aggressor states while the invasion continues is not  
neutrality. It grants political legitimacy and an international platform to regimes engaged  
in ongoing violence and grave breaches of international law.

Ukrainian Paralympians train under air raid sirens. Some have lost homes, teammates,  
and family members. Some athletes competing - or on the Paralympic pathway - have  
lost limbs as a direct result of Russia's war against Ukraine. To now elevate the symbols  
of the state responsible for that suffering on the Paralympic stage is a profound betrayal  
of the Movement's stated values of dignity, justice, and humanity.

History will judge this decision.

We call on you to reverse it immediately.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

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CEO