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### ***IDSF AND IPDSC SIGN COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT***

The International Professional Dance Sport Council ("IPDSC") and IDSF have entered into an important 5-year Cooperation and Friendship Agreement of mutual support for IPDSC's and IDSF's collaborative growth and development.

The Agreement provides that IDSF and IPDSC will promote, develop and organize DanceSport activities for professional athletes; that they will regularly exchange information and ideas about mutually beneficial market opportunities, technical cooperation, DanceSport competition dates, and other competition matters; and that they will work cooperatively to develop, implement and enforce IDSF's and IPDSC's Competition, Disciplinary, and other rules, including complying with the **World Anti-Doping Code**.

IDSF welcomes the opportunity to work more closely and in a more structured way with IPDSC to meet the legitimate aspirations and needs of professionals in the Dancesport community. IPDSC was established by many professionals who wanted to work together with IDSF in our aim to unify the Dancesport community under the recognition of the IOC. This Agreement illustrates the confidence of both organizations in that common initiative and in their working relationship, and provides clear directions for long-term cooperation and progress, on the basis of continuing mutual respect.

IDSF is the sole IOC-recognized DanceSport organization, with Members in 86 countries on six continents, comprising over 4 million athletes. In 2007 IDSF announced the inauguration of the new "World DanceSport Federation" ("WDSF") project to bring all competitive dance sports and sporting dance organizations together in a common worldwide super-federation. For more information about IDSF and DanceSport, go to [www.idsf.net](http://www.idsf.net).

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