Republic of Estonia Ministry of Culture

LETTER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

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<u>To:</u> Ms Gabriela Ramos Assistant Director General Sector for Social and Human Sciences United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization 7, Place de Fontenoy 7532 Paris SP France

> **From:** Ministry of Culture 23, Suur-Karja Str 15076 Tallinn Estonia

Ref.: Contribution in favour of the Fund for the the Elimination of Doping in Sport on behalf of Ukraine

Dear Ms Ramos

Over the past three years, Ukraine has endured an unjustified war of aggression by the Russian Federation. This war has claimed the lives of hundreds of Ukrainian athletes defending their country, while many others have been forced to flee. Despite these immense challenges, Ukrainians have strived to maintain their daily lives and work, including their efforts to combat doping in sports. Several nations, including the three Baltic States and their respective National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs), have supported Ukraine and its NADO in this crucial fight.

Remarkably, even amidst the war, Ukraine has reformed its anti-doping system to uphold the principles of fair sport.

To reaffirm our commitment to the fight against doping and to express solidarity with our Ukrainian colleagues, the three Baltic States—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—have decided to make a collective contribution to the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport on Ukraine's behalf. These contributions will be made in three equal parts by Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. However, we urge that they be recognized as a contribution from Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,

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