## ГРОМАДСЬКА ОРГАНІЗАЦІЯ «ВІТРИЛЬНА ФЕДЕРАЦІЯ УКРАЇНИ»

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To Evgeniy Mavrodiev President Yacht Club Port Bourgas

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Dear Mr. President!

In response to your request regarding Mykhailo BILOHORODSKY and Polina ZATOCHNOYA, we inform you of the following.

The Sailing Federation of Ukraine, together with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, dispatched Mykhailo BILOHORODSKY and Polina ZATOCHNA, athletes of the Ukrainian national sailing team, to participate in the European Championship in the "470" class from May 4 to 12, 2024 in Cannes (French Republic). After the championship, these athletes did not return to Ukraine. In this way, they violated the legislation of our state regarding the rules of traveling abroad during the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, namely, failure to return within the time limit determined by the business trip. We have repeatedly tried to contact them to find out the reasons for their non-return. But they did not get in touch. Taking this into account, the Sailing Federation of Ukraine deprived Mykhailo BILOHORODSKY and Polina ZATOCHNA of the right to represent the state of Ukraine in any competitions or other sailing events.

Subsequently, these athletes tried to compete as representatives of Ukraine in the 2024 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, which was held in Turkey from July 6 to 13, 2024. But at the request of the Sailing Federation of Ukraine to the organizing committee and WS, they were disqualified, and the results were annulled.

At your request, we would like to inform you that Ukraine did not give consent to the transfer of Mykhailo BILOHORODSKY and Polina ZATOCHNA to the MNA of Bulgaria.

In view of the above, the Sailing Federation of Ukraine appeals to you with a strong request not to allow Mykhailo BILOHORODSKY and Polina ZATOCHNA, as violators of Ukrainian legislation and the Charter of the Sailing Federation of Ukraine, to participate in any competitions under any flag without agreement and permission from the MNA of Ukraine

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Sincerely

Oleksandr TKACH Executive Director

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