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Wireless apparatus

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Madam President, Mister President,

Further to my letter suspending until 1 May 2007 the obligation to use wireless apparatus, I am pleased to let you known that the FIE reached an agreement with the STM company and that the suspension is thus raised.

Consequently, please find below the decisions in force as of 1 May 2007, in compliance with the letter of information 2-07 dated 8 February 2007 :

The Executive Committee decided to make compulsory (from the table of 32 onwards) the use of the wireless apparatus at Grand Prix competitions at foil, as well as at World Championships, and optional at epee.

<u>Reminder</u>: concerning the wireless apparatus, the conductive T-Shirt is part of the personal equipment of each fencer. These T-Shirts will be available for purchase (40 euros) with STM company (which will be present at the venue of competitions), and also with the manufacturers PBT and Allstar.

This technological innovation going together with the use of transparent mask, any organizing federation of Grand Prix, whose national fencers will wear masks with transparent visor (at all stages of the competition), will be exempted from paying expenses (except for the accommodation of the technicians) linked to the use of the wireless apparatus. The FIE will pay directly the STM company.

Should the national fencers of the organising federation not wear the mask with transparent visor (at all stages of the competition), the expenses linked to the use of the wireless apparatus will be at the charge of the organizing federation.

These financial measures are applicable to Grand Prix competitions at both foil and epee.

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The organizing federations facing difficulties to get hold of masks with transparent visor must urgently contact the FIE. The FIE will lend the amount of the order, which will have to be reimbursed by the organising federation at a date to be settled.

René Roch President