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LM8+ as part of the FISA World Championship Program

Dear Jean-Christophe,
dear Matt,

FISA announced on December 11th, 2015, that in accordance with clause 36 of the rules of racing the LM8+ will be no longer part of the program of FISA World Rowing Championships. The German Rowing Federation is fully aware of the fact that FISA is just exercising the rule because in the last three following years less than seven boats were participating at the World Rowing Championships. Nevertheless we are convinced that for the evolution of our sport this is not good.

All eights are blue-ribbon-events and key for making our sport attractive and popular. Especially the lightweight races are mostly very attractive and the boats are very close together at the finish line. Furthermore the LM8+ is quite necessary to further develop the pool of athletes for the Olympic LM4- which is also shown by the high number of entries in the Olympic years 2008 and 2012.

The time of the announcement of FISA makes it obvious that we all were surprised by this, even if the rule is clear in this point. A lot of us were thinking that there is an exception for the eights as it is for the Olympic and Paralympic boat classes. Normally there is a notice by FISA in the previous World Rowing Championships that next year it could be the last year of the respective boat class. In 2014 there was no notice regarding the LM8+ and we think that this would have influenced the entries for 2015.

The German Rowing Federation therefore kindly requests the FISA Council in accordance with clause 32 of the rules of racing to continue with the LM8+ in the program of the World Rowing Championships in 2016. In 2017 we will make a formal proposal to the extraordinary congress to keep the LM8+ permanently in the program of the World Rowing Championships.

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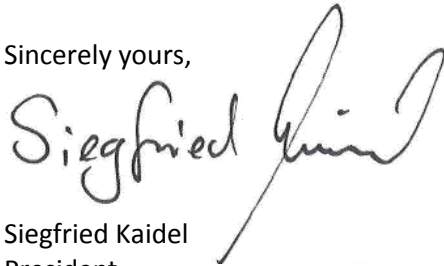
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All Nations which have participated in the LM8+ since 2011 are requested by us to support our proposal. We are looking forward to further develop our sport together with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Siegfried Kaidel', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Siegfried Kaidel
President

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