

Re: Clarification FIG Letter

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André,

I am following up on our previous email, where we formally acknowledged your response (as attached) to our open letter.

As previous detailed - unfortunately, the response, in our view, is wholly unsatisfactory as it has failed to address our legitimate fundamental concerns regarding the clear (and now substantiated) encroachment and misappropriation of our sport, provide the necessary clarification requested on a number of points, nor respond to our polite, reasonable and appropriate request for a meeting with FIG in the spirit of mutual respect and solidarity in order to amicably resolve the substantiated concerns outlined in our open letter. The response has now raised further and additional fundamental concerns.

We are continuing to liaise with our Government (Department for Culture, Media & Sport - DCMS), the relevant Sports Bodies in the UK, as well as internationally, other National Federations for Parkour/Freerunning globally (as you are aware a number of other National Federations for Parkour/Freerunning have issued letters of support for Parkour UK's position, with further letters to follow) and seeking the necessary and appropriate legal counsel in order to provide a full and detailed response to your letter dated 20th April 2017.

As we previously advised, we were likely to issue a full and detailed response with 10 working days (today) of my previous email on the 2nd May. However, following the substantial and significant developments that have taken place in the past ten days (of which you/FIG are fully aware) and additional pertinent information in relation to the

Currently, we intend to take the matter further to appropriately and proportionately defend the sovereignty and integrity of our sport.

Based on evidence set out in our open letter, in addition to the substantial and significant developments over the past ten days and relevant pertinent information (which we will fully reference and publish in our letter of response) relating to this, as well as the basis of mutual respect, solidarity and in line with established, recognised international sporting norms, we again request that FIG and/or your member National Federations respect and acknowledge Parkour/Freerunning as a sovereign sport with independently recognised distinct uniqueness and cultural status and refrain from any encroachment and/or misappropriation of Parkour/Freerunning.

We would again like to fully reaffirm, that we would welcome a meeting with FIG, at the earliest convenience (as politely requested, within 60 days of the date of our open letter - 31st March 2017) ensuring that the meeting is prefaced with an agreed and binding arbitration agreement referring any dispute to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. The meeting will be to formalise the clarification and understanding via of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formally acknowledge the recognised sovereignty and integrity of Parkour/Freerunning. If an MoU is not established within a further 60 days of the invited meeting or within such other period as we shall agree in writing, we further propose that any dispute arising from and/or related to the binding arbitration agreement will be submitted exclusively to CAS and resolved definitively in accordance with the code of sports-related arbitration.

Again, we would welcome a transparent and open dialogue, in the spirit of respect and solidarity in order to amicably resolve the legitimate, fundamental concerns we have outlined in our open letter, detailed above and recently substantiated.

If you would like any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me on any of the details below. Thanks #GiveParkourAGo

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Sent: 02 May 2017 18:22

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...reaffirming...

We'd like to formally acknowledge your response (as attached). Unfortunately, the response, in our view, is wholly unsatisfactory as it has failed to address our legitimate fundamental concerns regarding the clear encroachment and misappropriation of our sport, provide the necessary clarification requested on a number of points, nor respond to our polite and appropriate request for a meeting with FIG in the spirit of mutual respect and solidarity in order to amicably resolve the concerns outlined in our open letter. Additionally, the response has now raised further fundamental concerns.

Therefore, we are currently liaising with our Government (Department for Culture, Media & Sport - DCMS), the relevant Sports Bodies in the UK, as well as internationally, other National Federations for Parkour/Freerunning globally and seeking the necessary and appropriate legal counsel in order to provide a full and detailed response to your letter dated 20th April 2017. At this stage, we currently intend to take the matter further to appropriately and proportionately defend the sovereignty and integrity of our sport. We are likely to issue a full and detailed response within the next 10 working days.

As fully detailed in our open letter - as FIG has acknowledged and stated in your press release *"FIG deeply respects the development of parkour"*, therefore, based on evidence set out in our open letter, the basis of mutual respect, solidarity and in line with established, recognised international sporting norms that FIG and/or your member National Federations respect and acknowledge Parkour/Freerunning as a sovereign sport with independently recognised distinct uniqueness and cultural status and refrain from any encroachment and/or misappropriation of Parkour/Freerunning.

Therefore, we would again like to fully reaffirm, that we would welcome a meeting with FIG, at the earliest convenience (as politely requested, within 60 days of the date of our open letter) ensuring that the meeting is prefaced with an agreed and binding arbitration agreement referring any dispute to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. The meeting will be to formalise the clarification and understanding via of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formally acknowledge the recognised sovereignty and integrity of Parkour/Freerunning. If an MoU is not established within a further 60 days of the invited meeting or within such other period as we shall agree in writing, we further propose that any dispute arising from and/or related to the binding arbitration agreement will be submitted exclusively to CAS and resolved definitively in accordance with the code of sports-related arbitration.

Particularly given FIG are due to hold an Executive Committee meeting this week, we would like to politely request that this reasonable request for a meeting is considered by the Executive Committee and a response provided to this request.

Again, we would welcome a transparent and open dialogue, in the spirit of respect and solidarity in order to amicably resolve the legitimate, fundamental concerns we have outlined in our open letter and detailed above.

If you would like any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me on any of the details below. Thanks #GiveParkourAGo

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From: André F. Gueisbuhler - FIG Secretary General

Sent: 20 April 2017 10:39

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Dear Mr. Minogue,

See attached letter.

Kind regards,

A. Gueisbuhler



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