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To all the IBSF members

Reims, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2012

Dear All,

I am pleased to send you all the information relating to the IBSF 2012 World Championship in Sofia.

It is however, my duty to inform you of several important changes in the IBSF Conditions for these Championships.

As you know the cancellation of the World Championships in Egypt forced us to seek an urgent solution to ensure we could provide for you the competition you all expect.

It was very important to respect the deadlines imposed by our Constitution and to organize in a valid way our AGM, whilst ensuring we still offer you, as usual, the very best playing conditions.

These requirements have forced us to make some compromises, as it is obvious that the hosting Federation did not have the required time to find partners and financial support to cover the budget of such a competition.

Therefore, IBSF has not hesitated to take the exceptionally decision to absorb some of the costs related to the organization of the Championships.

However, and to not jeopardize the financial stability of our Federation it was decided by the Board of management to fix at US\$60 the entry fees per player, and secondly to reduce the usual prize money.

Thus, the total prize money for the tournament will be US\$8000 for Men, US\$3000 for the Women's, and US\$4000 for Masters, which represents a total financial investment to the IBSF of US\$15,000.

I should also clarify that the IBSF has agreed to bear the costs of transportation and installation of the tables so the total amount to be expended by the IBSF is about US\$30,000.

It was apparent to us that it was more important to offer you the World Championships, even with a decreased prize money, rather than no Championships at all due to economic reasons.

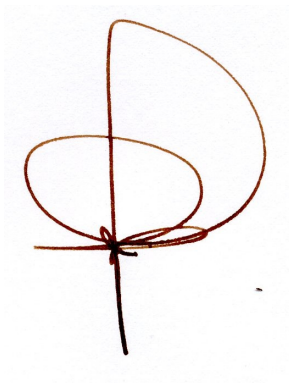
I think you will understand the reasoning of our decision, which I assure you, was dictated by our determination to provide you with the competition to which you are entitled.

Of course, these changes have no impact on qualification for the winner of the men event to participate next year in WPBSA Main Tour.

Best regards

The President,

Pascal Guillaume

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Pascal Guillaume', written over a light blue grid background. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a vertical line extending downwards from the base of the main signature.