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Dear Presidents and General Secretaries,

I have just returned from a very serious meeting with various stakeholders for the planned Muaythai Day 2013 celebrations. It saddens me that I must now share some unpleasant news.

We have decided to postpone the event, as we would like to ensure that any event we stage here will be of the highest standard, and memorable for both the Kingdom of Thailand and our visiting friends.

Some of the issues we are currently facing include the fact that the Muaythai monument commissioned for King Sanphet VIII (Phra Chao Suea) will not be completed in time.

Additionally, the dates chosen for the event coincide with the 2013 Chinese New Year. Our Chinese member countries have therefore asked us to change the date. A further, related problem we are facing is that the hotels in our chosen area are already heavily booked for the Chinese New Year period. To accommodate everyone, we would need to spread teams between five different hotels, which would be a logistical nightmare.

I discussed this particular issue this morning with the General Secretary, who also thinks that this is a logistical problem which will affect the ease of transportation, the arranging of our meetings, holding the weigh-in correctly, etc.

Rather than going ahead and stumbling over these obstacles, we would prefer to pause, maintaining the standard of professionalism displayed so strongly by the organisational teams in Uzbekistan and Russia.

We will keep you informed regarding the possible new date for the event. We will now hold regional qualifiers for the SportAccord Combat Games, as already discussed as a possibility with some of you.

I am very sorry, again, to have to inform you of this. We will set the date for our Executive Board Meeting, and Annual General Meeting next year, shortly.

In positive news, we have submitted our complete application to the International Olympic Committee Sport Department. The prospect of recognition for Muaythai looks very hopeful.

Yours faithfully,

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President, IFMA
