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*To all European National Weightlifting Federations
President/General Secretary*

Re: Delay of analysis of samples collected at the 2010 European Ch.

Dear President, General Secretary,

I would like to hereby inform you that the European Weightlifting Federation's Executive Board (EWF EB) without prior consultation with the IWF and without any legal ground decided on the use of the WADA Accredited Moscow laboratory for the analysis of the samples collected at the 2010 European Championship.

With this decision the **EWF EB violated the IWF Constitution and the IWF Anti-doping Policy the two fundamental documents of the IWF.**

Following several written communications firstly by IWF President on the 31st March before the European Championships and subsequently with EWF President and with the EWF EB informing them of the above critical situation and asking to accept the IWF's decision, the IWF had no other choice but to consult an external and independent body to seek legal opinion and be able to put an end to this matter as soon as possible.

We have just received WADA Directors letter to the IWF and EWF President that clearly states that **the Testing Authority is the IWF and the IWF Constitution and Anti-Doping Policy shall be applied in this matter.**

Based on the above stated the IWF immediately instructed the Moscow laboratory to forward the samples to the WADA Accredited Cologne Laboratory in Germany. The reasons for the IWF to request the transfer of the samples including but not limited are the followings:

The IWF Anti-doping Program is built around important scientific results provided by the Cologne Laboratory (food supplement analysis, IRMS analysis, DNS comparison, etc.) Further the IWF has a long term sample collection history with the Cologne Laboratory for steroid profiling, longitudinal studies and collection of data for the WADA Biological Passport. Further in addition to Europe we send the samples to the Cologne Laboratory from the African, Asian and time to time from the Pan-American competitions.

Based on all the above stated I would like to apologies for a slight delay in the receipt of the analysis reports and the IWF will follow up with the EWF and make sure that such difficulties won't occur in the future.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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