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RE: WBA Championship Committee Resolution Clarifying Heavyweight Division

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the WBA Championship Committee Resolution No. 201610241712 clarifying the status of the division.

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If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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Resolution No. 201610241712 **WBA Championships Committee** *Clarification of Heavyweight Division* *November 1, 2016*

I. Super Champion – Tyson Fury – Relinquishment of Title

On November 28, 2015, Tyson Fury (“Fury”) defeated long standing Heavyweight Champion Wladimir Klitschko (“Klitschko”) via unanimous decision, in Dusseldorf, Germany. The scheduled rematch was subsequently rescheduled to October 29, 2016 due to Fury’s ankle injury.

On September 26, 2016, the WBA received notice from Fury’s representatives that Fury is not fit to participate in the scheduled rematch with Klitschko.

On September 30, 2016, Fury submitted a report from his psychologist confirming his clinical depression. The psychologist estimated that Fury would be fit to return to competition no earlier than late February 2017.

On October 12, 2016, Fury relinquished the title. Fury may be considered for re-rating upon further terms and conditions to be determined at a later date.

II. Interim Champion – Luis Ortiz – Relinquishment of Title

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”). Ortiz defeated Vidondo on October 17, 2015, and Jennings on December 19, 2015.

On August 15, 2016, a purse bid was held for Ortiz v. Ustinov, which the World of Boxing won with a \$600,000.00 bid. Ortiz chose not to proceed with the Ustinov bout and is instead scheduled to fight for the WBA Intercontinental Championship on November 12, 2016 in

Monaco. Failure to comply with the purse bid obligations or other WBA Rules will result in a loss of recognition. Ortiz has therefore relinquished the interim title.

III. Leading Available Contenders

On August 26, 2016, the Championship Committee issued Resolution No. 201608261712 directing that Lucas Browne (“Browne”) face Fres Oquendo (“Oquendo”) on or before December 26, 2016 for the heavyweight title. If Oquendo was not available, Browne was to face the leading available contender for the vacant title.

On September 8, 2016, the WBA received notice that Oquendo had not yet fully recovered from his November 30, 2015 shoulder surgery and was not immediately available to face Browne.

III. DECISION

Therefore, as a result of Fury and Ortiz’s relinquishment of their titles, and Oquendo’s medical unavailability, the Committee directs the following bouts for the following titles:

A. Shannon Briggs shall face Lucas Browne for the regular championship on or before December 31, 2016. The winner shall immediately face Oquendo as a mandatory defense in one hundred twenty (120) days.

B. A special permit is granted for Klitschko to face Anthony Joshua for the Super Championship.

Date: November 1, 2016



George Martinez
Championship Committee Chairman