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Dear Mr Kremlev,

Following the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 in 2021, the IOC Executive Board heard the report presented by the Chair of the IOC Special Monitoring Committee, Mr Nenad Lalovic. Your letter and its attachments received on 7 September 2021 were taken into account.

The three following areas were approached:

1. Governance

The IOC Executive Board took note that since June 2019, AIBA approved a new constitution, including the creation of Ethics and Disciplinary Committees. This is certainly a step forward in the direction of better governance, which is illustrated in the ASOIF's survey results.

However, good governance shall not only be assessed on the rules, future projects or brand changes, as suggested in the "AIBA and independent experts progress report", but on the effective implementation of good governance principles.

As an example, the IOC Executive Board understands that members of the AIBA Election Committee were aware of information in November 2020 in relation to one of the candidates to the presidency of AIBA which brought into question his eligibility in the election. To the IOC's knowledge, this point was not taken into consideration by AIBA's Elections Committee. Therefore, IOC would be pleased to receive detailed information, in particular records of the AIBA Election Committee's deliberations evidencing consideration of this information.

Similarly, it is also noted that so far no new leadership team amongst the elected officials has been put in place to effectively embrace the change of culture in the governance of AIBA. Therefore, the IOC would be pleased to receive information on the schedule for the renewal of the leadership, in particular the planned date for the AIBA Board of Directors' elections, as well as the eligibility criteria and how they will be assessed.

The IOC Executive Board is looking forward to reading Professor Haas's report on AIBA's governance analysis expected for the end of November 2021, as well as the conclusions by Professor McLaren regarding the administration of AIBA during the various presidencies until the present day; also foreseen for November 2021. Based on the Terms of Reference for both experts, it seems that there is an overlap regarding the present AIBA's governance. Therefore, the IOC would be grateful if AIBA could provide some clarification and share both Professor Haas and Professor McLaren intermediary and final reports/conclusions.

2. Finance

It was explained to the IOC Executive Board that the IOC independent expert, EY, will assess AIBA's documentation supporting the effectiveness of the various announcements it published in the media related to the resolution of its indebtedness and its current and future financing plan.

Regarding AIBA's external auditor, we believe that AIBA will find a solution to resolve the situation of conflict of interest with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), being the IOC external auditor for many years; this should have been assessed with PwC, as it is a standard practice, before AIBA issued a statement in the media.

Therefore, the IOC hopes that all the documents requested by EY could be shared at AIBA's earliest convenience to ensure that the ongoing concern raised since 2019 could be analysed. These requested documents include confirmed details on the resolution of the indebtedness and the terms of any sponsorship contract.

3. Refereeing and Judging (R&Js)

The IOC Executive Board is looking forward to receiving Professor McLaren's report on AIBA's judging system for its previous and current competitions. It is noted that the Stage 1 Report of Professor McLaren will be delivered by 30 September 2021.

In addition, the IOC Executive Board was informed of a number of complaints regarding the judging and refereeing (R&J) by the participants to both the AIBA Youth World Championships and Asian Championships held early this year. We therefore anticipate that all such complaints and AIBA's full actions in response to such complaints will be documented in Professor McLaren's report by 30 September 2021.

Finally, in the review of the AIBA R&J processes for the AIBA World Championships in Belgrade at the end of October 2021, which you communicated to us on 7 September 2021, we could not find any significant integration of the IOC Boxing Task Force's (BTF) best practices shared with AIBA in March 2021, including:

- The BTF principle of not having any phase of the selection process going through a single individual in comparison with the proposed role of the R&J Chairman described in the AIBA process;
- The BTF principle of including a randomness aspect within the selection among the eligible R&Js (e.g. draw) in order to ensure transparency and avoid any potential personal manipulation;
- What are the objective and measurable criteria for the eligibility of R&Js as well as their "sanity check" and "background check" indicated in the vetting process and what type of resources are invested for this stage, e.g. independent third-party agency?

We would therefore appreciate to receive your detailed feedback by the end of September 2021 documenting clearly which elements of the BTF regulations related to R&J processes and public display of scoring will be reflected in the forthcoming AIBA World Championships, including those mentioned above. Where such BTF regulations are not planned to be integrated into AIBA regulations, we would request clarification as to the reason for such decision.

Considering the remaining many unresolved concerns, the IOC Executive Board asked the IOC Director General and the IOC Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer to follow up the AIBA's situation and to analyse all the elements requested above, as well as the results of the various independent experts' conclusions, in the view of potential decisions by the IOC Session.

On the basis of the above, the IOC Executive Board restated its deepest concerns and reiterated its previous position regarding the place of boxing in the programme of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 and future editions of the Olympic Games.

Yours sincerely,



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