

Attn.: UFI President Ms. Monica Lee-Müller

UFI Managing Director Mr. Kai Hattendorf

Dear colleagues,

We have received the UFI Executive Committee's decision to suspend access to UFI events and activities for the Russian members of the Association. We discussed this decision at RUEF Presidium meeting on March 15, 2022, and as a result consider it biased, groundless and contrary to the UFI Statutes as well as the aims and principles of the Association.

Our general view is that UFI, as a non-political organization, should not make political decisions like this one. According to UFI Statutes, "the purpose of this Association is to promote, represent and serve the exhibition industry around the world". Therefore, the mission of the Association is to help its members to overcome difficulties and to contribute to the development of the exhibition industry, regardless of political situation in the world. Our aim as an industry is to bring people together, promote trade, and act as the so-called "soft power" that helps to establish dialogue between countries.

In our opinion, the UFI Executive Committee's decision discriminates against our companies on ethnic grounds and infringes the rights of Russian UFI members. This decision deprives Russian companies of all UFI membership benefits, and therefore we consider it a suspension of our membership in the Association. We draw your attention that suspension of the Russian companies' membership is an abuse of right and contradicts UFI Statutes, which establish promotion of the exhibition industry around the world as the purpose of the Association (Article 2). Moreover, the UFI Statutes do not provide for such a rule as "suspension of members' participation in events".

Based on your decision we, the undersigned, suspend the payment of UFI membership fees.

We believe that UFI, as well as the entire global exhibition community, should not be guided by the political sentiments. We urge our industry peers all over the world to cooperate and use the opportunities of our industry to build connections between countries.

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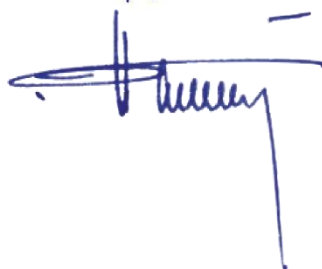
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