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RE: FDSARR Membership in the WDC

Dear Ms. Erastova,

On behalf of the World Dance Council (WDC), I extend my sincere congratulations to you and the All-Russian Federation of DanceSport, Breaking and Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll (FDSARR) on your acceptance as a full member of the WDC, forming part of the National Council for the Russian Federation.

This decision was reached following a unanimous vote by the WDC Board of Directors on 22 July 2025, in favor of your application, referenced as № 2025/01-599 and dated 26 June 2025. The acceptance is granted in full accordance with the WDC Articles of Association, particularly Articles 2.1, 4.3.c, 5.1, 5.5, and 5.11, which define a National Council as a member organization composed of more than one body representing the dance industry of that country, encourage the formation of such councils along democratic lines during membership processes, require applicants to function as National Councils capable of inviting and accepting new members, empower the WDC to require existing National Councils to invite other organizations, and allow the WDC to mandate the formation of a unified National Council between existing members and new applicants to represent shared interests. These provisions, accessible at <https://www.wdcdance.com/memorandum-and-articles/>, ensure inclusive, representative structures that advance DanceSport globally while preventing fragmentation.

In reviewing your application, the Board was particularly impressed by FDSARR's status as the sole official governing body for DanceSport disciplines in the Russian Federation, as entrusted by the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation with the authority to promote and develop DanceSport, Breaking, and Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll. We also noted with appreciation your full membership in the Russian Olympic Committee, your extensive representation across 85 of the 88 administrative regions, and the engagement of more than 500,000 individuals in DanceSport activities. Furthermore, the scale of your organizational efforts—encompassing approximately 1,000 competitions annually, including 39 major national events attracting between 3,000 and 13,000 participants each—demonstrates a robust commitment to the sport's growth and vitality. The Board acknowledges the inclusive participation of dancers and adjudicators from the Russian Dance Union (RDU), despite its suspension by the Ministry of Justice, and strongly supports



your ongoing exploration of integrating RDU into FDSARR's structure to create a unified national platform, in line with Articles 5.5 and 5.7 of the WDC Articles of Association, which emphasize inclusion over exclusion and the construction of constitutions that facilitate such integration.

These attributes align seamlessly with the WDC's mission to advance DanceSport globally, as outlined in our Articles of Association, and we are confident that this membership will foster enhanced collaboration, contributing significantly to the sport's development on both national and international levels. The WDC looks forward to working closely with FDSARR in pursuit of our shared objectives, leveraging your esteemed reputation and professionalism to strengthen the WDC's position as the preeminent international dance federation

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donnie Burns', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Donnie Burns MBE
President
World Dance Council, Ltd.