# WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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President

**Resolution No. 202203031202**
**WBA Championships Committee**
*Super Welterweight Division*
*March 4, 2022*

## I.     BACKGROUND

On December 17, 2021, Israil Madrimov ("Madrimov") faced Michel Soro ("Soro") in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, for the WBA Super Welterweight Title Eliminator. Madrimov won the bout by TKO in the ninth round, after the referee determined that Soro was hurt by several punches and couldn't continue. Thereafter, on behalf of Soro, his promoter Yohan Zaoui ("Zaoui"), requested that the WBA order a direct rematch considering the controversial nature of the stoppage as Madrimov landed unanswered punches on Soro after the bell to end the ninth round.

WBA Supervisor, Jesper Jensen ("Jensen") reported the following "Punches was thrown after the bell rang, Referee did not hear this. In arena was too much noise and difficult to hear. I asked timekeeper before round 2 to make more power in bell."

## II.     ANALISIS

A.    Boxers, their representatives, and promoters are obligated to "know and be familiar with all Associations rules."  WBA Rule C.14.

B.     "…The Championship Committee, in its sole discretion, may order the boxers fight a rematch.  Failure to timely pay the fee or contest the decision shall waive all rights, claim, or argument of the boxer or his representatives to contest a decision…" WBA Rule C. 26.
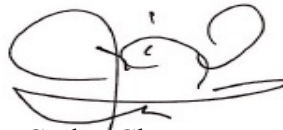
## II.     DECISION

1. Based upon the above-mentioned Rules, and since the referee didn't hear the bell, this committee hereby approves the Direct Rematch request made by Soro on December 21, 2021.

2.      The parties have thirty (30) days to negotiate the terms of said rematch. If a purse bid is necessary the split will be 50% to Madrimov, and 50% to Soro. In the meantime, neither boxer may participate in any other bout until after the rematch occurs.

A.      All other issues that may arise shall be resolved by the interpretation of WBA championship rules by the committee.

Date: March 04, 2022,

Carlos Chavez
Championship Committee Chairman