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To:

All National Authorities

UIM Council

UIM Officials

Monaco, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Dear Ladies, Dear Sirs,

At their meeting of last Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the UIM Council discussed the impact on the Powerboat Sport of a recent decision taken by the European Commission, calling on the International Skating Union (ISU) to amend their rules which impose severe penalties on athletes participating in competitions not authorized by said International Federation.

**As a result of these discussions, the UIM Council decided that the application of**

- **Art.3.2.6 of the UIM By-Laws**

*“...National Authorities, Officials and drivers who organize or participate in events that are not sanctioned duly according to [...] rules shall be subject to disciplinary measures according to Art. XII of these By-Laws.”*

- **Art.104 of all Rulebooks**

*“...All races not organized according to UIM rules are not to be recognized and all officials and drivers who take any part in such races are suspended or excluded if offence recurs. The same applies to motor boating events not approved by National Authorities, etc...”*

- **Art.109.06 (CIRCUIT Rulebook) and Art. 120.06 (OFFSHORE & AQUABIKE)**

*“...Anybody who takes part in an unauthorized meeting loses his/her licence. etc...”*

**is temporarily suspended, in as far as suspension or other penalties are foreseen for participation in unauthorized/not sanctioned events.**

By taking this measure, the UIM Council accommodates the decision of the European Commission of December 2017 concerning similar rules of the ISU who, like the UIM, is based outside the European Union and is the sole body recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to govern their sport. The ISU impose penalties up to a lifetime ban on athletes participating in speed skating competitions that are not authorised by the ISU. The European Commission based its decision on their findings whereas these ISU rules were in breach of EU antitrust law.

The temporary suspension of the above Articles of the UIM By-Laws and Rulebooks shall remain in effect until said provisions shall be cancelled and/or amended in order to meet the legal requirements.

Thomas Kurth  
Secretary General