



**For the attention of:**

**President of the Latvian Sporting Federation**

*M. Edgars Shkele*

**President of the Lithuanian Sporting Federation**

*M. Giedrius Malakauskas*

**President of the Estonian Hunting Sport Association**

*M. Ivar Pärn*

Paris, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023,

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Dear M. Presidents,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter received yesterday by email.

After reading it carefully, I notice that your position is strictly in line with the decision of the FITASC Management Committee. During this difficult time, your respective governments are free to accept or deny shooters of a given nationality access to competitions on their soil.

The FITASC Management Committee fully shares your concern about the seriousness of the situation between Ukraine and Russia. But FITASC has neither the right nor the means to take sides with one or the other.

Today FITASC gathers seventy-five national federations members. Since the FITASC creation in 1921, many minor or major conflicts have arisen between countries where national federations are FITASC members but FITASC hasn't ever taken sides with one or the other by taking political positions.

If the FITASC by-laws have been revised many times, the articles strictly limiting its decisions to the sporting sphere have always been in force, allowing shooters from any nationality to meet on sport events.

I confirm you that your letter and this response letter will be forwarded to the members of the FITASC Management Committee.

Yours in sport.

Jean-François PALINKAS  
President