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Dear Mr Rewko

Dear Mr Kurlak

I thank you for your letter concerning the inclusion of athletes from Russia within international sport.

The British Olympic Association (BOA) remain united with the people, athletes and the Olympic family of Ukraine, and our primary concern is for Ukrainian athlete to have every opportunity to train and qualify for the Olympic Games.

We support the ongoing ban on Olympic events hosted in Russia, as well as the IOC's commitment to not invite any Russian state or government officials to its event. Similarly, we endorse the recent strengthening of the Olympic Charter to ensure that all athletes selected by the Russian Olympic Committee must uphold and promote peaceful society through sport.

While not directly responsible for the decision of the IOC, the BOA will continue to advocate for adherence to the Olympic Charter and Olympic Values by all participating athletes and officials. We note and understand the impact that national flags, symbols and anthems at an Olympic Games would have upon the sporting movement and people of Ukraine, and will continue to advocate for limits of their use at Olympic events while the invasion is ongoing.

With our best wishes,

Baroness Katherine Grainger DBE

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