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The President Donnie Burns MBE

To: Mr. Carlos Freitag, President of the International Dance Sport Federation

We at the World Dance Council have been considering very carefully how best to look after the long-term interest of our members – professional judges, dancers and teachers – many of whom earn their living through dance. Their overriding concern is to ensure that they can pursue their careers, free from any unfair restraint. Our priority, therefore, has to be to promote a well-managed and dynamic environment in which they can do this. It is clear that continual and unproductive disputes with your organisation can only distract from this aim.

The World Dance Council believes that the 1992 General Agreement and the 1997 Memorandum of Agreement remain valid and effective. However, you have made clear in Court at Alcobendas that you consider there are no longer any Agreements in place between the World Dance Council and the International Dance Sport Federation.

Without prejudice to our position that the 1992 General Agreement and the 1997 Memorandum of Agreement are valid and effective, we are prepared to enter into discussions with a view to concluding a new agreement with you. We hope that such an agreement would provide for an open and competitive environment, promoting excellence in dance at all levels, free from unnecessary restrictions – a totally open and dynamically growing market.

You have already supported the creation of the International Professional Dance Sport Council, which is promoting world and continental championships. We anticipate that World Dance Council may, in the future, support amateur events run by bodies other than your own. It is important that members of each of our organisations remain free to participate in events organised by the other. We would like the new agreement to reflect and facilitate this. The stakeholders of the Dance Sport world, the organisers of the most prestigious and open to the world events, have operated with this ethos for several decades and we believe will welcome this environment and initiative.

We look forward to this opportunity and trust that from now on the International Dance Sport Federation will join with us in fostering a level and open playing field throughout the dance world.

In any event, we will remain committed to promoting and protecting our members' interests and will, if necessary, take action to ensure that our members are not unfairly treated.

Yours sincerely

Donnie Burns MBE, President World Dance Council