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Ladies and Gentlemen! Friends and colleagues!

As the elected president of IFAGG, I feel it is my duty to fulfill the commitments made by the General Assembly and participate in the further development of AGG. From 05.09.2022 I am officially back to work! I have worked as a volunteer enough and now there is a need for my personal legal presence in the chosen position. I act in accordance with the IFAGG Status, and I am responsible for all my decisions.

I would like to thank Vice-Presidents Elena Dukova and Annely Riga, as well as the entire IFAGG Council for the productive work on the implementation of the plans outlined by our international federation. In this difficult time in the world, I remain faithful to our common cause of sports development.

I would like to inform you that I am an absolute pacifist and I condemn any military action and violence, and I also consider it unacceptable to involve sports in politics. In accordance with our Status, I do not want to allow racism, discrimination and division of athletes based on nationality, skin colour, religion or political beliefs in our beautiful sport. I am absolutely sure that especially children are not responsible for the decisions of adults. The main members of AGG teams are the children and I ask you to remember this. I really hope that we will have enough reasons to understand who should be punished for their actions, who is really to blame, who can really change the situation and that children and athletes have nothing to do with it. I, and the entire IFAGG Council, are representatives of IFAGG, regardless of our country, origin or residence, we resolve issues in the interests of the development of AGG.

I am also not a politician. I cannot influence in the decision-making of the country leaders. My profession is sports and using my knowledge and experience in the field of sports and education I try to do my job well in order to improve our world.

Taking the advice of IOC President Mr. Bach on the issue of the safety of athletes from Russia and Belarus, I proposed to the Council to take the difficult decision to prevent the teams from Russia and Belarus from participating in the 2022 World Championships and 2023 European Championships. This decision is fatal because for the athletes the life is sports, and the competitions are the basis of the sports. But I had to do it. I understand that you have different opinions, and I hear them all, but the decisions that Council and I make must be based on many factors. Of course, we want to preserve sportsmanship and raise it even higher. Without this we are not be able to implement plans for co-operation with many sports organizations and move towards Olympic sports!

Today IFAGG is a non-profit, non-political, public international sports organization for the development of a non-Olympic sport. IFAGG is not a member of any international organizations and therefore does not have any agreements to comply with. In the future, if desired, this situation can be changed.

I kindly ask you to respect and show tolerance towards each other! IFAGG has representatives from different countries and continents. Also, please remember that we are still a club business, many of our members are not registered with their national sports committees or ministries of sports and therefore don't have the possibility to speak on behalf of the national government. Not all IFAGG athletes represent the national team. Therefore, many decisions for Council and for me personally as the president of IFAGG are difficult. But we take the neutral position, work in accordance with the Status of our public organization and act in the interests of the development of sports. As I promised you in the elections, we have a new website where in the documents section for the first time in 19 years of IFAGG work you can read all the decisions of the Council. The official IFAGG mail is also open for any of your suggestions and questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liliya Morozova', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Liliya Morozova,  
IFAGG President