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RESOLUTION 20212161317
WBA Championships Committee
WBA Pan African Middleweight Vacant Title
Cristiano Ndombassy vs. Roarke Knapp
December 16, 2021

In the centenary celebration of the World Boxing Association we are fully committed to continue working on the systematic development of boxing, update ourselves to meet the demanding changes in the boxing world to provide opportunities to many boxers to fulfill their dream to fight for a world title and to become champion.

WHEREAS

1- On December 04, 2021, took place the WBA Pan African Vacant Middleweight title fight between Cristiano Ndombassy from Angola, vs. Roarke Knapp from South Africa, in Gauteng, South Africa promoted by Golden Gloves and supervised by Mr. Stanley Christodoulou from South Africa.

2- In round three (3) the boxer Knapp was clearly receiving a lot of punishment and was knocked down four times, however, referee Tony Nyangiwe only counts Knapp in three of them, and not in the fourth knockdown.

*3- Pursuant to WBA Rule E.12 **Automatic Knockout**. Three (3) knockdowns in the same round constitute an automatic knockout. The three knock down rule is mandatory in every WBA title fight held in South Africa*

4- On round 5, the boxer Cristiano Ndombassy refused to continue fighting, and Knapp was declared the winner.

5- Pursuant to WBA Rule C.26, the WBA officials committee reviewed the fight and its decision, and has determined that since Knapp did fall 4 times in the same round, the referee counted only on three of them when it is clear in the video that the fourth fall was due to a legal punch, nonetheless the referee should have stopped the fight and decreed the KO, which he did not.

6- The WBA has always been respectful of the right to disagree with the outcome of a fight, however, it does not accept violation to its rules and regulations.

7- *The World Boxing Association has always been faithful to its principles, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.*

RESOLVES

- 1- *Due to the fact that there was a clear violation of the World Boxing Association Rules and Regulations in this event, the WBA championships Committee rules as follows:*
 - a. *Respectfully request the local Boxing Commission -Boxing South Africa- to declare the fight No Contest.*
 - b. *WBA Pan Africa should declare the title Vacant, and enforce the direct rematch between Cristiano Ndombassy vs. Roarke Knapp for the WBA Pan Africa vacant fight, within the next 60 days.*
 - c. *The WBA urges WBA Pan African director, Stanley Christodoulou to suspend referee Tony Nyangiwe for 6 months, period during which he cannot officiate in any fight endorsed by the WBA through WBA Pan African.*

Date: December 16, 2021

*Carlos Chavez
WBA Championships Committee
Chairman*