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**JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PICKLEBALL FEDERATION (IPF) AND
WORLD PICKLEBALL FEDERATION (WPF) ON THE FORMATION OF A NEW
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The International Pickleball Federation (IPF) and the World Pickleball Federation (WPF), the leading global federations dedicated to the advancement of Pickleball, express profound disappointment with the recent announcement of a new, third international federation, GPF.

At a time when unity is paramount, following on the unanimous request and endorsement of the 5 Continental Federations (Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe and Oceania) both IPF and WPF have been in positive focused discussions to merge the IPF and WPF to create a singular IOC compliant organisation.

We are confident that the majority of our member countries will see the creation of this new body as a very divisive step which again fragments the global Pickleball community at a time when the IPF and WPF are on the verge of a historic merger.

We will provide further updates on our ongoing efforts and initiatives to unify the sport and to push forward with our IOC recognition aspirations.

Sincerely,

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