

**Ministry of Youth and Sport in Ukraine**  
**Att, Mr. Vadim Gutzait**  
**Minister**

**National Olympic Committee of Ukraine**  
**Att. Bubka Sergii**  
**President**

**CC. Ukrainian Boxing Federation,**  
and all to whom it may concern

Lausanne, July 21, 2022

**Subject: Ukrainian Boxing Federation**

Dear Sirs,

The International Boxing Association (IBA) wishes to express its sincere concern about the current situation in the Ukrainian box. As we have been informed, a certain group of people headed by Mr. Kirill Shevchenko is trying to change the administration of the Ukrainian Boxing Federation (UBF).

This correspondence serves to inform you that the UBF had its latest elections on December 17, 2021. IBA sent to these elections its observer, who did not detect any violations in the procedural order of such elections. Therefore, IBA recognizes Mr. Volodymyr Prodyvus as the legitimate President of UBF who has complete support on our part. At the same time, IBA does not recognize a meeting held on February 22, 2022 by the alternative group as the legitimate congress meeting, since it was not in line with the IBA Regulations.

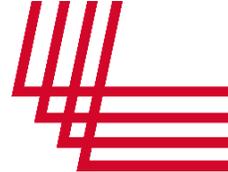
However, we wish to draw your attention to the contents of several critical provisions of IBA regulations. First of all, article 11.1. (g) of IBA Constitution states:

*“Each National Federation is obliged to:  
[...]*

*(g) manage its affairs independently and ensure that its own affairs are not unduly influenced by any third party or third parties;.”*

Furthermore, it is crucial to emphasize the contents of article 4.1. (g) of IBA Membership Policy according to which:





*“Each National Federation shall ensure that:  
[...]*

*(g) no third party (including national governments and other public authorities, etc.) unduly influences each National Federation.”*

Finally, article 5.1. of the IBA Membership Policy states:

*“5.1 Each National Federation shall ensure that:  
(a) its officials are democratically elected or appointed in accordance with its National Constitution and generally recognized democratic and good governance principles and following an election or appointment system that ensures a complete independence of the National Federation vis-à-vis third parties;*

*[...]*

***(c) governments and other public authorities are not allowed to appoint members of the governing bodies of a National Federation;.”***

Please note, any interference by the state authorities into the autonomy of the sports association could be considered by IBA as a violation of the cited provisions.

Considering the above, we kindly ask you to ensure the independence of the national boxing association of Ukraine.

Without prejudice to the above, IBA is open to any dialogue and invites you to discuss any problems that may occur within the national framework of Ukrainian boxing. We believe any problems could be solved through such a constructive dialogue.

Yours sincerely,



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