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THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT!**

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**SOLIDARITY WITH AFGHAN,
IRANIAN AND SAUDI WOMEN
AGAINST GENDER APARTHEID**

SUMMARY

In Iran and in Saudi Arabia, apartheid separating women and men is everywhere imposed; sport is no exception.

August 2021 : the Taliban reinstate gender apartheid. In any public space women must remain shadows and not mix with men. Women's sports is banned.

It is high time for the world of sport to become aware of the obstacles every day more blatant, and that it cease tolerating practices that are in flagrant contradiction to fundamental human rights and to the Olympic Charter.

We demand that the organisers of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games exert pressure on the IOC to sanction countries that continue to impose gender apartheid on women, as it rightly did to South Africa for its racial apartheid regime.

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INTERNATIONAL REFERENCE TEXTS



CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women

For the purposes of the present Convention, the term "discrimination against women" shall mean any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field.(see appendix p.14)



The International UNESCO Charter of physical education, of physical activity and of sports

The practice of physical education, physical activity and sport is a fundamental right for all: Every human being has a fundamental right to physical education, physical activity and sport without discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property or any other basis.



The Olympic Charter:

Fundamental principle N° 4: The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport, without discrimination of any kind (...)

Rule 50.2: No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites, venues or other areas.

RULES FORBIDDING DISCRIMINATION AND POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS INTERFERENCE IN SPORTS DO EXIST.

South Africa has been banned from international competitions for thirty years because of racial apartheid.

The United Nations have condemned racial apartheid in sports and approved the international convention against racial apartheid in sports (entered in force April 3rd 1988).

Kuwait was suspended for more than 3 years (2015-2019) by IOC and FIFA because of political interferences in sports. Kuwaitis athletes were deprived of participating in the Games qualifications.

**THESE RULES
MUST BE APPLIED
TO GENDER APARTHEID**

THE ISLAMIC SPORTING MODEL IS A REGRESSION.



Iranian swimmers formerly...



and after the Islamic revolution.



Iranian footballers formerly...



and after the Islamic revolution.

THE FIRST GOLD MEDALLISTS FROM NORTH AFRICA RAN WITH UNCOVERED HEADS, LEGS AND ARMS.

1984, the Moroccan Nawal El Moutawakel at the Los Angeles Games,
1992, the Algerian Hassiba Boulmerka at the Barcelona Games,
2012, the Tunisian Habiba Ghribi at the London Games.



THE PRICE PAID BY IRANIAN SPORTSWOMEN.

● **Shiva Amini, Iranian football star**, is expunged for life from the national team and from any position as coach for having played in a friendly match, without headscarf and in shorts with boys, during a private trip in Italy and in Switzerland (Women in the World 26 April 2017).



● **Dorsa Derakhshani, Iranian chess champion**, was sanctioned for having played in competitions without a headscarf, lastly at the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival (February 2017). She plays henceforth for the USA (Only a Game, 29 September 2017; The Telegraph 3 October 2017).



AFGHANISTAN 2021 : THE TALIBAN REINSTATE GENDER APARTHEID



**WOMEN'S
SPORT IS BANNED**

PARIS 2024 GAMES

**THE IOC AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE MUST
DENY PARTICIPATION TO MALES ONLY DELEGATIONS.**

AT THE 2000 SYDNEY GAMES, the IOC withdrew all accreditation for the Taliban after the ATLANTA + Committee's outcry (an LDIF stem).

Le droit des femmes au sport
Le sport
Jeux de Sydney - Atlanta Plus à Syd

PARIS, 29 août (AFP) - L'association des femmes au sport, sera présente au début à Atlanta, voici quatre ans, ont dit Linda Weil-Curiel, mardi, au cours de "A Barcelone, personne n'avait remarqué l'absence de femmes dans les rangs de l'équipe olympique, qui venait de présenter la charte olympique, devenue Atlanta-Sydney?", s'est interrogée Annie Sugier, présidente de l'association, qui interdit toute action sur l'Afghanistan, où la burqa est devenue un symbole le cas des femmes parmi les plus opprimées. L'association dispose de leur corps même pour le cas de la burqa.

Human rights group travels to Sydney

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PARIS (AP) -- A French human rights group travels to Australia next week to focus attention on countries who discriminate against sports women, fielding Olympic teams with no female athletes.



The Atlanta-Sydney Committee, accompanied by three young Afghan athletes currently living in France and the United States, plans to march in the streets of Sydney wearing traditional Afghan dress -- the all-encompassing burqa -- to spotlight the dire plight of women in Afghanistan.

The strict Islamic Taliban, which controls much of Afghanistan, bars girls from attending school. Women are allowed to travel outside their home only in the company of a male relative.

"Sports is a window into a country and its society," said Annie Sugier, co-founder of Atlanta-Sydney, created six years ago to promote women in the Olympics.

"Everyone hailed the return of South Africa after so many years of apartheid rule, but what about the countries that still have no women on their Olympic teams?" Sugier said at a news conference Tuesday.

The overall percentage of women competitors in the Olympics is expected to increase, 26 countries fielded no female athletes in the games in Atlanta. Four years earlier in Barcelona, 35 countries fielded delegations without women.

