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Dear Everyone,

We would like to provide an update on our current status in light of recent events. During the first stage of the CIC-Tour Féminin International des Pyrénées, the safety conditions were deemed highly dangerous due to the excessive presence of cars on the road, some even driving towards the riders. This created a significant panic among the women cyclists and caused a media storm, which has had a negative impact on the image of women's racing.

Assurances were given that stage two would be managed more effectively to ensure the safety of the women cyclists. We informed the women that, after the initial 24km neutral zone, they had the authority to collectively decide whether to proceed with the race based on their assessment of safety. This decision was left in their hands.

We conducted a survey among the riders, and based on their votes, 17 teams expressed their concern about the race being too dangerous to continue, while 7 teams were in favor of continuing. Furthermore, the team managers also voted on the matter, with 9 managers deeming it too dangerous to race and 9 in favor of continuing. I even had a conversation with one team managers who preferred not to race. One of them had spoken to the organizer, who confirmed that the race would continue 100%, even if only three teams decided to participate. This particular team

manager stated that if this was indeed the case, they would also race for the UCI points which is valueable to them.

Late last night, I engaged in a discussion with the organizer in an effort to reach a conclusion that would ensure a safe race. I was insisted that stage two was executed like any other normal race and that all my thinking was incorrect and also the riders of the race.

Due to the discrepancies between the women cyclist's concerns and the statements made by the organizer/UCI, I rewatched the race noticed multiple instances where cars were present on the course, driving towards the riders, and quickly exiting the course before the riders arrived, without any marshals present to regulate their movement. It is possible that these incidents were not observed by the jury or the organizers' vehicles. This would explain the discrepancies between the womens cyclist and the statements made by the organizer/UCI. Please look at the video below, not the first car, but 600m after, the red car. This happened multiple times.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Li\\_3iCtvXLH7tXv2NahYbKZU2X1DM7Nk/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Li_3iCtvXLH7tXv2NahYbKZU2X1DM7Nk/view?usp=sharing)

Considering the safety risks involved, we firmly believe that a bike race is not worth endangering the lives of the female cyclists. Therefore, we stand in support of the decision made by the women to discontinue the race, and we believe the race results should remain as they are, including UCI points, ensuring that the women are duly recognized and rewarded for their efforts.

This is where the CPA stands, in support of the women's decision.

Kind regards



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