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Venue: George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX, USA – 19.11.2015

Present: Dr Tamás Aján, President, Mr Ma Wenguang, General Secretary;

Ms Janis Burke, CE of Houston 2015, Mr Michael Massik, USA Weightlifting CEO, as hosts;

Mr Nicu Vlad, Mr Sam Coffa, Mr Ong Poh Eng, Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Mr José Quinones, Vice Presidents

Ms Moira Lassen, Mr Pyrros Dimas, Mr Birendra Prasad Baishya, Mr Mohamed Jaloud, Dr Michael Irani, Mr David Montero, Mr Christian Baumgartner, Dr Antonio Urso, Mr Khaled Mhalhel, Mr Willian Ozuna, Executive Board Members

1. **Opening**

Dr Aján, President addressed delegates, officials and guests and opened the Congress. **Mr Dave Rogers**, on behalf of the host city of Houston presented a diploma to the IWF with a proclamation on the “IWF World Championships Week”.

2. **Welcome speech by the hosts**

Ms Burke welcomed delegates and thanked for the assistance received.

3. **Technical and program information regarding the 2015 IWF WWC**

Ms Burke, Chair of the OC supplied important technical and program information. **Mr Massik**, USAW CEO also spoke about the 2015 World Championships.

4. **Appreciations rendered by the IWF**

Dr Aján appreciated the great efforts by the OC and read his Summary to the delegates.

Weightlifting Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Chair, Ms Nemeth-Mora performed the ceremony whereby – in the presence of Hall of Fame Members Dr Tamás Aján, Nicu Vlad, Alexander Kurlovich, Sam Coffa, Tadamas Uesaka, Philippe Saint-Cyr, Pyrros Dimas, Kakhi Kakhiashvili, Sergey Syrtsov – two new members were inducted to the Hall of Fame: **Karyn Marshall (USA) – World Champion of the 1987 1st Women’s World Championships**, **Tara Cunningham-Nott (USA) – 1st female Olympic Champion – 2000 Sydney**.

5. **Roll Call**

The presence of delegates of 83 Member Federations was confirmed – see Roll Call annexed (1)

7. **Reports of the IWF Committees**

7.1 **Technical Committee**

Mr Sam Coffa, Chairman TC gave a summary of the Joint and the TC meeting and referred to the written Annual Report.

7.2 Medical Committee

Dr Michael Irani submitted the report of his Committee, highlighting important points.

7.3 Coaching and Research Committee

Chairman **Maj. Gen. Yodbangtoey** reported to the Congress delegates and thanked all Committee Members, mentioning Mr Avenaash Pandoo approved as an invited observer-contributor to the CRC.

All the 3 Committees' reports were unanimously accepted.

8. Information about the IWF Executive Board meeting held in Houston

The President informed the Congress on the main decisions, whereby the organization of the 2016 Junior World Championships had been withdrawn from Tunis, TUN and reallocated to Tbilisi, GEO. The right of organization of the 2018 IWF World Championships was given to Lima, PER.

9. Update report on the IWF Development Program

The report submitted by **Mr Quinones, Chairman (Annex 2)**, was accepted by the Congress.

11. Anti-Doping related information

11.1 **Dr Patrick Schamasch, Chairman ADC** gave a report on the Commission's work under the slogan "We will do it well and let it know!"

11.2 Further general and specific details were provided by **Dr Magdolna Trombitás** and **Dr Éva Nyírfa**, including statistical information. (Annex 3)

13. IWF Commissions' Reports

13.1 IWF Membership Commission

Chairman Mr Mohammed Jaloud presented interesting statistics in a continental breakdown.

12. Financial issues

12.1 **Mr Alain Siegrist**, IWF Financial Advisor presented the **Finance Status Report 2015**

12.2 The **Budget 2016** (approved by the Executive Board) was presented to the Congress for acknowledgement. (Annex 4)

10. IWF Communication update

C&M Director, Ms Rozgonyi supplied various statistics on media coverage of weightlifting and provided a general communication update related to the 2015 World Championships in Houston.

The new IWF film "Road to Rio" was shown.

14. **Reports on the preparation of future events**

14.3 **2016 Rio Olympic Games**

Rio 2016 Executive Director of Sport Mr Agberto Guimaraes gave an update to the delegates on the progress of the Olympic preparations and presented two films “Transforma” and “Brazilian Games”.

14.2 **2016 IWF Junior World Championships – Tbilisi, GEO**

Mr Kakhi Kakhiashvili, President and his team offered a warm welcome to all to Tbilisi, Georgia.

14.4 **2016 FISU World University Championships – Mérida, MEX**

FISU Technical Delegate Ms Németh-Móra and Dr Rosalio Alvarado del Angel, President Mexican Wl. Federation informed the delegates on the particulars of the event, encouraging participation.

14.5 **2017 IWF Junior World Championships – Tokyo, JPN**

JWA President Ms Yuriko Koike presented the information on the event.

15. **Presentations by the barbell manufacturers**

15.1 **ELEIKO – Mr Erik Blomberg** thanked for the expression of sympathy over his deceased father. The Team presented the WWC barbell “Americana” and their concept to work as partners to competitions.

15.2 **UESAKA Co. – Mr Tadamasa Uesaka** introduced the company’s product, the Force Plate Platform and proposed a new project: a Talent Identification System.

15.3 **WERK-SAN – Mr Kemal Özgül** presented his product as “The real power of athletes”.

15.4 **ZKC – Mr Zhang** gave a detailed overview of their manufacture and production.

16. **Speeches by Congress delegates**

16.1 **Mr Zhabotinsky** presented a book written about his father, Leonid Zhabotinsky and presented the IWF President, **Dr Aján** with the “Leonid Zhabotinsky Gold Order”.

The **President** expressed thanks to hosts, participants, presenters, the IWF Secretariat staff, and declared the Congress closed.

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