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Olympic  
Committee

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Dear Mr Kremlev,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 May 2022 providing additional information on the Qualifications Systems for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 following our request of 12 April 2022.

At the outset, we must reiterate that the IOC's recognition of the International Boxing Association remains suspended. Equally, despite the information received from the IBA, your public statements and the information you have provided to the boxing community, the IOC Executive Board has consistently reiterated that significant concerns remain in each of the key areas of governance, refereeing and judging the financial sustainability of the IBA.

In regards to the Paris 2024 qualification system, all international federations have now established their respective Qualifications Systems. This is crucial for the planning and preparation of the athletes as the Games are little more than two years away and athletes and National Federations must at this stage have all necessary information to plan their qualification pathway.

Unfortunately, rather than providing clear answers to the questions we have raised in relation to your Olympic qualification ranking system, your reply rather focuses on potential future IBA decisions and other elements which have not yet been confirmed and are clearly needed by your National Federations and your athletes.

Your letter creates the impression that there is significant time available to take the outstanding decisions. However at this stage the areas of information specified in our letter of 12 April should already be clear and confirmed for your National Federations and your boxers. Without these details they face challenges in finalising their planning of finances, schedules, logistics and, most importantly, training cycles.

Therefore, the IOC wishes once more to raise its concerns regarding the necessary details of the Paris 2024 boxing Qualification System. In addition, we would like to express our specific concern over the possible selection of events that may not provide fair eligibility criteria, and create possible discrimination. Therefore, we urge you to ensure that all boxers have the same level of opportunities to qualify regardless of geographical and/or costs factors.

Following a review of your information and observation of recent IBA events, we still have concerns regarding the IBA's capacity to execute a complex management system of Technical Officials' management and in particular referees and judges. In particular this concern relates to demands of implementing the system in a transparent and credible manner across the wider range of events counting for Olympic ranking points, covering multiple locations and potential simultaneous event dates.

Therefore, we hereby reiterate our request to receive the full details of your new ranking system, including the calendar. Such details will be paramount for the IOC to assess the effective implementation of the Boxing Qualifications System and again are of vital importance for your boxers and athletes.

With regard to the IBA Women's World Championships currently underway in Istanbul, we are still waiting for your updated documents on Referee and Judge's processes, beyond the selection process. We would also appreciate clarification whether or not the IBA has not made any changes to its regulations. This is critical information for your athletes, and also for the independent auditors, who will monitor the current event in Istanbul.

We thank you in advance for this outstanding information, and confirm again that IOC recognition of IBA remains suspended and boxing is not currently included in the sports programme of the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028, with concerns remaining in the key areas of governance, financial sustainability and the proven integrity of the refereeing and judging systems.

Yours sincerely,



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