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MINUTES of IWF Congress Tbilisi, GEO 24 June 2016



Venue: Hotels & Preference Hualing, Tbilisi, Georgia

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

Mr Kakhi Kakhiashvili, President GEOWF, Mr Shalva Gogoladze, Deputy Minister of Sports & Youth, Mr Elguja Berishvili, 1st Vice President GEO NOC

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.

2. **Welcome speeches by the hosts**

The representatives of the hosts warmly greeted Congress delegates on behalf of the Georgian Ministry of Sports & Youth, the Olympic Committee and the Weightlifting Federation.

3. **Roll Call** The presence of delegates of 48 Member Federations was confirmed – see Roll Call annexed

The affiliation of the Weightlifting Federation of Burundi, as decided by the IWF Executive Board, was unanimously ratified by the Congress. Burundi became the 192nd member of the IWF.

4. **Reports of the IWF Committees**

4.1. **Technical Committee**

Mr Sam Coffa, Chairman TC gave a summary of the Joint and the TC meetings.

Organising Committee President, Mr Kakhi Kakhiashvili added technical details concerning the Junior World Championships.

4.2 **Medical Committee**

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

4.3 **Coaching and Research Committee**

Chairman Maj. Gen. Yodbangtoey reported to the Congress delegates and thanked all Committee Members for their effective and conscientious work.

All the 3 Committees' reports were unanimously accepted.

9. Road to IWF Electoral Congress

Delegates were informed that the draft of the updated Constitution, By-Laws and TCRR would be submitted to the MFs prior to the IWF Congress in Penang; this draft to be discussed and elaborated by an Executive Board meeting. The IWF Electoral Congress would be held at the end of May 2017, the location to be determined later.

12. IWF Commissions' Reports

12.1 IWF Membership Commission

Chairman Mr Mohammed Jaloud presented the findings of a review on the activity of Member Federations.

12.2 IWF Women's Commission

Chair Mrs Moira Lassen gave information about the latest project on the elaboration of an 8th bodyweight category for women.

The Technical Committee's full backing to the project was confirmed.

14. Update on the IWF Development Program 2016

Chairman Mr José Quinones gave a presentation (assisted by **Ms Tímea Horváth**) about the status of the Program.

16. Anti-Doping related information

16.1 Dr Patrick Schamasch, Chairman Anti-Doping Commission gave a report on the testing in 2015.

16.2 Further details were provided by **Dr Magdolna Trombitás, Legal Counsel** and **Dr Éva Nyírfa, Junior Legal Counsel** including statistical information.

16.3 The IWF EB decisions regarding the Rio 2016 Olympic Games were presented, along with an Action Plan adopted by the Board. All decisions were published on the IWF website.

The President added his comments: the EB had devoted a full day of session to the anti-doping issues. Its deliberations and strict decisions were aimed at protecting the sport of weightlifting and its Olympic status. He pointed out that all the IWF activities were transparent and condemned individuals trying to discredit the organization and the sport.

Vice President Mr Sam Coffa also emphasized that IWF EB took very strong decisions, including quota withdrawals and the application of point 12.4 of the Anti-Doping Policy, and read them out to the delegates.

IRI delegate Mr Ali Moradi thanked the President and **Dr Schamasch** for their contribution to the Fajr Cup held in Teheran.

Dr Tamás Aján added information on the 5 Continental Qualification Championships and the 2 IWF Grand Prix competitions held, pointing out that anti-doping seminars were organized at each of these events.

18.1.2 Rio 2016 Olympic Qualification status update

Technical Delegate & Director General Mr Attila Ádámfi reported to the Congress that all NOCs/MFs had received their respective quota allocations by the set deadline of 20th June, and thanks to the immediate reaction and decision of the IWF Executive Board, the reallocation of withdrawn quota had also been arranged.

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

The President informed the Congress on the main decisions of the Executive Board meeting held on both preceding days. He highlighted the strict decisions of the EB regarding **anti-doping** and the reanalysis of the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games' samples. A letter appreciating the IWF's anti-doping stance sent by the ASOIF was read by the **President**.

The Executive Board approved the proposal by the Technical Committee to introduce an 8th bodyweight category for women, which was ratified by the Congress delegates.

The organization of the **2018 IWF Junior World Championships was allocated to Pyongyang, PRK.**

17. Financial issues

17.1 Financial Report on 2015

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

17.2 The **Budget 2016** (approved by the Executive Board) was presented as a reminder to the Congress for acknowledgement. (Annex)

17.3 **Auditors' Report – Mr Pierre-Henri Pingeon and Mr Cedric Rigoli of KPMG** submitted the Auditors' Report (Annex), which the **Congress delegates approved unanimously**.

18. Reports on the preparation of future events

18.1 2016 Olympic Games

18.1.1 **Rio 2016 Organising Committee progress report** – presented by **Mr Pedro Meloni, Rio2016 Weightlifting Sports Manager**

18.1.2 – **Olympic Qualification status** – presentation by **Mr Attila Ádámfi, DG**, who informed delegates that all cases from the 2015 IWF WWC, Houston had been closed; the qualification was updated and duly communicated to the NOCs/MFs concerned. He called on the countries to follow the notifications and the permanently updated lists published on the IWF website.

18.1.3 - **Application of “Rule 50” at the Olympic Games** – delegates were invited to study the relevant rules (downloadable on the website) and a few important points were highlighted.

18.2 2016 IWF Youth World Championships – Penang, MAS

IWF Vice President and Malaysian Weightlifting Federation President Mr Ong Poh Eng gave a report on the accommodation, competition, meetings, hospitality, etc. Information published on the website. He then pointed out that the same conditions would apply to the **2017 IWF WWC (item 18.7)**.

18.3 2016 FISU World University Championships – Merida, MEX

Update report by **Ms Anikó Németh-Móra, FISU Technical Delegate**. Federations were encouraged to promote the participation through their National University Sport Organisations.

18:4 2017 Summer Universiade – Taipei City, TPE

Ms Anikó Németh-Móra was joined by **Ms Felicia Chang**, Taipei 2017 Weightlifting Competition Manager and **Ms Tina Lai**, CTWA Secretary, and an update report was given on the event.

19. Presentations by the barbell manufacturers

19.1 ELEIKO – **Mr Richard Gonsalves** addressed the Congress emphasizing ‘Quality above all’ in the Eleiko Competition Project Management.

19.2 UESAKA Co. – **Mr Tadamasa Uesaka** introduced the company’s new development product.

19.3 ZKC – **Mr Zhang** reported as the Olympic supplier for Rio2016.

19.4 WERK-SAN – **Mr Kemal Özgül** informed the delegates about the company’s latest developments.

20. Speeches by Congress delegates

20.1 **Mr Kakhi Kakhiashvili, President GEOWF** presented the unique art pieces, statuettes prepared for the Junior World Championships.

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

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The logo of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) is displayed in a large, light grey font. It consists of the letters 'IWF' in a bold, sans-serif typeface. Above the letters is a stylized circular emblem featuring a central white circle, surrounded by grey and white curved segments that suggest a globe or a weightlifting barbell.