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**World Olympians Association calls for urgent resolution
to ensure the right of athletes to compete is protected**

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Joël Bouzou, President of the World Olympians Association [WOA] today made the following statement in relation to President Trump's recent Executive Order on Immigration:

"Like many across the world, the WOA is concerned about the impact of the recent Executive Order on Immigration signed by President Trump. We have specific concerns in relation to the impact this could have on certain athletes who may be restricted in their ability to train and compete in the United States over the next three months.

"We note today's statement from the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) providing assurance that athletes will be able to visit and compete in the United States but we urge the relevant US authorities to urgently put in place a formal resolution to ensure the right of athletes to compete and train in the USA is properly protected."

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About World Olympians Association

WOA is the member organisation for the more than 120,000 Olympians worldwide. Our remit is to work for the benefit of all Olympians at all stages of their lives, empowering them to serve society and help make the world a better place. With 148 member National Olympians Associations (NOAs) spread across all five continents, WOA provides support to Olympian-run events and projects based on the Olympic ideals laid down by Pierre de Coubertin.

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