
In Riga, Minsk, 31.08.2020

**To the prime minister of Latvia, A.K.Karins
Minister of education and science, I. Suplinska
International Ice Hockey Federation**

Public call to move the Minsk part of the Ice Hockey World Championship out of Belarus.

We, the Belarusian National Youth Council 'RADA' and the National Youth Council of Latvia 'LJP' make a joint statement on 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship intended to be held initially by Latvia and Belarus:

- Considering development of the situation with human and youth rights violations in Belarus before, during and after the Presidential elections in 2020,
- Recognizing inhuman and degrading behaviour and torture towards participants of peaceful manifestations in Belarus,
- Realizing that sport is a universal mean with values of equality, peace and unity of people,

We call upon the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), 2021 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Riga Organizing Committee and the Government of Latvia to move the Minsk part of the championship out of Belarus territory.

By continuing to cooperate with the Authoritarian regime of Alexander Lukashenko, IIHF and the Latvian Government shows support for the brutal and inhumane treatment of peaceful protestors.

We express our full support to the Minister of Education of Latvia of zero tolerance to torture and other crimes against human dignity executed by police to population.

Dictators don't play fair.

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