



WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION

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President

Resolution No. 2022071516 **WBA Championships Committee** *Cruiserweight Division* *July 15, 2022*

I. BACKGROUND

The WBA continues its efforts to reduce the number of champions in every division, to reach this goal the championships committee and the ratings committee are focused on complying with this presidential mandate.

On February 11, 2021, the Championships committee ordered the mandatory fight between the Cruiserweight super champion Arsen Goulamiriam from France and the mandatory challenger Aleksei Egorov, from Russia.

On August 23, 2021, the WBA held the Purse Bid for the fight. The fight was scheduled to take place on December 10, 2021, however one day before the fight Goulamiriam tested positive for Covid 19, thus the fight had to be postponed.

On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine and this war situation persists up to present day. As it was stated on February 28th resolution, the WBA would not approve any fight with the participation of Russian boxers, until after the Russia-Ukraine conflict ended.

Arsen Goulamiriam, is the WBA Cruiserweight Super champion since November 15, 2019, his last defense of the title was on December 28, 2019.

Goulamiriam is long overdue, as he has been inactive for 931 days.

II. ANALYSIS

1. Pursuant rule C.14. **Rules Familiarity**. Each boxer, promoter, manager, and boxer's agent are under the obligation to know and be familiar with all Association rules, including, but not limited to, those regarding time periods concerning obligations to defend, compete for a title, and for Special Permits. If a champion

fails to comply with any rule of the Association, the Chairman of the Committee may declare his title vacant. Likewise, failure by an official contender to comply with any of these rules can result in removal by the Chairman of recognition as official contender.

III. DECISION

The World Championships Committee resolves as follows:

1. WBA Championships Committee the mandatory fight between Arsen Goulamiriam vs. the mandatory challenger and WBA champion Ryad Merhy.
2. The parties shall inform this committee within 24 hours whether they are fit and ready to fight in 30 days (August 15, 2022).
3. The winner of the fight shall fight Aleksei Egorov in 90 days period, provided the Russia-Ukraine conflict is over.
4. Should the Russia- Ukraine is not over, the winner of the Goulamiriam-Egorov bout shall fight against a mandatory contender selected by the Committee.
5. This resolution supersedes any previous one on this matter

Date: July 15, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Chavez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

*Carlos Chavez
Championship Committee
Chairman*