

22 March 2022

International Institute of Welding (IIW)
To IIW President Mr Sorin Keller

Dear Mr Sorin,

On 8 March 2022, the New Zealand Government passed the Russia Sanctions Act. The Act intends to join the international community in applying tougher sanctions that will severely limit Russia's ability to finance and equip the war on Ukraine, and to influence people with power in Russia to break their support for the invasion. The Act targets individuals and companies economically or strategically important to Russia.

On 3 March the UN General Assembly resolution demanded to end to Russian war in Ukraine

On 16 March the International Court of Justice considered ruled that "the Russian Federation shall immediately suspend military operations that it commenced on 24 February 2022 in the territory of Ukraine".

Regrettably, since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, there has been no communication from the IIW clarifying IIW's official position concerning this war.

The New Zealand Russia Sanctions Act and underlying UN resolutions are likely to limit the ability of our organisation to be affiliated with any international organisations with links to Russia.

To allow us to evaluate the feasibility of continuation of our membership with the International Institute of Welding (IIW), can you please confirm that the Russian IIW Member Society has no direct or indirect links to the Russian military industry and does not formally support the Russian war against Ukraine.

We are looking forward to your response and confirmation.

Yours sincerely



Dr Troy Coyle

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