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World Sailing Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Andy Hunt

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Russian Sailing Federation  
International Optimist Dinghy Association  
International Cadet Class Association  
International Zoom 8 Class Association  
International Windsurfing Association

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Sailing Federation of Ukraine is forced to raise again an issue regarding the holding of official sailing events in Crimea. On 31th of July 2017 Russian Sailing Federation published the latest calendar of official regattas for this year that includes four Russian National championships – in Optimist, Cadet, Zoom 8 and windsurfing Classes - to be held in Sevastopol, Crimea in September 2017. These events are the selection events to the National sailing team. In accordance to the Notice of race the organizing authorities for these events will be Ministry for Sport of Russia, Russian Sailing Federation and local sports authorities.

Despite numerous appeals of Sailing Federation of Ukraine to the Russian Sailing Federation to refrain from holding official events in Crimea until the final regulation of political situation, Russian Sailing Federation continues to breach the rules. I am aware that only strict compliance with the WS Constitution and Regulations will allow both parties to sort out this delicate and very sensitive issue.

As declared in our previous correspondence on the issue, our position is clear: We have no objection to events being arranged for yachtsmen and women in Crimea in accordance to the Racing Rules of Sailing and other Regulations of World Sailing, in fact we would encourage this activity. These events must be organized by the body affiliated with Sailing Federation of Ukraine, otherwise it will be violation of the rules. Furthermore, as I have stated in my previous letter we are not in a position to grant permission for official regattas and national team qualifiers as it is outside of our jurisdiction in law.

In accordance to the World Sailing Constitution one of the membership obligations is to carry out and respect the rules, Regulations and decisions of Federation. Racing Rules of Sailing define the events organized by the body not affiliated to MNA or WS as prohibited events. In this matter Sailing Federation of Ukraine following its obligations as an World Sailing MNA declares Russian National Championships in Optimist, Cadet and Zoom 8 Classes to be held in Sevastopol, Crimea on 08-15 of September 2017 and Russian National Championship in windsurfing to be held in Sevastopol, Crimea on 17-24 September 2017 as prohibited events and asks World Sailing to apply appropriate sanctions to the participants and race officials of these events.

Considering the mentioned above, I kindly ask you Mr. Hunt as World Sailing CEO to inform all interested parties about the prohibited status of the specified events and decision of World Sailing regarding the sanctions to the participants and race officials for these events. Beside that may I ask you once again to advise the Russian Sailing

Federation of the illegality of their actions under the accepted Rules of Sailing and to carry out all necessary measures to avoid this situation in the future.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rodion Luka', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Rodion Luka  
President of Sailing Federation of Ukraine