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Subject : The Extraordinary Meeting

**To The International Sport Federation of Fire Fighters & Rescuers**

Being the candidate country for International World Championship in the fire and rescue sports of 2016 was offered to us by the federation during and after the 2015 world championship which was held in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Decision to host 12th World Championship among men and 3rd World championship among women between the dates of 25 September-01 October in Izmir was taken in the conference which was held in Izmir in November 2015 by the member countries in the presence of the federation.

Following the conference held in Izmir, preparations for the world championship have started rapidly and is still being worked on. Accommodation, food, and transfer agreements have been signed and some of the financial payments have been proceeded.

E-mails sent from the Federation has stated that a proposal has been made by Belarus, Czech Republic, Lithuania and Ukraine to carry the destination of the world championship which was supposed to be in Izmir to Sochi due to security reasons.

From the official website of the federation sufficient number of participants were collected to the extraordinary meeting, when the proposal of the member countries were inspected, not holding the world championship of 2016 in İzmir-Turkey was reached to a consensus.

The national security issues mentioned in the letter from federation are not only problems in Turkey but the whole world today. The attacks in Belgium / Brussels, France / Paris and Charlie Hebdo, and in the twin towers in America which we thought had the highest level of security and finally Russia / Stavropol and Volgograd city were actual suicide bombers terrorist attacks are still in our memories. The incidents shows that there is no terrorist nation and the time and place of a terrorist actions is never known. The security level is in the highest level in our country. There is no restriction or prohibition in border crossing for any countries in our country.

Sport is a symbol of peace and brotherhood in Izmir and Izmir is the bright face of Turkey for Europe and the World. Right now, Champions League, UEFA League, Presidential Cycling Tour and some other international sports organizations are taking place in Turkey without security vulnerability.

We would like to remark that we will be taking place as a member country in the extraordinary meeting where the security measures and destination of the world championship will be discussed and we would like to suggest that the meeting should be located in Belarus-Minsk.

We would like to state again that we are willing and determined to host the championship here in Izmir-Turkey, we demand to keep our rights reserved to change the destination of the championship due to safety reasons and we kindly ask to receive a written letter of the POSITIVE or NEGATIVE decisions with their justifications talked in the extraordinary meeting to our side.

Best Regards,



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