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To: Director Committee of **Fédération Colombophile Internationale**
President of **Fédération Colombophile Internationale**

We, the undersigned, **Uniunea Columbofililor Profesioniști din România (UCPR)** headquartered in Târgoviște, Calea Domnească, 171A, Dâmbovița, represented by Mr. Emil Bondilă, chairperson, hereby ask that you submit to the decision board of FCI our request to approve our appeal regarding the following issues:

In support of this application, we provide you with the main information:

1. Romania is member of FCI since 1969, with an intense activity in the field.

After the events in 1989 when Romania changed its political system, the activity of pigeon fanciers continued to be represented at international level by the “Uniunea Federațiilor Columbofile din România” (the Union of All Federations of Pigeon Fanciers in Romania).

In 1994, UCPR (the Union of Professional Pigeon Fanciers in Romania) was created through the alliance of a number of territorial associations detached from the “Uniunea Federațiilor Columbofile din România”, the constitutive act being registered with the court; the court ordered the granting of legal personality by the civil order No. 342/1.08.1994, issued by Târgoviște Tribunal in Case No. 21/P/J/1994, Section Civil.

2. According to the Regulations of UCPR, our union is “a sports organization of pigeon fanciers representing the association of all professional pigeon fanciers in Romania” having as objective “breeding and developing of *Voyageurs* (racing pigeons), selection and training of *Voyageurs* both on Romanian territory and outside the Romanian borders, providing their transportation with specialized motor vehicles to these events” (art.1), “it operates under the auspices of Ministry of Youth and Sports” (art.3), and within it, territorial organizations, federations of professional pigeon fanciers, associations of professional pigeon fanciers, clubs of professional pigeon fanciers, and other organizational structures of professional pigeon fanciers carry out their activities (art.4).
3. As a result of an intense activity done by the management of UCPR, our union currently has over 6500 members which carry out their activity within 20 territorial associations and 135 clubs located throughout Romania, data that shows great potential for the sport of pigeon racing.
4. UCPR has undertaken numerous actions to support its members according to the purpose stated in Regulations, and mentioned above at item 2. Please note that members of UCPR took part in national and international competitions, following ever since the creation of UCPR the sport rules and standards of FCI.

Considering that UCPR has been part of the union of all federations of pigeon fanciers in Romania, as a consequence, we believe that, alongside **Federația Crescătorilor de Porumbei din România (FNCPR)**, we should get the same treatment in the relation with FCI, in order to participate at all sports events organized by FCI.

5. We also show that the pigeon fanciers' movement is being attempted to be represented exclusively by FNCPR, established in 2007, thus later than ours, having around 6000 members, and which is not an association with national resonance but presents itself at FCI as representing all pigeon fanciers in Romania, something that is contrary to the reality. Moreover, this association acts destructively upon the other associations of pigeon fanciers, an issue which we brought to your attention in our previous letters, and we give as example Letter No. 8/18.01.2018 in this regard. We showed that FNCPR registered illegally at OSIM (Oficiul de Stat pentru Invenții și Mărci, that is, the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks), the FCI trademark, both the graphics and the initials, pretending to the other associations not to use the symbols of the international federation of pigeon fanciers to which Romania is an affiliate long before this association was created.
6. We are hereby asking you to dispose that by the decision you are going to take, the lot of pigeons that will represent Romania, as member state of FCI, at the future Olympics organized by FCI, be constituted entirely of the pigeons that obtained the most important results, irrespective of the entity of pigeon fanciers to which their owners are affiliated. This issue once solved, represents an act of justice for the Romanian movement of pigeon fanciers, offering thus to all the visitors at the Olympics the opportunity to evaluate and appreciate the real results of Romania.

To finish, we assure you that UCPR will act in good faith in developing a lasting collaboration based on respect and responsibility to meet all the technical and financial commitments which are required of us from this association with the FCI.

In support of this request, we attach the following documents:

- The constitutive act of UCPR (attachment)
- Pigeon exhibitions with participation of internationally well-known pigeon fanciers organized by UCPR:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gShVMrBgS4>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFdW4L1DhcY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xa04tjm6m2w>

With this occasion, we give you our full appreciation and ask you to analyze and decide on the request made, and communicate the decision to us.

President of **Uniunea Columbofililor Profesioniști din România**

Emil Bondilă

