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## Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) Official Statement

In light of the recent announcement by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) regarding the potential exclusion of boxing from the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) affirms its steadfast support for the IOC as well as its commitment to our athletes as they pursue their Olympic aspirations.

Following the IOC's decision to withdraw recognition of the International Boxing Association (IBA) as the governing body for Olympic-style boxing, the inclusion of boxing in the Olympic program is now at risk, potentially precluding IBA athletes from participating in LA2028.

In response the ASBC board of directors met in session on June 26, 2024, to discuss the next steps, resulting in the following recommendation:

**To call for an Extraordinary Congress:** *The extraordinary congress will be held in Abu Dhabi during the ASBC Asian Junior and School boys & girls Boxing Championships on August 31, 2024 in order to vote on joining World Boxing.*

According to the Olympic Charter, each sport must be governed by a recognised International Federation to be included in the Olympic Games. Given the IOC's derecognition of IBA, ASBC will consider aligning with World Boxing as it seeks IOC recognition.

The ASBC remains committed to its role as the custodian of boxing in Asia, moving forward as a united body. We are dedicated to the ongoing development of our athletes and will maintain our current competition calendar.

**Yours faithfully,**



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