



PRESS RELEASE

As a response to the recent insistent interventions, the President of the UCI has notified Thursday 8th of March in the evening in a clear way to the French Cycling Federation and to à Amaury Sport Organisation (A.S.O.):

- First of all that he gave up on demanding sanctions "against the F.F.C. and French cycling linked to the events that have brought them in conflict these last few weeks" (especially concerning the organisation of Paris-Nice);
- That as a consequence of the convention concluded on the 5th of March in Brussels with the IPCT, the World level events of A.S.O. of RCS and of Unipublic, placed outside of the UCI Pro Tour calendar, were indeed no longer subject to the rules of selection and participation of teams as planned by the current UCI regulations (article 2.15.261- UCI pro Tour) for the 2007 season.

Based on this clarification, the F.F.C. and A.S.O. have decided to abandon the set-up of their convention for the organisation of the next edition of Paris-Nice, the conditions being now united to allow this event to take place under the support of the UCI.

The F.F.C. and A.S.O. are delighted about the outcome of their joint processes with the UCI in this matter and are happy with the solutions that have been found in order to see Paris-Nice, one the major French cycling events, take place normally.

They however remain careful concerning the evolution of the "UCI Pro Tour" case, that is at the origin of the disagreement between the organisers of the major Tours and the UCI and that needs to be considered in a thoughtful way by the different actors concerned during the next months, in a spirit of dialogue and consultation.