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Comité Olympique de Polynésie Française
Tahiti, Polynésie Française

Ref: Suspension of ONOC Membership

Dear Board Members;

The Executives of the Oceania National Olympic Committees have voted to suspend the Comité Olympique de Polynésie Française (COPF).

I have been included in several messages and letters regarding the conflict of control for COPF. This is a very unfortunate situation, which adversely affects the athletes of Tahiti. The choices made by your board and your government only affects your athletes. It is a sad day when the conflict of leaders, whom refuse to exercise good governance, affects those who put their trust in them to protect their interests.

On October 26, 2017, I was copied in a letter from the Secretariat office of the President of French Polynesia. The position and threat of boycotting the Pacific Mini Games, in Port Vila, Vanuatu by your member country is unacceptable.

The biggest threat to sport is the interference of Government. It is important that sport remains autonomous. The government of your country should be a partner to support the development of sport and physical wellness in your country; but should understand that the COPF, must remain a separate entity with a board elected by its members.

It is obvious that, it is your belief that your Government, your courts, and the current members who represent the twelve (12) new sport members in Tahiti are in the right.

Until such time, that your sporting community exercises a freely elected body of their own choosing and establishes compliance to sport governance, sanctioned within the framework of the IF/RF/NF, we will revisit your membership.

Sincerely,

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