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**DEFINITIVE**

ASSOCIATION UNDER SWISS LAW – ASSOCIATION DE DROIT SUISSE - ASOCIACION SUIZA

**MINUTES  
OF THE IJF ORDINARY CONGRESS  
Friday 23 august 2013  
Rio Sofitel Hotel Room, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

**AGENDA**

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**Congress Opening at 09:00 am.**

**Point 1. Validation of the Congress composition and quorum**

M. ROUGE says that in accordance with article 8.15 the Chairperson of the Congress may only declare the official opening of the Congress when at least one-third (1/3) of the Member National Federations are present or represented and when at least three (3) different Continental Union representatives are present.

M. ROUGE reminds that the IJF counts 189 affiliated countries on 5 continents. Consequently, the quorum shall be at least of 63 countries on 3 continents in order to deliberate.

The Voting Rights Credentials Commission, after inspection, recorded as valid registered Members being present the following 125 countries:

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| - Pan America | 23 |
| - Europe      | 40 |
| - Africa      | 31 |
| - Oceania     | 05 |
| - Asia        | 26 |

As the quorum is met; the conditions of the Congress opening are fulfilled.

Please note that for amendments to the Statutes, the majority is two-thirds (2/3) of the voting rights.

Mr. ROUGE gives the floor to Mr. VIZER for the Congress Opening.

**Point 2. Opening of the 2013 IJF Congress (Swiss Law)**

M. VIZER welcomes all the attendees to the Congress and to Rio, the same city where six years ago and the one which will host the forthcoming Olympic Challenge.

M. VIZER wishes for all a great success, especially for the athletes during the World Championship.

**Point 3. Election of one Voting Steward and 3 scrutineer**

M. ROUGE proposes, for the delegates approval, the election of a President and three scrutineers, these persons could not have the same nationality as a Presidential candidate or a member of his list:

- Mr. DHOUIB (President),
- Mr. FAISSAL (Djibouti Judo Federation),
- Mr. TELEMAQUE (Haïti Judo Federation)
- Mr. ANGWE (Fédération Gabonaise de Judo)

**First resolution**

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the election of the candidates.



#### Point 4. Approval of the 2013 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda

M. ROUGE proposes to the Congress for approval, the Agenda of the 2013 IJF Ordinary Congress, adding the cooptation of a new member Mr. Arkadiy ROTENBERG as a replacement for Mr. Haruki UEMURA just after the election of the President and his list.

#### Second resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the 2013 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda.

#### Point 5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2011 IJF Congress in Paris

M. ROUGE proposes to the Congress approval the Minutes of the 2011 IJF Congress that was held in Paris on 20 August 2011. (Appendix 1)

#### Third resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimous the Minutes of the 2011 IJF Congress in Paris.

#### Point 6. Statutory reports

##### 6.1 Report of the President: Mr. VIZER

Presentation, see Appendix 2

- Overview - Activity from 2011
- Top Events
- Prize Money
- Olympic Results
- Olympic Classification
- TEAM EVENT
- TV
- Cooperation
- Partnerships
- Development
- Judo For Children
- Sponsors
- Finance
- Seminars
- Media
- Information Technology
- New Software
- Future Projects
- News
- Miscellaneous



**To conclude:**

Mr. VIZER is proud of the Judo progression all over the world and it has achieved the third category in the Olympic sport ranking due to the work and commitment of all. The nice image of judo allowed him to reach the SportAccord presidency.

Mr. VIZER announces that from World championships, the registration fees for the competitions organized by the IJF will be cancelled.

Mr. VIZER thanks all the members of the Judo family involved in the Olympic movement who, due to their commitment fully participate in the Judo standing, and as such, Mr. VIZER especially thanks Mr. HICKEY and Mr. PALENFO.

Mr. VIZER announces the first Edition of the "Hall of Fame" Gala, as an occasion to honor the legends and heroes of our sport and to share with them our respect and gratitude.

Mr. VIZER expresses his will to carry on with the program undertaken these previous years, within the Judo family by trying to improve the Judo quality.

Mr. VIZER specifies that in the future, the Federation shall concentrate on a qualitative work in order to strengthen the quantitative work of these last years.

Mr. VIZER is glad about the trust relationship established with the Judo family, thanks the assembly and expresses his wish to continue to work together for the Judo in order that it is still of a better level.

