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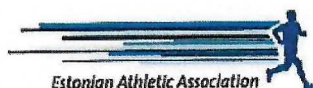
On the 24th of February the World woke up in the shocking and terrible news – the Russian Federation with support of the Republic of Belarus started a large-scale war against the sovereign state of Ukraine. All this is in sharp contradiction with the Olympic Charter and with the basic rules of international law.

We have all been shocked to see from different media channels the footage of the horrors of this war and of casualties amongst both the military and civilian populations. As a result of this attack, we witness a humanitarian catastrophe developing in Ukraine.

In this regard, the Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian Athletics Federations call on the World Athletics and the European Athletics to ban the participation of athletes from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in any European and World Athletics international competitions.



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