

EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

8 November 2015

Sochi / RUS



MINUTES



PROGRAMME

Accommodation / Meetings.

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Wednesday, 4 November 2015

All day	Arrival of IHF Executive Committee members
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Thursday, 5 November 2015

All day	Arrival of IHF Council members
18:00	IHF Executive Committee meeting (Room: M4)

Friday, 6 November 2015

All day	Arrival of Congress delegates
09:00 - 14:00	IHF Council meeting (Room: Golden Hall)
(12:00 - 14:00)	Awarding of IHF Senior World Championships
17:00	Ordinary Congress of Asian Handball Federation (Room: Silver Hall)
19:00	Meeting of Pan-American Team Handball Federation (Room: K2 047)
20:00	Meeting of African Handball Confederation (Room: Golden Hall)
20:00	Meeting of European Handball Federation (Room: Silver Hall)
20:00	Meeting of Oceania Continent Handball Federation (Room: M6)

Saturday, 7 November 2015

Morning	Breakfast (Restaurant Grenadine)
10:00 - 11:30	Ordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break



11:45 - 13:30	Ordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch (Restaurant Grenadine)
14:30 - 16:30	Ordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 - 19:00	Ordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
20:00	Dinner (Restaurant Grenadine)

Sunday, 8 November 2015

Morning	Breakfast (Restaurant Grenadine)
10:00 - 11:30	Extraordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 13:30	Extraordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch (Restaurant Grenadine)
14:30 - 16:30	Extraordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
16:30 - 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 - 18:00	Extraordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
18:00	Closing banquet (Radisson Blu Paradise Resort & Spa Sochi)

Monday, 9 November 2015

All day	Departure
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Comments

These minutes are kept as a record of decisions and contain only the most important speeches/statements.

The full proceedings of the Congress are recorded on tape and can be listened to in the Head Office in Basle. The tapes will be kept until the next Congress during which elections are held.

The decisions and resolutions in these minutes are indented and printed in bold.



1. OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

President Moustafa declared the International Handball Federation's Extraordinary Congress open and welcomed all those present.

President Moustafa outlined the reason for organizing the Extraordinary Congress. He mentioned that the IHF Council responded positively to several requests from the IHF Member Federations which were willing to submit motions but missed the deadline.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF VOTES

The roll call was performed according to the usual procedure (by raising cards) due to the malfunction of the electronic voting system. The result of the roll call was:

Number of votes: 124

Simple majority: 63

Two-thirds majority: 83

In addition to the 124 National Federations present and entitled to vote, two associated and three regional members were present.

The attached attendance list provides more details of the Congress participants.

3. ELECTION OF TWO EXAMINERS OF THE MINUTES

President Moustafa referred to Article 12.3.14 of the IHF Statutes, according to which the IHF salaried Secretary General shall be responsible for keeping Congress minutes. Minutes confirmed by the President and the examiners of the minutes shall be handed to Council members, Member Federations and Continental Confederations no later than two months after the Congress.

He proposed that the Congress elects Mark Schober (GER, for the German version of the minutes) and Philippe Bana (FRA, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of minutes.



Decision. The Congress unanimously elected Mark Schober (GER, for the German version of the minutes) and Philippe Bana (FRA, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of the minutes.

4. ELECTION OF THE ELECTION OFFICER AND THE TELLERS

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the election process shall be by using the voting cards (green - red - yellow).

President Moustafa also proposed to elect one election officer and four tellers to supervise and confirm the election process.

Election officer:

Mr Stefan Albrechtson (SWE)

Tellers:

Mr Muhammad Shafiq	(PAK) – Asia
Mrs Ruth Saunders	(RSA) – Africa
Ms Leonor Mallozzi	(POR) – Europe
Mr Ghassan Mamo Kapase	(VEN) – Pan-America

Decision. The Congress unanimously elected Stefan Albrechtson (SWE) as election officer. In addition the Congress unanimously elected the following colleagues as tellers.

