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### **Statement from Asian Boxing Confederation President**

Boxing has faced many tumultuous times over the past year, during which we have called upon our members on several occasions to vote on our future. While this decision has not been made lightly, I must now call for another Extraordinary Congress. This is a challenging period for our sport, and ASBC remains committed to fighting for boxing's inclusion in the Olympics and defending our boxers' right to pursue their Olympic dreams.

With the looming threat of the potential removal of boxing from the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) wishes to reiterate its full support for the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

As strong believers in the democratic process, it is our duty to entrust our National Federations with the authority to shape our next steps. Following the guidance of our Board Members at a meeting on September 22, 2024, we will convene the ASBC Extraordinary Congress. This will be a critical opportunity for all National Federations to unite and decide on the future of our boxers, the direction of boxing in Asia, and the preservation of the Olympic aspirations of our youth.

The agenda of this Congress is to vote on whether ASBC should become an independent body—free from the constraints of current challenges and be positioned to take control of its future. **The Extraordinary Congress Meeting will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on November 23, 2024.**

Now, more than ever, we must fight with renewed determination and remain unwavering in our support for our athletes. Preserving the integrity of our sport and upholding democratic principles are paramount. The decision rests in your hands—the hands of our Asian National Federations.

Yours faithfully,



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