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Official Declaration: Recognition of Coaching Standards and Certification

The **International Padel Federation (FIP)**, as the global governing body for padel, hereby clarifies and reaffirms the framework for training and certification within Portuguese territory in the context of the international regulatory system approved by FIP's Board of Directors and General Assembly:

1. **Institutional Exclusivity:** The **Portuguese Padel Federation (FPP)** is the sole entity in Portugal officially recognized by the FIP for the organization, oversight, and delivery of training courses for instructors and coaches.
2. **Validity of Certification:** Only diplomas and certifications ministered and issued by the FPP can carry the FIP official seal of equivalency approval. Any other training programs provided by third-party entities in Portugal, lacks international recognition.
3. **Coaching in Competition:** In accordance with international regulations, only technicians duly accredited by the FIP are authorized to perform coaching duties in tournaments included in the official calendar and/or held under the aegis of the International Padel Federation.

This measure ensures **pedagogical excellence**, **sporting unity**, and the **protection of athletes**, ensuring that padel instruction in Portugal maintains the highest global standards and are consistent with the international development of the sport.

We reinforce our full support for the Portuguese Padel Federation in its ongoing commitment to the professionalization and growth of our sport.

International Padel Federation
The President

Luigi Carraro

