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To:
The Baltic Presidium

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From:
SG CIOR

Dear friends from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania,

You sent an Open Letter to all VP's and HoD's of CIOR on the eve of the IBM4 in Amsterdam. This letter had the effect that the process of accepting the association of Russia as Observer was reviewed at the IBM.

It was concluded that the awarding of Observer Status to UORR was done with procedural violations. The main violation was that the application of UORR was discussed and voted upon with the representatives of UORR present in the room. All VP's present at the IBM4 agreed that for that reason UORR should not have been awarded the Observer Status.

The President recognizes that a serious error has been made and therefore decides that there is no other choice than declaring the Observer Status of UORR null and void.

The President will make a visit to Moscow in May to clarify the state of affairs and to make a thorough investigation of UORR, in particular how close this Association is to fulfilling the criteria required by CIOR (democratic organization, recognition by the Russian MoD, capacity to finance delegates to CIOR activities).

The UORR will be invited to apply again for Observer Status and their application, if received, will be dealt with in Stavanger.

Sincerely yours,

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