



STATEMENT TO IFSC GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING ETHICS COMMISSION

On 14 March 2022, the Chair of the Ethics Commission served an unknown number of “National Federation Leaders” with a document headed “Communication to IFSC Member Federations about the Ethics of Governance” (the “**Communication**”).

This document adds insult to injury, which has been compounded in the recent months by the Ethics Commission to interfere with the IFSC governance and ordinary course of business. What began with the first and, so far, only assignment to the Ethics Commission to investigate a case of possible sexual misconduct involving a coach and an athlete, has developed into a farce that is unparalleled and can no longer be tolerated by the Executive Board. The Communication itself and the manner in which it has been presented to the National Federations is nothing but a blatant violation of the IFSC statutes, rules and regulations.

Therefore, at its Board Meeting of 16 March 2022, the Executive Board, after carefully analysing the situation and weighing the available options, **unanimously** adopted the following **resolutions**:

1. Determination that the Communication sent by the Ethics Commission to the National Federations on 14 March 2022 is incompatible with the IFSC statutes, rules and regulations and therefore unlawful, and inform the General Assembly accordingly.
2. Suspension of the current Ethics Commission and its members, implementation of a complete reform of the Ethics Commission, including its regulations and composition, and appointment of a new Ethics Commission as soon as circumstances allow. The reform process shall involve independent individuals and experienced members of the National Federations.

Furthermore, the Executive Board has decided that the General Assembly should not be the place to engage in a discussion of the content of the Communication sent by the Ethics Commission to the National Federations. Neither is there enough time for this, nor would this serve the cause.

Nevertheless, the Executive Board wishes to state that some of the statements addressed to the Executive Board in the Communication border on defamation or libel. Suffice it to state that the numerous allegations and accusations in the Communication are completely false, baseless and unfounded, and that the individual members of the Executive Board who are personally attacked in this Communication reserve the right to take appropriate legal action against the responsible individuals, whether before the IFSC Disciplinary Commission or otherwise.