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Dear Presidents,

Once again we would like to congratulate the Uzbekistan Professional and Amateur Muaythai Federation on the perfect organization and the beautiful opening ceremony.

On the first fight day of this year's World Championships we had two incidents on the female division. One on the fight between Norway and Iran, and the second involving Iraq and Belarus.

Our head technical officials Mr. Somchai Sripiew and Mr. Thawarn Watanakul have been instructed by the IFMA executive board to strictly follow the rules regarding the proper attire and uniforms throughout IFMA completions.

The decision taken against the Iranian and Iraqi female athletes to compete today is fully supported by the IFMA executives. However, after a meeting that took place between the President of IFMA, the General Secretary of IFMA, the technical delegates and the President of the Uzbekistan Muaythai federation, the decision was taken to allow the female teams to compete in the uniforms discussed.

This is in respect to the host country and to promote female development of muaythai in Iran and Iraq.

Any change to the official attire in future IFMA competitions, following the 2011 World Championships, will not be permitted under any circumstances.

We wish the female athletes of Iran and Iraq the best of luck with their competition.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Stephan Fox

General Secretary International Federation of Muaythai Amateur (IFMA)