Sydney, whose lobbying forced Iran to send a woman athlete to the games four years ago, says it does not yet know how many women will field all-men delegations in the games starting Sept. 15.

"We won't have that figure until the games begin," Sugier said, adding it has long been difficult to track the overall participation of women as judges, referees, coaches and management -- in the

repeated efforts to meet with International Olympic Committee President Juan-Antonio Samaranch have failed.

Plans to stage protests at the Regent and Regency Hotels in

Les talibans provoquent la colère de l'association Atlanta-Sydney +

le monde du 16.08.2000

de notre envoyée spéciale

La mécanique vorace des Jeux olympiques peut se gripper face à l'enthousiasme et à l'opiniâtreté. L'événement s'est produit, jeudi 14 septembre, à Sydney. L'association Atlanta-Sydney +, qui lutte contre les discriminations aux JO, a obtenu une victoire de taille: elle a été reçue officiellement par des membres du Comité international olympique (CIO). L'organisation a été fondée voici quatre ans, à la veille des JO d'Atlanta, par M^{me} Linda Weil-Curiel et Annie Sugier. « Nous demandons que la Charte olympique soit respectée », explique l'avocate. L'idée est venue lors de l'ouverture des JO de Barcelone, en 1992. Alors que la Commission olympique se félicitait du

voquant une femme. En 2000, Atlanta-Sydney + milite pour le droit des Afghans à pratiquer le sport sans entrave, une liberté aussi bien refusée aux hommes qu'aux femmes. Il s'agit également de s'élever contre l'attitude ambiguë du CIO, qui avait invité des représentants du gouvernement des talibans à Sydney alors que l'Afghanistan n'est pas affilié au CIO. Les invitations ont finalement été retirées, il y a quelques mois.

Mais, en Australie, Atlanta-Sydney + a poussé plus loin son travail. Les deux présidentes se sont déplaçées à Sydney avec de jeunes athlètes d'origine afghane et se sont rendues à l'hôtel du CIO sans y être invitées. « Une d'entre elles s'est rebiffée, elle a écrit une lettre à tous les membres du CIO », raconte M^{me} Linda Weil-Curiel. La missive s'est frayé un chemin. Les

LET US SUPPORT RESISTANCE TO A SEXIST ORDER IN CONTRADICTION WITH THE OLYMPIC CHARTER!

FROM MEXICO IN 1968 FOR CIVIC RIGHTS TO TEHRAN IN 2017 FOR THE FREEDOM OF WOMEN AND OF AN ENTIRE PEOPLE, THE GESTURES THAT MAKE HISTORY!



● **Masih Alinejad, Iranian journalist and writer**, created in 2014 the Facebook page **#My Stealthy Freedom**, against the obligation to wear the sinister tchador in Iran. Since May 2017, protesters wear white headscarves every Wednesday, (**#whitewednesdays**).

IRANIANS IN SOLIDARITY VIA «#MENINHIJAB»



(Paris Match| Publié le 02/08/2016

LePoint.fr 30/07/2016)

OPPOSE THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN IRAN.

● **Nazi Paikidze, Georgian-born, American grand chess mistress**, launched in October 2016, a petition that attracted more than 16,000 signatures, to oppose the choice of Iran as organising country for the World Women's chess championship in February 2017. She refused the compulsory garb of the tchador and denounced the absence of fundamental human rights for women in Iran (Vice Sport, 4.11.2016).



● **Open letter from US Chess to the International Federation (WCF):**
“ (...) Any religious requirement must be clearly eliminated, whether it concerns the obligation to wear a hijab or any other behaviour that might be imposed on participants, in conformity with section 1.2 of the WCF HANDBOOK as well as with Principle 6 of the Olympic Charter.” (14.02.2017, official site of US CHESS). The British and Danish Federations published similar communications as did the Association of professional players.

● **Heena Sidhu, the Indian gold medallist of air pistol shooting**, boycotted the Asian championships in Tehran: « To oblige a sportswoman to wear the hijab is contrary to the spirit of sport » (WITW, 31.10.2016).)



New Delhi: Heena Sidhu during the 10 air pistol event at the Asian Olympic Qualifying Tournament in New Delhi, on Jan 27, 2017.

(Photo: IANS)

OPPOSE THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

● **Anna Muzychuk, Ukrainian, world chess champion**, refused to participate in a world tournament (26-30 December 2017) in Saudi Arabia «even if this implies losing my two world championships» so as not to be obliged to wear islamic garb. More than 150 players announced that they too would not participate in that tournament and called for a boycott of Riyadh (Chess and Strategy, 21.11. 2017).



● **Hikaru Nakamura, American, International Grand Master:** «This kind of event cannot and must not take place in a country that does not guarantee entrance to all delegations of all federations, and that has discriminatory laws towards women and in accordance with religion », (Chess and Strategy, 21.11.1027).



THE IOC MUST SANCTION THE GENDER APARTHEID IN SPORT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF GENDER APARTHEID THAT RULE IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA, THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS IS GOVERNED BY :

- wearing an islamic costume, covering sportswomen from head to foot.
- non mixity of event and competition sites.
- only those disciplines considered as «coranically approved».

