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To the
Member Federations of the
International DanceSport Federation
(IDSF)

St. Cugat, SPAIN, March 31, 2011

Status Report re: Vision 2012 / World DanceSport Federation (WDSF)

Dear President,

We continued to work on the structure of WDSF and the integration of other Sports Disciplines in line with the new and wider definition for DanceSport. The real challenge for all stakeholders in this project was and will be to find common ground while recognising the different internal structures that each stakeholder is obliged to respect. As a result of these constraints, they have an effect on what is possible both in legal and financial terms.

It is our great pleasure to report to you on the current status of this project as follows:

1. New Associate Membership Agreements

a) World Rock'n' Roll Confederation (WRRRC)

On January 23, 2011 Mrs. Miriam Kerpan Izak, WRRRC President, signed the new Associate Membership Agreement ("Agreement"). The WRRRC Presidium approved it on January 23, 2011 and the WRRRC General Meeting on March 13, 2011.

The IDSF Presidium unanimously ratified this Agreement during its last Meeting held on January 22/23, 2011 in Barcelona, SPAIN. In accordance with item 3.6.6 of the Agreement, the IDSF Presidium will propose to the 2011 IDSF General Meeting to ratify this Agreement (see item 7 of this letter).

All former agreements between WRRC and IDSF will be revoked after signing this Agreement.

Please find attached a copy of the signed Agreement between WRRC and IDSF (enclosure 1).

b) United Country Western Dance Council (UCWDC)

On January 25, 2011 Mrs. Kathi Bittner, UCWDC President, signed the new Associate Membership Agreement ("Agreement"). The UCWDC Presidium approved it in January 2011. The UCWDC will propose to the next UCWDC General Meeting to ratify this Agreement.

The IDSF Presidium unanimously ratified the Agreement during its last Meeting held on January 22/23, 2011 in Barcelona, SPAIN. In accordance with item 3.6.6 of the Agreement, the IDSF Presidium will propose to the 2011 IDSF General Meeting to ratify this Agreement (see item 7 of this letter).

All former agreements between UCWDC and IDSF will be revoked after signing this Agreement.

Please find attached a copy of the signed Agreement between UCWDC and IDSF (enclosure 2).

c) World Baton Twirling Federation, Inc. (WBTF)

On November 29, 2010 Mrs. Sandi Wiemers, WBTF President, signed the new Associate Membership Agreement ("Agreement"). The WBTF Board and the WBTF General Meeting ratified the Agreement on November 1, 2010.

The IDSF Presidium unanimously ratified the Agreement during its last Meeting held on January 22/23, 2011 in Barcelona, SPAIN. In accordance with item 3.6.6 of the Agreement, the IDSF Presidium will propose to the 2011 IDSF General Meeting to ratify this Agreement (see item 7 of this letter).

Please find attached a copy of the signed Agreement between WBTF and IDSF (enclosure 3).

2. IDSF Professional Division (IDSF PD)

IDSF finalized the creation of the PD at our 2010 General Meeting (see item 19.2 of the Minutes of the IDSF General, June 13, 2010, Vienna, AUSTRIA). As a result, in a short time we will be able to build up a strong professional competition field in Standard and Latin DanceSport.

At this time, most former IPDSC Member Federations have agreed to be included within the IDSF structure in general and being part of the IDSF PD in particular. In a few special cases we very much hope to be able to include the correspondent (former) IPDSC Members through some form of affiliation to, or arrangement with the respective IDSF Member Federation.

We request that each IDSF Member Federation which has not already done so, register and admit IPDSC athletes, adjudicators, trainers and other officials to a similar Professional Division within that IDSF Member Federation, by local agreements, according to local laws (per IDSF Annual General Meeting decision item 20.8 of the Minutes of the 2010 IDSF General Meeting).

