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Pentathlon

Cuban Leydi Laura Moya, the only female representative of her country, qualified for the *Modern Pentathlon World Cup* finals, currently underway in Cairo, Egypt, local sources said.

Women's final will take place today at the Police Academy, headquarters of the event, about 30 km southwest of the center of the capital.

"It has been a very difficult high-level competition," Moya said excited in statements to *Prensa Latina* news agency, and pointed out her results in fencing were fundamental for her ticket to the finals.

Moya, 21, stands out in *Group B* for her performances in the precision shooting, 800m race, and swimming in 200m freestyle modalities, with a total score of 940 points, to finish 2nd in the Latin-American list.

"This was an expected result coming from her as I always had faith that she could classify for the finals representing Cuba and Latin America," said her coach Alejandro Guarch.

Sports cooperation

A cooperation agreement between the *Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation of Cuba (INDER)* and the *Agency of Sports and Physical Culture of Kazakhstan* was signed today in the capital Astaná to strengthen the exchange and cooperation between the two countries.

The Kazakh President of this body, Esentaev Tastanbek and Ambassador of Cuba in Kazakhstan, Carlos Valdés, representing the INDER, signed the document, which includes 10 items.

In it, both sides expressed the desire to increase the conventions and sporting exchanges and promote the participation of athletes, coaches and organizers of sports movement in the two countries in competitions and events in this sector.

Similarly, the document also included the decision that national teams from various disciplines conduct joint training and participate in competitions to take place in the two nations.

During a discussion previously held, the two officials agreed that sports is a priority of both States as a factor of social benefit and improves quality of life for all population segments.

They also stressed that although geographically distant, Kazakhstan and Cuba maintain close links consolidated on the basis of a historical friendship now strengthened by this mutually beneficial agreement for the sports movement relations.

In February of this year and during the *IX International Congress University 2014*, the *Ministry of Education and Science of Kazakhstan* and the *Ministry of Higher Education of Cuba*, signed a memorandum of cooperation in Havana.

Michael Schumacher

German F1 champion Michael Schumacher's condition has improved, *Bild* newspaper reported in Berlin today, quoting his manager Sabine Kehm.

"I can only say again that there are encouraging signs," said Mr. Kehm who is also the spokesperson for the family of the 7-time world champion.

Schumacher suffered severe head injuries in a skiing accident at the French resort of Meribel on December 29th, was taken to a hospital in Grenoble for emergency surgery and was then placed in an artificial coma, from which he has been slowly awakened.

There may be complications at any time, but he is not in a vegetative state as different sources have reported; however, there may be complications or setbacks due to the violence of the trauma to the head, said the newspaper.

According to *Bild* newspaper, Schumacher may be transferred to a rehabilitation clinic, still pending to be announced.

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