6.2 Report of General Secretary: Mr. ROUGE

Presentation of the report: Appendix 3

Administration:

- Communication with the IJF Member National Federations
- Diffusion of the documents related to the IJF activities to the IJF Member federations
- Updating of the IJF Member countries information sheet
- Communication with the EC members and the commissions
- Notification of the urgent votes by email to the EC members

Meetings:

- Preparation of the IJF Executive committee meetings
- Elaboration of the minutes of the meetings (IJF Congress 2011 in Paris, IJF EC meeting 2011 in Paris, IJF working meeting 2011 in London, IJF EC meeting 2012 in London, meetings of the Bureau in Budapest, Lausanne and Rio)
- Participation in the meetings: IOC, Sport Accord, Olympic Solidarity, representation of the IJF during the Olympic Games (Test Event)

Administrative coordination and actions with other IJF sectors:

- Elaboration of the documents related to the IJF competitions
- Follow up of the travels (WHO GOES WHERE)
- IJF Calendar
- Follow up of the lists of participants to the IJF events (officials, staff and guests), contact with the organizers
- Invitation to the IJF competitions
- Follow up of the countries invited by the IJF to the competitions
- Elaboration of questionnaires and reports: Post-Olympic Questionnaire (in collaboration with the Presidential office, IJF Sports Directors)
- "IOC development" annual report.
- Judogi control during the IJF competitions with the Education commission
- Weight control statistics



#### Legal and statutory monitoring:

- Updating of the IJF Statutes
- Elaboration of the IJF Disciplinary Code and Ethics Code
- Verification of conformity of the National Federations statutes with the IJF Statutes
- Assistance in setting up of a new federation in collaboration with the Presidential office
- Cooperation in the elaboration of the Continental Unions statutes
- Disciplinary procedures

#### Economic partnership (follow up with the General Treasurer)::

- Follow up of the partnership (judogi and tatami)
- Follow up of the IJF labels for the judogis
- Relationship with the IJF official laboratories on the test reports of equipment

#### Dan Grades :

- Validation of IJF Dan Grades applications
- Follow up and elaboration of actions with the Presidential office:
  - Sportel
  - World Judo Day
  - Road of Safety
  - Insurance
  - Coaches academy: documents about judo culture, history and organization

#### **To conclude:**

Mr. ROUGE specifies that it is as General Secretary his first report and announces the pride he has to work with the IJF. Today the IJF progressing, it is highly recognized in the sport world due to its President Mr. VIZER's involvement and most of these members in the Olympic and sports authorities.

Mr. ROUGE underlines the increasing fame of judo and the importance we have in the fact that it is always held up as an example.

Mr. ROUGE speaks about the good contacts of the General Secretariat with the National Federations and thanks them, for the actions they lead and he confirms the pleasure he has, to work with the president M VIZER for its dynamism and its entrepreneurial spirit.

#### 6.3 Report of the General Treasurer : Mr. AL-TAMIMI

Presentation of the accounts: Appendix 4

Mr. ALTAMIMI presents the financial statement and thanks the Executive committee members, the IJF staff and all of the Member National Federations for their support and good collaboration.

#### 6.4 Report of the IJF Official Auditor – Appendix 5 and Appendix 6

Within his mission to audit and control the IJF accounts, Ernst & Young cabinet concludes the audit of the 2011 and 2012 accounts. Following the summary document distributed to the delegates at the entrance of the congress, Mr. MALIK, representing Ernst & Young cabinet declares that the accounts of the 2011 and 202 accounting periods, with regard to the international rules, are regular and sincere; he suggests that the delegates validate these accounts (Art. 23 of the IJF Statutes).



After hearing the President's report, the General Secretary's report and the General Treasurer's report and getting acquainted with the 2011 and 2012 accounts, Mr. ROUGE submits to the Congress, for approval, the aforesaid reports.

#### **Fourth resolution**

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the President's report, the General Secretary's report, the General Treasurer's report and the accounts, giving the final discharge to the Executive Committee.

#### **Point 7. Election of the IJF President - Appendix 7**

Mr. ROUGE reminds that, as specified in the article 11.4 of the statutes, the filing of candidacies was made within the deadline allowed and gives the floor to the interim President, for the elective part of the congress, the Vice-President Mr. PALENFO

Mr. PALENFO proposes, as specified in the article 8.19 of the statutes, a vote by acclamation, as Mr. VIZER is the only sole candidate.

**This proposition is unanimously voted by the Member National Federations.**

Mr. VIZER and his list members are elected by acclamation.

#### **Point 8. Forecast Budget and IJF fees**

##### 8.1 Forecast Budget

Presentation of budget: Appendix 8

Mr. ALTAMIMI presents the IJF forecast budget.

No remarks of the delegates.

##### Fifth resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the IJF forecast budget.

##### 8.2 IJF fees

The IJF Executive Committee proposes to maintain the IJF Member National Federations fees at 0 €.

Mr. VIZER informs the delegates that the IJF Executive committee has decided to cancel the participation fees for the IJF competitions (Grand Prix, Grand Slam, Masters, and World championships). Fees already paid for the Rio World championships will be reimbursed.

Precision: The Veterans and Kata competition are not concerned by this decision.

##### Sixth resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the IJF Member National Federations fees at 0 € and take note of the participation fees cancellation for the IJF competition above mentioned.



