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To the WBF Zonal Presidents Presidents of the WBF NBOs WBF Executive Council Members 25 May 2022

For the attention of Jelena Alfejeva President Latvia Bridge Federation

Dear Jelena

Please find attached a statement from the Argentina Bridge Association notifying the WBF of a resolution concerning a player or players within their jurisdiction.

Each NBO is asked to recognise, *mutatis mutandis*, these suspensions in accordance with Article 18 of the WBF Statutes which states:

Each member and Zonal Conference must accept and respect all decisions taken by other members and/or Zonal Conferences in disciplinary matters. In particular, all members and Zonal Conferences shall apply and enforce sanctions of other members or Zonal Conferences or of the WBF (including for the avoidance of doubt suspensions or bans) within their geographical jurisdiction, provided that such sanction respects the principles set out in these Statutes and in any other WBF Regulations. All sanctions must be reported to the WBF in a timely manner by the member and/or Zonal Conference imposing the same.

The WBF may, at its discretion, decide to apply a sanction rendered by a member or a Zonal Conference to the events under its jurisdiction and/or grant worldwide effect to it.

All decisions rendered by the WBF in application of this Article shall be final and binding on all members and Zonal Conferences.

Yours sincerely

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Emails from the Argentine Bridge Association:

From: Bridge Argentino <bridgeargentina@gmail.com>

Sent: 19 May 2022 21:47

To: WBF Anna Gudge <anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com> **Cc:** Fernando Alfredo Lema <FERLEMA50@hotmail.com>

Subject: Suspension of the Argentine Women's team that participated in Salsomaggiore

Dear Anna

The President of the Argentine Bridge Association asked me to inform you, that the Executive Council has resolved to suspend the members of the Women Team who participated on behalf of Argentina in the World Championship of Salsomaggiore-Italy, Eleonora Alegre, Maria Isabel Bernasconi, Maria Jose Espinosa Paz, Susana Fossati, Maria Florencia Herrera, Maria Celia Pailhe, Cecilia Previde; for a period of 360 calendar days, counted from the date.

As a result of which they will not be able to participate in any National tournament organized or sponsored by the ABA and/or International of the World Bridge Federation (WBF).-

(note from Anna Gudge) I am further informed that the suspension is from the date of the offence (30 March 2022) and will thus end on March 30, 2023

Best regards,

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