

Re: Proposed wording for joint statements on FIG.PKE meeting v1

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Proposed wording for joint statements on FIG.PKE meeting v2.pdf;

Dear Eugene,

We regret that we were unable to agree on a joint statement yesterday due to time reasons.

For your information, please find attached the version2 we were unable to agree.

Kind regards,

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Proposed wordings for joint statements on FIG PKE meeting 7th November 2017.

~~As per open correspondence, the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) and Parkour Earth (PKE) met today, Tuesday 7th November 2017 at FIG in Lausanne, Switzerland in order that PKE could express the legitimate and fundamental concerns, as detailed in various correspondence from PKE, their members and by legitimate extension the international Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement community. The primary purpose of the meeting, as proposed by PKE was to formalise the clarification, understanding and recognition of the sovereignty of Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement as a sport~~

Today, Tuesday 7th November 2017, the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) and Parkour Earth (PKE) met at FIG to discuss the agenda agreed by both parties as follows:

The attendees were:

Attendees from FIG

- President Morinari Watanabe
- Secretary General André Gueisbuhler
- Vice President Parkour Commission Charles Perrière
- Sports Manager responsible for Parkour Florian Busi

Apologies:

- President FIG Parkour Commission David Belle

Attendees from PKE

- Sacha Lemaire, Elected Director & Président, [Fédération de Parkour](#) (FRA)
- Eugene Minogue, (Transitional) Chief Executive & Chief Executive of [Parkour UK](#) (UK)
- Stephen Sampson, Honorary General Counsel for Parkour Earth

Apologies:

- Stuart McInnes MBE, Independent Chair of Parkour Earth

The mutually agreed agenda items **and their outcomes** were as follows:
(agenda items were proposed by both FIG & PKE prior to the meeting)

1. Welcome by President Morinari Watanabe (*FIG Agenda item*)

President Watanabe welcomed Parkour Earth.

2. Introductions - FIG and PKE (*PKE Agenda Item*)

FIG and PKE presented the attendees.

3. Presentation of FIG and its vision for Parkour (*FIG Agenda item*)

FIG presented its vision and Road Map for the development of Parkour.

4. Presentation of Parkour Earth and its vision for Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement, its members & its community (*PKE Agenda Item*)

PKE explained that they were not here to present an alternative vision but to defend the sovereignty of Parkour.

5. Formalise the clarification, understanding and recognition of the sovereignty of Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement as a sport (*PKE Agenda Item*)

FIG recognises Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement as a sport.

6. Formalise the understanding and acknowledgement of Parkour Earth as the International Federation for the sovereign sport Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement (*PKE Agenda Item*)

FIG agreed that PKE is one of the International Federations representing the sport of Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement.

Alternatively: PKE and FIG could not find a consensus.

7. Possible cooperation of the two organisations (*FIG Agenda item*)

FIG proposed PKE to cooperate in the development of Parkour and offered PKE a representation in the FIG Parkour Commission. PKE stated that they had no mandate to negotiate about a cooperation at this meeting but are willing to consider FIG's offer.

8. Any other Business (AOB) (*PKE Agenda item*)

FIG addressed the issue related to open letters.

FIG's policy is to favour open discussions and direct communication.

PKE explained this was due to its preference for transparency in its communications.

FIG respects transparency and openness, but not through open letters.

The full minutes of the meeting will be reviewed and verified by the parties.

Headline outcomes were: **Text integrated with FIG's proposed wording (see above).**

- FIG recognises Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement as a sport
- ~~FIG acknowledges PKE as an International Federation for the sport of Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement~~
- ~~Many of the fundamental and legitimate concerns fundamental concerns, as detailed in various correspondence from PKE, their members and by legitimate extension the international Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement community remain unresolved~~
- ~~FIG made an unsolicited proposal for collaboration, as per their agenda item, was noted by PKE~~
- ~~FIG raised concerns that regarding the communication via open letters, PKE explained this was due to its preference for transparency in its communications~~

~~The full minutes of the meeting will be reviewed, verified and published once agreed.~~

~~-ENDS-~~