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Dear Friends,

Please, allow me to turn to you at this difficult times of the war in my country. The current situation in Ukraine is extremely difficult and currently many people live in danger.

It is a very hard time for me - the time of hard working and the time of decisions on how to help my country, my compatriots, athletes and coaches, my colleagues and friends, who need help as never. First of all, we are helping people who need to leave the territories that are under war. Over a million people, mostly women and children have been forcibly displaced from their homes. Millions of people lose their livelihoods and stay without medical care, food and clothes on the Ukrainian territories. From the sports community side, we are trying as much as we can to channel and reinforce the soft power of our global unity to support people in Ukraine as much as we can in these unprecedented times.

We are inviting everybody to help thousands of women and children that left their homes without the opportunity to take anything with them. The key priorities at this stage will be first aid medical materials, hygiene products, clothes for kids, long-lasting food and financial support.

Secondly, I think about the possibility to organize sportswear, sport shoes, equipment of any sport for children who are now living in refugee camps. Children do not have the opportunity to study on the school programs, so at least they will be able to play sport and spend their leisure time properly distracting from the horror of the life in which they find themselves now.

I am thankful a lot that so many people have not stand aside of this tragedy. I can't help but turn to all my friends and with this letter I am asking you to consider any possibility in this regard.

Please, inform me if I can be of any further help in deciding this question or if you need more information. You can also contact the NOC staff on the following numbers: +380503856208, +380503851086 +380503846169 (Mob, Viber, WhatsApp) or by e-mails: demianets@noc-ukr.org, alla@noc-ukr.org, dr.bulatova@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

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