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Mr. Jeff Pettis
President
Apimondia

Dear Mr. Pettis,

Given the tragic events currently being played out in Ukraine, the Canadian Honey Council urges Apimondia officials to immediately cancel the proposed Congress in Ufa, Russia. We realize that it is not beekeepers who are causing the carnage and loss of life, but by continuing to plan a conference in Russia, we believe it shows a blind eye to the current situation and indirectly supports a despotic regime in its attempt to overthrow a democratic and independent nation.

While recognizing this will significantly impact the world beekeeping sector, we are offering and prepared to host the Congress this year during the same times that have been set. The Canadian Honey Council has the recent experience of running a very successful event and feel that, if necessary, could do so again in either Toronto, Ontario or Calgary, Alberta.

Respectfully,

Jake Berg
Chair
Canadian Honey Council

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