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11. AJU MEMBER PROPOSALS

PROPOSITION FROM LIBYA AND EGYPT

We believe that it is unreasonable to continue to prevent the participation of women as an athlete, coach, or referee while they are wearing the Islamic hijab in circumstances where

- (i) there are 26 Muslim countries in Africa;
- (ii) the hijab is not a religious symbol but rather part of a practising Muslim woman's (where she chooses to wear hijab as part of her practice of her religion) identity;
- (iii) women are allowed to participate in all JUA events while they are wearing their hijab;
- (iv) a precedent was set at the London 2012 Olympics where a Saudi female athlete was allowed to participate wearing her hijab; and
- (v) major sportswear manufacturers such as Nike and Adidas now widely provide safe and practical sporting versions of the hijab. Please see link below:

(<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/776662/Nike-Pro-Hijab-Islamic-headscarf-Muslim-sports-women-athlete-religion>).