Asia:	Mr Muhammad Shafiq (PAK)
Africa:	Mrs Ruth Saunders (RSA)
Europe:	Ms Leonor Mallozzi (POR)
Pan-America:	Mr Ghassan Mamo Kapase (VEN)

5. DETERMINATION OF THE ORDERLY CONVOCATION OF CONGRESS

The Managing Director noted the following thereto:

1. On 20 February 2015, the IHF Council decided to convene an Extraordinary Congress in Budapest on 6 June 2015, in accordance with Article 12.2.1 of the IHF Statutes, to give the Member Federations the chance to express their opinion and submit their



motions to the Congress due to the fact that the IHF received many requests from Members Federations which overlooked the deadline for submitting motions to the Congress (5 January 2015 as per Article 12.3.8 (point a) of the IHF Statutes) due to their involvement in the 2015 Men's World Championship.

2. The Extraordinary IHF Congress was officially convened in a letter dated 27 February 2015 according to Article 12.2.3 of the IHF Statutes.
3. On 30 April 2015, the IHF Council decided, according to Article 13.3.21 of the IHF Statutes, to change the host and consequently the date of the Extraordinary IHF Congress due to visa issues of the host country. The Congress delegates were informed accordingly by official letter dated 30 April 2015.
4. According to the initial deadlines as per Article 12.2.4 of the IHF Statutes, further details as well as the agenda and other Congress papers were sent out to the Congress delegates by the Head Office on 15 May 2015.
5. On 28 May 2015, the IHF Council decided, according to Article 13.3.21 of the IHF Statutes, to award the Extraordinary IHF Congress to the Handball Federation of Russia and to hold the Extraordinary IHF Congress in Sochi, Russia on 8 November 2015. The Congress delegates were informed accordingly by official letter dated 29 May 2015.
6. The Congress delegates were informed that the change only refers to the place and the date of the Congress. The Congress programme as well as the agenda and working documents for the Extraordinary IHF Congress, which had already been communicated to them by email and by post according to the initial deadlines, remain unchanged.

The above-mentioned dates all comply with the dates prescribed by the IHF Statutes. The Extraordinary IHF Congress has thus been convened in accordance with the Statutes.

Decision. The Congress affirmatively took note of the report.

6. MOTIONS TO THE CONGRESS

6.1 Motions from the IHF Executive Committee

6.1.1 IHF Statutes



The IHF Executive Committee proposed to the Congress the following motions regarding the IHF Statutes, which were approved by the Council. According to Article 12.5.8 of the IHF Statutes, a two-thirds majority of delegates present and entitled to vote shall decide on changes to the Statutes.

Motion No. 1.

7.3. Member Federations' Obligations

Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member Federation shall **be subject to sanction according to Article 13.3.25** ~~lead to sanctions provided for in the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines.~~

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 121

No: 0

Abstain: 2

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 1 regarding the IHF Statutes.

Motion No. 2.

to add a point under Article 10.2 ("Continental Confederations – General Conditions");

8. The Council and Executive Committee of the IHF shall be entitled to submit motions to the congress of the Continental Confederations.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 124

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 2 regarding the IHF Statutes.

Motion No. 3.

15.2. Duties of the Commission of Organising and Competition

15.3. Duties of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission

15.4. Duties of the Commission of Coaching and Methods

15.5. Duties of the Medical Commission



15.6. Duties of the Commission for Development

15.7. Duties of the Athletes' Commission

To move the duties of the IHF Permanent Commissions to an internal regulation named "IHF Permanent Commissions' duties"

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 124

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 3 regarding the IHF Statutes.

Motion No. 4.

to change Article 22 ("Court of Arbitration for Sport").

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) may be called upon in exceptional cases (problems arising in connection with doping violations, complaints from individual athletes).

to be changed as follows:

All disputes arising from these Regulations will be handled by the IHF legal bodies. After exhaustion of the internal IHF remedies, the final decision of IHF can be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne / Switzerland in accordance with the CAS Code that shall definitely resolve the dispute in accordance with IHF Regulations, additionally Swiss Law. The decision of CAS will be final according to Articles R46 and R59 of the CAS Code.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 124

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 4 regarding the IHF Statutes.

6.1.2 IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations

The IHF Executive Committee proposed to the Congress the following motions regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations, which were approved by the Council.



