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“European Qualification Tournament for the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games” & “Open European Poomsae Cup 2024” – Event host Germany

Dear Esteemed Presidents and Secretaries General of the Member National Associations,
dear ETU-Family,
dear Colleagues,

warmest greetings from the German Taekwondo Federation!

As you are aware the German Taekwondo Federation was selected to host both above mentioned international ETU events in Germany in early 2024.

As originally approved by the ETU Council on July 31st, 2022, in Sofia the European Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 (“EQT 2024”) was supposed to take place in our capital Berlin. Unfortunately, the regional government of the city of Berlin advised us that they would deny hosting the EQT 2024 at a venue in the city of Berlin in case Russian and Belarussian Athletes would be able to participate in this international event under neutral flag as recommended by the IOC and approved by the World Taekwondo Executive Council.

These unexpected political developments with the government of the city of Berlin has been reported to the ETU leadership team and during the latest ETU Council Meeting on September 16th, 2023, in Nuremberg the Council decided to relocate the EQT 2024 from Berlin to Nuremberg as new host city in Germany.

During the last couple of weeks, we were working hard to finalize necessary surrounding agreements with the government of the city of Nuremberg and the regional Bavarian government.





Unfortunately, last week we were officially informed by the local government of the city of Nuremberg that the government denies hosting international Taekwondo events at venues in Nuremberg as well, if Russian and Belarussian athletes even with proof that they do not support the invasion of Ukraine and aren't affiliated with the Russian military would be permitted to participate in these two supposed events.

You might imagine that we were very disappointed about this unexpected decision by the government of the city of Nuremberg and were trying immediately to influence and change this decision with high-level political assistance of our NOC and high-ranking German politicians. Sadly, we must experience that we are not able to change the political decisions of the German city governments in Berlin nor Nuremberg at these challenging times.

Therefore, today we had to officially inform Mr. President Pragalos and his leadership team that we will not be able any more to host these two international ETU events in Germany at this time.

On behalf of the German Taekwondo Federation, I really regret to inform you today that Germany will not be in the position to host these two events and I would like to thank you for your confidence in our federation to host these high-class ETU events in Germany. Please be sure that it would have been my pleasure to welcome all of you to Germany next year.

Please accept our formal apologies for the inconvenience and thank you for your kind understanding and your previous support again.

Sincerely,

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