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THE FIRST PUBLIC SPEECH OF HRH HAYA OF JORDANIE, FEI CHAIRWOMAN

Princess Haya of Jordany has given her first public speech in La Baule today after her election to the FEI chairmanship on the 1st of May.

« I was very pleased to come back to La Baule and to find again, its warm public, its excellent organisation, which I benefited from when I was a show jumper.

By putting myself as a candidate for the FEI chairmanship, I wanted in a way to give back to the horses and to the equestrian family what they have offered me during all these years, and that even if it seems very "cliché". Horses are fabulous, they gave me a lot and I found into the equestrian family a support and warmth that has helped me to bear being usually far from my own family.

My goal of being the FEI leader is not only for my own ambition but rather federate all the equestrian player's ambitions in order to see the equestrian sports progressing, nothing to hide 'open book', and also to improve the relationships between the national federations and the FEI, to improve communication and to ensure the correct development of our disciplines".

Regarding doping and to answer someone's question, the chairwoman has insisted on her intention to be fully transparent and has reminded that "95% of the pairs are sound, we practise a clean sport. When we will be in front of positive cases, I hope that information will go fast and to improve even more reactions lead-times. We love horses and we want to protect them".

About the possible accession of endurance and reining to the OG (question asked), the chairwoman has reminded that there was « no way, even if I have to stay 20 years at the FEI chairmanship, to see these sports becoming Olympic sports. To make that happens; they must be practised in 75 different nations around the four continents and be practised both by males and females in 45 countries. This is far from being done!

We have three Olympic disciplines that fulfil the 30 points required by the Olympic committee to be part of the OG, especially their oldness. Equestrian sports and especially the Eventing are ones of the first disciplines of the modern games. We are working in order to maintain that as long as it will be possible".

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