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## Statement of World Taekwondo Pan America

Date: April 21, 2018

Re: Safe Sport's Decision of Misconduct against USA Coach Jean Lopez

World Taekwondo Pan America (Pan Am Taekwondo Union/PATU) takes a decision to follow the decision of the World Taekwondo against USA Coach Jean Lopez to suspend him from all official WT Pan America events until the appeal process has concluded by Safe Sport and a final decision is made against Mr. Lopez.

As the World Taekwondo announced "Hammamet Declaration" to demonstrate the International Taekwondo organization's commitment to "Ensuring safe sport by taking all relevant measures for the prevention of injury and protection of athletes from **all types of abuse**" in Hammamet, Tunisia, the executive committee of WT Pan America takes a unanimous decision to adopt the WT's declaration to ensure safe sport for all athletes of Pan Am American region.

WT Pan America has received an official letter from Argentinian Taekwondo Federation on April 20, 2018 announcing that the Argentinian Federation has suspended all activities with Mr. Lopez effective immediately. Mr. Lopez was contracted by the Argentinian Federation to partake in their elite athlete development programs in preparation of upcoming major multi sports Games in Pan America and 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

WT Pan America will continue to uphold its decision to protect all athletes of Pan America against preventive injuries and all types of mental and physical abuse.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ji Ho Choi', is written over a white background.

*Grand Master Ji Ho Choi*

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