3. International Paralympic Committee (IPC) -Wheelchair

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the IDSF came to an Agreement of Co-operation in October 2008. IPC and IDSF agreed to collaborate together to further develop Wheelchair DanceSport. In particular, IPC and IDSF will work together to progress the realization of a single international governing body for DanceSport, which encompasses Wheelchair DanceSport. Please find attached a copy of the agreement between IPC and IDSF (enclosure 4). Our President and the IDSF Sports Director met Mr. Gonzalez, CEO of IPC and discussed the future relationship between IPC and IDSF. They discussed several issues that need to be resolved from our side in order to develop Wheelchair as part of IDSF DanceSport and future World DanceSport Federation.

4. Further interested stakeholders

a) International Dance Organisation (IDO)

On February 2, 2011 we meet with two representatives of IDO in Zurich, SWITZERLAND. After long discussions we realized that it will be extremely difficult for IDO to be part of our project VISION 2012. IDO has 13 Member Federations who are Members of WDC. These IDO Member Federations, who according to the information of the IDO representatives are doing a good job for IDO, are not willing to

cease their Membership within IDO (due to IDSF). On the other hand 12 IDO Member Federations are at the same time Member Federations within IDSF. The great majority of the IDO Member Federations (60 Members and taking to account that more than one Federation per country can be a Member within IDO). This group of IDO Members prefer to remain independent and they are not requesting to become part of the Olympic Movement at all. They cannot even imagine that some of their sportspersons would be required to comply with the IDSF Anti-Doping Code, World Anti-Doping Code, the requirements of National Governments and the Olympic Charter.

It is a fact that the IOC does require all Member Federations inside IDSF and subsequently WDSF, to fully meet all their obligations including compliance with Anti Doping and we discussed these details at great length. We suggested that it might be a solution for the future to structure IDO into a department "IDO DanceSport" and "IDO Leisure". The department "IDO DanceSport" could cover all the different sports which the IDSF Member Federations currently include such as Hip-Hop, Salsa, Argentine Tango and Tap Dance. Our suggestions were well received but the IDO representatives could not give any statement whether it would be possible to implement such a structure. The IDO representatives proposed that the IDO Annual General Meeting on June 24, 2011 must decide if they will be part of the World DanceSport Federation.

IDO and IDSF mutually agreed that the Associate Membership Agreement between IDSF and IDO dated February 7, 2004 will be revoked on the day of the IDSF Annual General Meeting, June 20, 2011 and will no longer be valid with immediate effect and IDO will forfeit its "Associate Membership" of IDSF (WDSF).

If the 2011 IDO Annual General Meeting accepts the motion to be part of the new World DanceSport Federation (WDSF), there will be a timeframe until December 31, 2011 where IDO will be treated and regarded like an Associate Member Federation of the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF), subject to the signing of the necessary Associate Membership Agreement between IDO and WDSF not later than December 31, 2011. During this period of June 24, 2011 - December 31, 2011 the Membership status of IDO Members being part of the National IDSF Member Federations will remain unchanged in both federations (IDO and IDSF/WDSF).

In the event that the 2011 IDO Annual General Meeting will not accept the motion to be part of WDSF, then no arrangements between IDO and IDSF will be in force and both parties will try to find a mutual understanding for the future.

For further details we refer to the Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between IDO and IDSF signed on February 2, 2011 in Zurich, SWITZERLAND ([enclosure 5](#)).

We believe that this is a good solution to make some progress in this matter. Of course, we will update you on the development in this matter.

b) International Cheer Union (ICU) – Cheerleading

We have had discussions with representatives of SportAccord and the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) with regard to the sport of Cheerleading. An understanding currently exists for ICU to have a relationship with FIG. At this stage, we have reached an agreement with FIG that we will not make future contact with ICU and the sport of Cheerleading.

Further discussions of this matter will take place during SportAccord, April 3 – 8, 2011, London, GREAT BRITAIN.

5. IDSF Vision 2012 Working Group

One of the major tasks of the Vision 2012 Working Group established by the 2009 IDSF Annual General Meeting has been to prepare a draft Associate Membership Agreement for all those international federations seeking to work with the IDSF as we work towards the WDSF. During the last Forum held in June 2010, the draft new Agreement was presented to all our Member Federations (see also item 1.1 of the Report of the IDSF First Vice-President to the 2010 IDSF Annual General Meeting dated May 16, 2010).

