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Following your letter to the IUGS president Professor John Ludden and copied to the IUGS executive. Please find enclosed a letter endorsed by the IUGS executive at its meeting on the 24th May 2024.

Following the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian government in 2022, the IUGS executive committee (EC), during its meeting in Paris, France, in March 2022, agreed on ceasing collaboration with Russian institutions until aggressive actions stops. This included refusal of the offer to host the International Geological Congress in Russia in 2028, and any participation in IUGS activities if the names of the researchers are linked to Russian institutions. This is not a personal discrimination, but a reaction to the violent behaviour of the Russian government towards another country. This decision was approved by the EC and it was revalidated during the EC meeting that took place on the 24th of May, 2024.

For participation in the 37th IGC, Russian scientists working with institutions inside the Russian Federation can participate in the IGC if they follow rules analogous to the LOC in that they will be attending as individual neutral scientists without their institutional identifications.

As for the renewal of open scientific dialogue with Russian Scientists and Institutions, IUGS regrets the current situation and looks forward to a renewed and open dialogue.

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