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Asian Boxing Confederation

Official statement from the Asian Boxing Confederation regarding the IOC's decision to withdraw its recognition of the International Boxing Association (IBA)

Dear ASBC Members,

The Asian Boxing Confederation wants to assure our National Federations, boxers, and supporters that we remain steadfast in our commitment to promoting the sport of boxing and supporting our athletes within Asia and on the international stage. That our passion and commitment to our Asian boxing community *burns strong like the Olympic flame*.

As a confederation we believe that the Olympics represent the pinnacle of athletic achievement, and they provide a platform for athletes from every corner of the world to come together and compete on a level playing field. The five rings of the Olympic symbol represent every continent, and they serve as a powerful reminder of the unity that can be achieved through sport.

As a continent we have won the most medals on the Olympic stage over the years, and as an organisation, we are committed to supporting ***our athletes in their pursuit of the Olympic dream***. The Olympics represent a beacon of hope for the world, and we intend to put all of ASBC's extensive resources in full support of the Olympic Movement.

We will continue to provide our athletes with the best possible training and resources to help them achieve their goals, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that they can compete at the highest levels of the sport.

In consideration of the International Olympic Committee's decision on June 22, 2023, to withdraw its recognition of the International Boxing Association (IBA), the ASBC Board of Directors met in Bangkok, Thailand on 22 – 23 June, 2023, and have made the following recommendation.

The ASBC Board of Directors will call for an Extraordinary Congress to amend the ASBC constitution allowing the confederation to function in the current exceptional situation and align with an International Federation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The Board of Directors further authorised the ASBC President and Secretary General to liaise closely with all international and national stakeholders in the sport as well as take any action deemed appropriate and keep all members updated.

In view of the above, it was also resolved to **postpone** the upcoming ASBC Asian Boxing Championships scheduled for the year until further notice, including the Youth & Junior Boxing Championships scheduled for July 14, 2023, in Astana, Kazakhstan.

We believe together we can overcome any challenge ahead.

Best regards,

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Asian Boxing Confederation President