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To Whom It May Concern

On 12 November 2019, a proposal put before the International Rafting Federation's (IRF) Board of Directors to terminate the Serbian Rafting Federation's (SRF) Provisional Membership status received unanimous approval.

Over the past year, it has come to our attention that the SRF no longer represents the majority of the rafters in Serbia, and the majority of competitive teams in Serbia are no longer members of the organisation. Added to that, the IRF has observed a failure of compliance to our Bylaws (Article 13 - Clauses 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 (Conditions of Membership) and Article 17 – Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 5 (Duties of Members within their nations)).

It has further come to our attention that these competitive clubs have joined the Rafting Association of Serbia (RAS) which is also a Provisional Member of the IRF. This organisation is running numerous rafting events which are being well attended and supported by large numbers of rafters in Serbia. They are also promoting rafting in many other ways in full alignment with the mission, goals and objectives of the IRF.

Based on the above, and on Bylaw Articles 14.2.f. (Provisional Members) and 19 (Non-compliance and disciplinary measures), the proposal was put before the IRF BOD that given these circumstances, the IRF is obligated to terminate SRF's Provisional Membership.

The decision of the IRF Board of Directors was to terminate the Provisional Membership of the Serbian Rafting Federation, effective immediately.

The IRF will continue to work with RAS and assist them towards gaining Full Membership, which it can obtain once it has been given National Sporting Authority recognition in Serbia.

Respectfully yours,

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