



## An Open Letter to Nicole Resch and Anders Besseberg of the IBU

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Ms. Resch and Mr. Besseberg:

Biathlon Canada notes with distress IBU Cups 7 & 8, as well as World Cup 9, of the current 2017-18 season remain allocated to venues in Russia.

It is the position of our Federation:

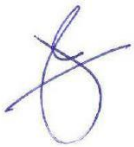
- the occurrence of high-level IBU events in Russia is inconsistent with the IOC decision of 05 December to disallow participation by the Russian Team in the PyeongChang Olympics;
- the integrity of anti-doping procedures in Russia is still very much uncertain, given the current situation in which RUSADA remains non-compliant with WADA.

For these specific reasons, Biathlon Canada will not be sending teams to the events, mentioned above, in Russia later this season.

While Biathlon Canada is appreciative of the work done by the IBU in handling cases of doping by Russian athletes, it is our consideration that holding IBU-sanctioned events in Russia at this time is inconsistent with “efforts to protect clean athletes”, as stated by Mr. Besseberg in the IBU press release of 06 December. We also note, with much frustration, we are in a situation today remarkably similar to that of one year ago.

Biathlon Canada urges the IBU to take clear and demonstrative action in this matter.

Yours in Sport,



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President