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Lausanne, Switzerland



Mr. Leonid DRACHEVSKY
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Dear Mr. Drachevsky, dear Leonid,

The FISA Executive Committee is pleased to receive this important news of the elections of a totally new presidium of the Russian Rowing Federation in the letter of 31 March 2008 from the Russian Olympic Committee. Congratulations on your election as president which is a very good sign for us. As well, we acknowledge the news of the exclusion of certain coaching and medical personnel for three years.

Thanks to your intervention as well as that of the Russian National Olympic Committee and the Russian Federal Agency on Physical Education and Sport, and as it appears that all officials and team personnel connected to this violation of the World Anti-Doping Code have been effectively banned from international sport for three years, we are satisfied that those responsible or in a position of responsibility have been punished.

Considering these elements, the FISA Executive Committee has taken the following decision:

DECISION

1. No additional penalties will be imposed against the Russian Rowing Federation in spite of the nine violations of the World Anti-Doping Code within a 12 month period.
2. The ban on all Russian Rowing Federation officials from participating in FISA events will not apply to all newly elected officials and newly appointed coaches and medical personnel, effective immediately.
3. The bans from national and international participation of the nine rowers for the two-year periods stated in those decisions are re-confirmed.

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4. We grant an extension of one month, until 30 April 2008, for the reimbursement of all costs related to the anti-doping actions taken by FISA against the Russian rowers; a total of CHF 53'338.00.
5. Finally, we grant an extension until 31 May 2008 for the payment of the fine but the amount remains unchanged at CHF 75'000.00.

Again, congratulations on your election and your assistance in solving these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Denis Oswald
President



Matt Smith
Executive Director

Cc: Mr. Leonid Tyagachev, President, Russian Olympic Committee