



Mr Igor Artemyev  
Head of the Highest Council  
Rugby Union of Russia

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Dear Mr. Artemyev,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

I am writing to thank you for the regular updates that you have provided me with from the Rugby Union of Russia. I want to express my sincere appreciation for your ongoing management of the situation in the Rugby Union of Russia. We stand in solidarity with the global rugby family and people around the world at this exceptional and difficult time.

It is key that leaders in rugby continue to do everything in their power to protect the wellbeing of the rugby family and the wider public. Taking the appropriate measures that mitigate the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus in line with government and public health agency responses and advice is paramount.

At this extraordinary time, we are united in our commitment to finding ways of ensuring that on-field activity can resume as soon as it is safe and possible to do so. In light of this, it is fantastic to hear the news that the Russian Rugby Championship will be commencing on June 18<sup>th</sup> based on World Rugby's return to rugby guidelines. We congratulate the Rugby Union of Russia for their thoroughness in ensuring a return to play is safe and viable for all players, coaches and administration staff.

Thank you again for the regular updates. My best wishes to you, your families and continue to stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sir Bill Beaumont".

**Sir Bill Beaumont CBE DL**  
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