



JOA Statement

JOA Executive Board Condemns Russia's Breach of the Olympic Truce Resolution

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The Japan Olympic Academy (JOA), an organization committed to the Olympic Charter which advocates promoting a peaceful society that respects human dignity, strongly condemns the breach of the Olympic Truce by the Russian government.

All of the 193 United Nations member states adopted the Olympic Truce at the UN General Assembly held on December 2, 2021. The world must observe the Olympic Truce resolution in solidarity, which begins seven days prior to the opening of the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games and ends the seventh day following the closing of the 2022 Beijing Paralympic Winter Games. Russia, in particular, is one of the 173 nations that co-sponsored the most recent Olympic Truce resolution. Moreover, the Olympic Truce spirit must be respected beyond the truce period.

On March 4, 2022 the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games will start. The Paralympic Games were created based on the idea of using the power of sport to help people injured during World War II return to society. The Paralympics history started with mutual respect for diversity and the promotion of peace, denying engaging in conflict with each other. As we stand on the verge of the Paralympic Winter Games, we strongly condemn the breach of the Olympic Truce resolution.

The JOA, in agreement with the statement announced by the IOC*, IOA** and IPC***, strongly requests Russia observes the Olympic Truce Resolution.

* IOC strongly condemns the breach of the Olympic Truce”

<https://olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-strongly-condemns-the-breach-of-the-olympic-truce>

** The International Olympic Academy unites its voice with the International Olympic Committee, firmly condemning the Russian invasion to Ukraine.

<https://ioa.org.gr/the-international-olympic-academy-condems-the-russian-invasion-to-ukraine/>

*** IPC calls for peace ahead of Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games

<https://www.paralympic.org/news/ipc-calls-peace-ahead-beijing-2022-paralympic-winter-games>