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**RE: WBA Heavyweight Division Resolution
Clarification of Division**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Resolution No. 201601191712 dated January 19, 2016, regarding clarification of the Heavyweight division.

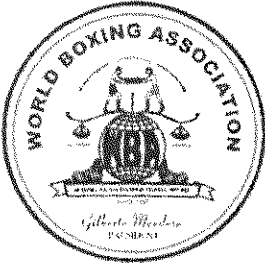
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Resolution No. 201601191712
WBA Championships Committee
Clarification of Heavyweight Division
January 19, 2016

I. Super Champion – Tyson Fury

On November 28, 2015, Official Contender Tyson Fury (“Fury”) defeated the long standing Heavyweight Champion, Wladimir Klitschko (“Klitschko”), via unanimous decision, in Dusseldorf, Germany. The parties expect a rematch on or before June 2016. The winner, or Fury if a draw, must face the winner of Ortiz v. Ustinov bout referenced below on or before September 30, 2016. The winner of that bout, must face the winner of the Chagaev/Browne/Oquendo bouts referenced below in January, 2017

II. Champion – Ruslan Chagaev

On July 1, 2015, the WBA Championship Committee issued Resolution No. 201507011702 directing Champion Ruslan Chagaev (“Chagaev”) face Fres Oquendo (“Oquendo”) in a rematch on or before November 11, 2015. The bout was scheduled for October 17, 2015 in Kiel, Germany. The winner, or Chagaev if a draw, was to face the Official Contender, Lucas Browne (“Browne”), thereafter.

In late September/October 2015, Oquendo suffered a shoulder injury while sparring causing the October 17, 2015 bout to be cancelled.

On October 29, 2015, the WBA received a communication from Oquendo’s surgeon scheduling arthroscopic surgery on Oquendo’s left shoulder for November 17, 2015. The surgeon believed Oquendo could return to training approximately three (3) months after the operation, and compete in a boxing match six (6) months after the operation.

Due to Oquendo’s unavailability, Chagaev is scheduled to face Browne as his mandatory defense on March 5, 2016.

The winner of Chagaev v. Browne, or Chagaev if a draw, must face Oquendo on or before end of June, 2016. The winner will face the winner of Fury/Klitchko/Ortiz/Ustinov in January 2017 as referenced above.

III. Interim Champion – Louis Ortiz

The WBA granted Luis Ortiz's ("Ortiz") request to fight #15 Matias Vidondo ("Vidondo") for the Interim Championship conditioned on the winner facing #6 Bryant Jennings ("Jennings"), and then #7 Alexander Ustinov ("Ustinov") within six (6) months. Ortiz defeated Vidondo on October 17, 2015, and Jennings on December 19, 2015. Per WBA Resolution 201601041712, Ortiz must now face Ustinov on or before June 19, 2016. The parties have until February 4, 2016 to submit signed bout contracts to the WBA, otherwise a purse bid will be called with a 50/50 split.

Date: January 19, 2016



Gilberto Jesus Mendoza, Jr.
Championship Committee Chairman