PRESSURE PAYS!

Saudi Arabia has just lifted its ban against women entering stadiums. Iran has only yielded in several cases, always under international pressure.



During a political meeting in a stadium, Iranians claim the right to attend matches: "EVEN AFTER THE ELECTIONS I SHALL COME TO THE STADIUMS."

Why does the IOC tolerate sexist discrimination, including costumes distinguishing between muslim athletes from others? Why does it not sanction Iran and Saudi Arabia while recently, to respect the Olympic Charter, it excluded drugged Russian athletes and sanctioned certain States for their political interference in sport?

THE SHAME!

● **The Declaration “Accept and Respect”** signed in Oman in 2008 and promoted by the women and sport *networks* (*): *“We urge international sport federations to demonstrate their attachment to integration in seeing that their dress code for competitions satisfies muslim requirements, by considering the principles of propriety, of safety and of integrity”.*

● **The subservience of the FIFA and numerous other international** sport federations to these non-sport requirements apply only to women and open a fabulous «islamic» clothing market immediately taken advantage of by the brands Nike and Mattel.

(*) The international Association for the Development of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW).

DISCRIMINATORY “ROLE MODELS”

● **Since athletes complained of the discomfort or the traditional hijabs** they are forced to wear, the “Nike Pro Hijab” in “better breathing” material (sic)- but just as concealing – is gaining ground not only with athletes but also with the muslim public in general on the fallacious pretext of “freeing the muslim woman”.

● **Mattel has commercialised a Barbie doll on the model** of the first veiled American fencer to participate in the Games so that she might “continue to inspire women and girls world-wide to reject barriers!”



The fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad, model of the Barbie doll of Mattel



Manal Rostom is one of the Nike muses

The economic benefits amount to billions of dollars if one adds to them H&M clothing, Uniqlo, etc... This is the height of absurdity: an outfit totally discriminatory becomes the symbol of progress and freedom!

IDENTITY DEVIATION IN SPORT

It required the repeated shocks of a wave of terrorist attacks in our country for people to wake up. In October 2015, the press revealed a confidential note of the Territorial Information Service (SCRT) admitting that amateur sport had become a vector of communautarism and of radicality. «This phenomenon exists all over Europe, but people do not want to see it» , stressed Mederik Chapitiaux, former military, and civil servant in the Ministry of Sports, who had become a consultant. According to Patrick Karam, Vice-President of the Ile-de-France region and General Inspector of Youth and Sport «Although not all those who are radicalised are athletes, nonetheless all those who have taken action, practically all those who have committed attacks, were in a sport club» (...).

The Ile-de-France region set up a training system to prevent radicalisation in sport, aiming to develop the capacity of leaders to identify and decode the signals previously considered «weak», such as changes in clothing by athletes and to transmit this information to those structures charged with preventing radicalisation up to the highest national level

By stubbornly refusing to respect the rules, a woman football coach penalises her young players, teaches them disobedience and imposes her proselytism on them.

In obedience to the FFI rule, Essua Aouini, coach of two girls' teams in Surieux, was banned from the final match by Bernard Barbet, President of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes League. She had been backed by her club President, Amar Benguedouar. The young players were not allowed to participate in the League's final (cf Le Parisien, 21 April 2017. S. Pueyo, correspondent in Grenoble, Isère.)



(*) Symposium on «Sport and Radicalisation» organised by the Ile-de-France region on the 30th November 2017.

AWAKENING OF THE IOC...

● **The President of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach,** rejected the proposal of Saudi Arabia to organise the Games together with Bahrain but separating male and female events, the latter to take place in Bahrain!

WHAT OF PARIS 2024 ?

● **While all over the world, women and men reject islamic propaganda in sport, what will be the case in Paris?**

Will the Paris 2024 Organising Committee and the French Olympic Committee choose to ignore the gender apartheid that we denounce, or will they be bold enough to reconnect with the fundamental Rules gathered in the Olympic Charter,



and apply **recommendation 11 of the 2020 Olympic Agenda :**

PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY ?

APPENDIX



EXTRACTS FROM THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW).

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures:

Article 5 -§ (a) To modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view **to achieving the elimination of prejudices and customary and all other practices** which are based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of either of the sexes or on stereotyped roles for men and women.

Article 10: to eliminate discrimination against women in order to ensure to them equal rights with men in the field of education and **in particular to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, § (g) : The same Opportunities to participate actively in sports and physical education.**

Article 13: to eliminate discrimination against women in other areas of economic and social life in order **to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, the same rights, in particular, § (c) : The right to participate in recreational activities, sports and all aspects of cultural life.**

TO KNOW MORE:

« **COMMENT L'ISLAMISME A PERVERTI L'OLYMPISME** »

*by Annie Sugier, Linda Weil-Curiel et Gérard Biard,
Éditions Chryséis,
stitched or digital version available on Amazon.*

English version via Amazon

« **HOW ISLAMISM PERVERTED OLYMPISM** ».

<https://goo.gl/bMVYkk>



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