## INTERRUPTION OF IJF ORDINARY CONGRESS UNDER SWISS LAW 10h20

### Coffee break

## RESUMPTION OF IJF ORDINARY CONGRESS UNDER SWISS LAW 10h40

### **7 A      Ratification of the cooptation of an EC new member**

Mr. VIZER proposes at the Congress to ratify the cooptation of Mr. ROTENBERG as an Executive Committee member,

**By acclamation, Mr. ROTENBERG is elected.**

(Further to the resignation of Mr. UEMURA, Mr. ROTENBERG comes as a replacement from the latter on the list, see Article 11.2 of the IJF Statutes)

### **Point 9.      Directors speeches and propositions**

#### 9.1.      Sport : Mr. BARTA

Mr. BARTA presents the Sport Commission report: Appendix 9

No remarks from the delegates.

#### 9.2.      Refereeing: Mr. BARCOS

Mr. BARCOS presents the Refereeing Commission report: Appendix 10

Mr. BARCOS reminds that the test on the new refereeing rules will end after the Rio de Janeiro World and that it will be decided, afterward, on their permanent enforcement or not.

No remarks from the delegates.

#### 9.3.      Education and Coaching : Mr. MERIDJA

Mr. Meridja presents the Education and Coaching Commission report: Appendix 11

No remarks from the delegates.

### **Point 10.      Reports of the Continental Unions**

#### 10.1.      Report of the African Judo Union President: Mr. PALENFO

Presentation of the African Judo Union report: Appendix 12.

No remarks from the delegates.

#### 10.2      Report of the Judo Union of Asia President: Mr. AL-ANZI

Presentation of the Judo Union of Asia report: Appendix 13.

No remarks from the delegates.

#### 10.3      Report of the European Judo Union President: Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK

Presentation of the European Judo Union report: Appendix 14.

No remarks from the delegates.





10.4 Report of the Oceania Judo Union President: Mr. NITT

Presentation of the Oceania Judo Union report: Appendix 15.

No remarks from the delegates

10.5 Report of the Pan America Judo Confederation President: Mr. WANDERLEY

Presentation of the Pan America Judo Confederation report: Appendix 16.

No remarks from the delegates

**Point 11. General Secretariat**

11.1 General Secretariat information

Mr. ROUGE informs the Member National Federations that they have on 1 year to put their statutes in accordance with the IJF statutes. In order to help them a document titled "mandatory statutory provisions" was drafted (Appendix 17) and the IJF General Secretariat remain at their disposal for any question.

*Comment:*

Mr. TELEMAQUE, Haiti Federation President, proposes to send a formal letter to the entire Member National Federations to invite them to respect the mandatory statutory provisions.

Mr. ROUGE informs that from May 2014, in association with the sports sector, new standards will be organized concerning Judogis (size of sleeves and lapel).

11.2 Statutory modifications (Appendix 18, 19 et 20)

Mr. ROUGE specifies that certain statutory modifications are due to the transition of the IJF under Swiss law, and are therefore obliged by the Swiss administration.

The other modifications aim to simplify and ensure compliance of the IJF disciplinary system.

Mr. ROUGE presents the Disciplinary and Ethics Codes.

**Seventh resolution**

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the statutory modifications and the IJF Disciplinary and Ethics Codes.

**Point 12. Proposition of the Continentales unions and Nationales Federations**

- Mr. ESTERHUYSEN (Swaziland): Appendix 21

-Mr. BAJRACHARYA (Nepal): Appendix 21

-Mrs. ATHANASE (Seychelles): Appendix 21

The answers to these three questions were given in writing by the Presidential Office before the opening of this Congress.



**Point 13. Miscellaneous reports**

13.1 Presentation of Mr. VAN DE WALLE « From good to great » : Appendix 22

13.2 Presentation of the forthcoming Junior World Championships in Ljubljana on October 2013 : Appendix 23

13.3 Presentation of Mr. MARINESCU – Media: Appendix 24

13.4 Intervention of Mr. HICKEY

M HICKEY expresses his pleasure to be present at the IJF Congress and congratulates Mr. VIZER on his election to the SportAccord Presidency of which he raises the importance within the international sports movement.

**Point 14. Distinctions**

- **Mr. Hedi DHOUB**- IJF Gold Medal.  
M DHOUB quits the Executive Committee but not the IJF; he is, from now in charge of International Affairs.
- **Mr. Jos HELL**- IJF Gold Medal.
- **Nepal Judo Federation, President Mr DEEPAK**– IJF Gold Plate.
- **Mrs. Estony HATTINGH** “IOC Achievement Diploma Women and Sport”

**Point 15 CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS**

Mr. VIZER warmly thanks the delegates for their attention, their support, their solidarity and their collaboration during this period, hoping that the future would be also efficient.

Mr VIZER thanks especially the media, the sponsors and the spectators which participate in the worldwide Judo standing.

**The agenda being exhausted, the Congress is closed at 13.00**

