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To: EGF Executive

RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

Yesterday Russia, an EGF member, invaded Ukraine, another EGF Member.

The British Go Association considers this behaviour to be unacceptable, and we call upon the Russian Go Federation to condemn this invasion.

If such a condemnation is not received within 48 hours, we call for the following:

- a) The immediate resignation of Natalia Kovaleva, a Russian citizen, from the Executive of the EGF. In the event that she does not resign, we call upon the remaining members of the Executive to immediately remove her from any Executive role, and to seek her removal from Office.
- b) For the EGF Executive to use its powers under Clause 3.4.2 to immediately suspend Russia from membership of the EGF, and to bring forward proposals to the 2022 AGM to expel Russia from membership
- c) All Member States to write to the EGF Executive to support these proposals.

In the event that the Executive decides not to take the above action, the BGA is prepared to call for a Special General Meeting provided we get support from at least 4 other EGF Members.

NOTES

Clause 2.3.3 of the EGF Constitution, www.eurogofed.org/egf/EGF_Constitution_2014_Final.pdf allows for the termination of membership of a Member country, subject to the agreement of a General Meeting, and Clause 3.4.2 permits the Executive to take action normally reserved to the General Meeting in an emergency.

We therefore believe that the Executive has the power to take the actions that we call for above.

Clause 3.3.1 permits "the Executive Committee or five members in good standing" to request a Special General Meeting, but it takes at least 2 months before it can take place.

Yours truly,

Toby Manning
President.

Cc All EGF Members.