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In unity with the Olympic Movement, the IGF supports calls for peace.

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The IGF is saddened by the events in Ukraine and in unity with the Olympic Movement supports calls for peace. The IGF believes that sport can contribute to peace and that it unites athletes and countries through breaking down barriers and creating understanding amongst cultures.

However, having carefully reviewed the IOC's recommendations regarding the actions to be taken with respect to the Russian and Belarus governments breach of the Olympic Truce, the IGF has determined that, in solidarity with the Olympic movement, and in order to protect the integrity of global sports competitions and the safety of all the participants, the IGF will not invite or allow the participation of Russian and Belarus athletes and officials in international competitions under its jurisdiction, which includes the 2022 World Amateur Team Championships.

The IGF will continue to closely monitor the situation and may adapt its decisions and measures according to future developments.

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