

Re: Clarification FIG Letter

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André,

Thank you for you email (attached), following up on your previous email (below), dated 20th April 2017 which contained the response to [our open letter regarding the clear encroachment and misappropriation of Parkour/Freerunning](#) by FIG and/or FIG member National Federations.

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.

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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Dear Mr. Minogue,

See attached letter.



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