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Press Invitation - PRESS CONFERENCE

Mr. Frédéric THIRIEZ and Mr. Mahyar MONSHIPOUR KERMANI
are pleased to invite you to a press conference

to request the withdrawal of the National Olympic Committee of the Islamic Republic of Iran during the 2024 Paris Olympic Games in the five sports disciplines banned to women.

[Boxing, Gymnastics/Artistic Gymnastics, Judo, Swimming/Artistic Swimming, Beach Volleyball]

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Paris - 11:00AM London - 10:00AM
Tehran - 12:30PM
Tel Aviv - 02:00PM Tokyo - 08:00PM
New York - 05:00AM Los Angeles - 02:00AM

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The practice of sport is a universal right, regardless of the gender, ethnic origin, social background and religion of the individuals involved. The Islamic Republic based in Iran, as well as many restrictions on women (including imposing compulsory hijab on them, less inheritance and legal capacity than men, numerous inequalities in family laws, and in the professional world...) **prohibits the participation of all women in international competitions in sport disciplines such as Gymnastics, Swimming, Wrestling and Volley-Beach and in all competitions in Boxing**.

The discrimination inflicted on the women of Iran because of their gender is the sheer violation of the Article 59-1 of the Olympic Charter which stipulates that:

"The practice of sport is a human right. Each individual must have the possibility of practicing sport without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit";
"The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Olympic Charter shall be ensured without discrimination of any kind, in particular on grounds of race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinions."

Similar to the dismissal of the delegation of the Republic of South Africa from the Olympic Games between 1964 and 1988 because of its racial policy of apartheid, **the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran should also be sanctioned by preventing their participation in the five sport disciplines mentioned above. which ban the Iranian women.**

In support of the defense of Human Rights and against the sexual discrimination exercised by the Islamic Republic based in Iran, we, **Mr. Fréderic THIRIEZ**, lawyer at the State Council, and **Mr. Mahyar MONSHIPOUR KERMANI**, born in Iran and six times world boxing champion, together with many public and political figures, demand that the International Olympic Committee take a powerful action in order to fight against the discrimination imposed on the Iranian women athletes by the Islamic Republic. **This fight will be possible by prohibiting the delegation of the Islamic Republic to participate in the PARIS-2024 Olympic Games in the sports disciplines forbidden to women in the international competition, which include Gymnastics, Wrestling, Swimming, Beach Volleyball, and in competitions such as Boxing.**



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