With the signing of the new Associate Membership Agreements, this task has been accomplished. For this reason, we have suggested to close this Working Group on February 7, 2011 and leave it to all individual Members of the Working Group to decide whether they wish to participate further. We understand that there were no objections to this suggestion and therefore the Working Group established by the IDSF Annual General Meeting will be regarded as closed.

6. Next Meeting

We have invited representatives of WRRRC, UCWDC, WBTF, IDSF PD, IPC Wheelchair to attend a Meeting on May 14, 2011 in Barcelona, SPAIN. The main items of the Agenda for this meeting will be:

- Status of Ratification process for the new Associate Membership Agreements.

- Anti-Doping movement / World Anti-Doping Code.
- Representation in IDSF (WDSF) Presidium.
- Proposals of the IDSF Presidium to the 2011 IDSF General Meeting (Change to the Statutes including change of the Name to World DanceSport Federation, changes to the IDSF Disciplinary Code etc.)
- IDSF Disciplinary Council.
- IDSF Membership Commission.
- IDSF Athletes Commission.
- Communications.
- Sport Affairs (Joint competition calendar, joint competitions).

7. IDSF General Meeting, June 20, 2011, Luxembourg

One of the main items on the Agenda of the 2011 IDSF Annual General Meeting to be held on June 20, 2011 in Luxembourg will be the proposal of the IDSF Presidium to ratify the three (new) Membership Agreements with WRRC, UCWDC and WBTF.

During last SportAccord 2010 in Dubai we presented the draft Associate Membership Agreement to the IOC. Please allow us to remind you that the IOC confirmed that the "change in the name of our federation will in no way effect the status of your federation as an IOC Recognised International Federation" (see enclosure 6) and the IOC Anti-Doping Director, Mr. Ko de Mooy, confirmed that the Agreement is in line with the Rules and Regulations of WADA.

The IDSF Presidium will propose relevant changes to the IDSF Statutes and other Regulations as a result of the signing of the new Associate Membership Agreements. At the 2011 IDSF General Meeting, the Presidium will also propose that the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF) change our name change to the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF). We confirm that you will receive all the necessary motions together with the final agenda for this Annual General Meeting.

8. WDSF Presidium Meeting, June 21, 2011, Luxembourg

We have invited one representative of each new Associate Member Federation to the WDSF Presidium Meeting the day after the IDSF Annual General Meeting. This will be a historical meeting and the first time that we will all be able to meet in this new configuration of the WDSF Presidium. However, this will of course be subject to the ratification of the Agreements and the respective motions by the 2011 Annual General Meeting. In accordance with what we have explained in previous years, we believe that you can now see that we are working step by step on this internal transformation process. As such, we only make additional chan-

ges after securing the necessary support of IDSF member bodies at our Annual General Meeting.

We are extremely happy to have been able to finalize this work in time for the 2011 IDSF Annual General Meeting and, we look forward to continuing good and closer co-operation with all stakeholders of this project in the best interests of DanceSport worldwide. Of course, we will continue to inform you about future developments with this Vision 2012.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

International DanceSport Federation (IDSF)



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Enclosures

You can easily download the enclosures 1 – 6 under:

<https://www.yousendit.com/download/Ufh2NnFEb0JrUmxFQIE9PQ>

- Enclosure 1: Copy of the Associate Membership Agreement between WRRC and IDSF
- Enclosure 2: Copy of the Associate Membership Agreement between UCWDC and IDSF
- Enclosure 3: Copy of the Associate Membership Agreement between WBTF and IDSF
- Enclosure 4: Copy of the Agreement of Co-operation between IDSF and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)
- Enclosure 5: Copy of the Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding Between IDO and IDSF dated February 2, 2011
- Enclosure 6: Letter from IOC re: Associate Membership Agreement dated May 25, 2010