

**MINUTES of the**  
**IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB)**  
**Held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 15:00 CET.**  
**ONLINE – by Video Conference via Zoom**

**PARTICIPATING**

Mohammed Jaloud, President and Chairperson of the Meeting

Antonio Urso, General Secretary

Ursula Papandrea, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Doris Marrero, Petr Krol, Attila Adamfi, Pyrros Dimas Vice Presidents

Mohamed Alharbi, Florian Sperl, Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Hiromi Miyake, Matthew Curtain, Dr Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Ploy, Maria Jose Alcalá, Tom Liaw Members

Mohd Yousef Al Mana, Antonio Conflitti, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental Presidents,

Forrester Osei, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, Luisa Peters AC representatives

Mr. Michel Raynaud (FRA) – Ex Officio

**23 Voting Board Members joined the meeting online Quorum was formed.**

*IWF Secretariat Members*

*Guest: Jean-Pierre Morand*

**Meeting started at 15:00 p.m. CET.**

**Agenda of the Meeting**

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome Words of IWF President / General Secretary	M. Jaloud, A. Urso
2.	Participation of BLR and RUS athletes in IWF events	M. Jaloud. A. Urso
3.	Any Other Business	

After the Roll Call, the President welcomed the EB Members joining the meeting, the General Secretary also offered greetings.

The President and the General Secretary informed the EB that the present meeting was convened about the discussions of the working group (WG) created for the preparation and review of possible involvement of Russian and Belorussian athletes in IWF events.

The floor was given to Curtain, Chair of such WG who informed about the IOC position on the possible involvement and / or participation of Russian and Belorussian athletes.

Curtain raised the question whether the IWF position remained the same i.e. following the directions of the IOC on the matter. The IWF President confirmed the IWF position did not change i.e. IWF should follow the recommendation of the IOC. Athletes Commission also confirmed to follow the IOC standpoint.

There were voices from the Board if Russian / Belorussian athletes were to be allowed to compete, some countries – including Ukraine would not be allowed to participate in events according to the decision of the government / authorities of their countries.

Morand introduced the draft of the IWF Policy on the inclusion of Belarussian / Russian athletes in IWF events, attached hereto as **Annex 01**.

Curtain also informed the EB that an independent company – third party – providing investigation services would be hired to do the necessary background check of the athletes as stipulated in the Policy.

Replying to a question, Morand underlined that possible involvement of Technical Officials from Belarussian and Russian were not included in the Policy. Only athletes and athletes support personnel were covered by the draft IWF Policy presented during the meeting.

Curtain also added that the selection of the technical officials for Cuba had already occurred. It was agreed to look at the reintroduction of neutral technical officials later and ahead of the World Championships in September.

#### Timeline

13-15 May 2023 BELARUSSIAN / RUSSIAN athletes and support personnel should sign and submit the agreement, endorsed by the MF

16-19 May 2023 Investigation of athletes and ASP by the independent investigatory third party.

20 May 2023 IWF EB should approve the outcomes of the survey completed by the independent investigator company.

After that the athletes / support personnel would have the right to appeal at the EDC and to the CAS.

A motion was made to approve the issuance of the IWF Policy concerning participation of Russian and Belarussian athletes to IWF competitions.

**VOTE 1 to approve the issuance of the IWF Policy concerning participation of Russian and Belarussian athletes to IWF competitions with 18 yes votes, 2 abstention and 7 not online – PASSED.**

The IWF Policy together with related press release will be published on the IWF web site.

There being no other matter to transact, the meeting was closed.

**Meeting ended 18:00 p.m. CET on 12/05/2023.**



**Mohammed Jalood**  
IWF President



**Antonio Urso**  
IWF General Secretary

#### Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	Working Group – Board Paper
Annex 02	IWF Policy on participation of Russian and Belarussian athletes to IWF competitions
Annex 03	Proposal of the independent third party providing investigatory intelligence services
Annex 04	Term Sheet of the independent third party providing investigatory intelligence services
Annex 05	“Transcripts” of the voice record

*Notice: Annex 05. the “Transcripts” of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.*