Motion No. 5.

to add under Article 4 (“Supplementary Rules for Professional Players”):

- Professional players may be registered with a maximum of three clubs during one season. The number of clubs includes those clubs where the player was loaned in the course of one season. During this period, the player is only eligible to play for a maximum of three clubs.
- In accordance with these Regulations a season is defined as starting on 1 July every year, and finishing on 30 June of the consecutive year.
- In case a player moves between two clubs belonging to National Federations with overlapping seasons (i.e. start of season in summer/autumn as opposed to winter/spring) the provisions and the definition of a season in these Regulations apply.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 124

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision. The Congress approved motion no. 5 regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations.

Motion No. 6.

to change § 2 of Article 12 (“Rules for Amateur Players”):

5. Players may be registered with a maximum of two clubs during one season. During this period, the player is only eligible to play official matches for two clubs. As an exception to this rule, a player moving between two clubs belonging to associations with overlapping seasons (i.e. start of the season in summer/autumn as opposed to winter/spring) may be eligible to play in official matches for a third club during the relevant season, provided he has fully complied with his contractual obligations towards his previous clubs.

to be changed as follows:

5. Amateur players may be registered with a maximum of three clubs during one season. The definition of a season in Article 4 § 1 applies in the case of amateur players as well.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 123



No: 1

Abstain: 0

Decision. The Congress approved motion no. 6 regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations.

Motion No. 7.

to amend Attachment 4 ("Specimen Contract"):

d) to make Player available for national team matches (international matches, preparatory training courses and training camps); each season's dates shall be stipulated in advance, in writing, and form part of this contract.

to be amended as follows:

d) to make Player available for national team matches **as per the provisions of Article 7 of the IHF Player Eligibility Code.**

to add:

§9 In case of any disputes, the International Handball Federation or its judicial bodies are the bodies of first instance. Once all internal remedies of the International Handball Federation are exhausted, an appeal against the decision of the IHF can be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne whose decision will be final.

§10 This contract is signed in five copies (two copies for each of the signatories and one copy to be deposited with the International Handball Federation).

§11 The International Handball Federation will issue the ITC once the contract is deposited with the International Handball Federation.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 124

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision. The Congress approved motion no. 7 regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations.



6.2 Motions from IHF Continental Confederations

6.2.1 IHF Player Eligibility Code – EHF

Motion No. 8.

to amend point 6.1 of Article 6 (“National Players”):

b) They shall not have played in any national team of another country in the three years preceding their first appearance in the national team in an official match. **They shall not have played in an official match for another national team after December 31 of their 21st year.** Official matches are considered to be: the qualifying matches for a continental championship, matches in a continental championship, qualifying matches for IHF World Championships and Olympic Games, matches in IHF World Championships and Olympic Games.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 40

No: 64

Abstain: 10

Decision. The Congress rejected motion no. 8 regarding the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

Motion No. 9.

to amend point 6.3 of Article 6 (“National Players”):

6.3 Change eligibility to play for a National Federation

It is only permitted to change the National Federation and thus to obtain eligibility to play for a new national team one time.

In case of dissolution of an existing federation or a constitution of a new one, **the IHF Council further to consultation of the continental confederation(s) concerned will decide on the player’s eligibility to represent a new nation** ~~the IHF shall create a separate body to examine the cases should disputes over eligibility arise.~~

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 41

No: 70

Abstain: 4



Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 9 regarding the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

6.3 Motions from IHF Member Federations

6.3.1 IHF Statutes – ISL / NOR / ~~Pan-American NFs (CAN, CHI, PAR, URU, VEN)~~

(withdrawn)

Motion No. 10 (ISL):

to add to Article 2 (“Purpose and Objectives”):

2. It shall ensure

2.2. that international regulations are written and observed according to clear legal principle

to add:

2.2.1

The regulations on IHF competitions shall be based on the following principles:

1. The regulations shall be based on objective criteria.
2. The regulations shall be formulated in a clear way.
3. The regulations shall be adopted and published before the competition starts.
4. The regulations shall be subject to a review of the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS).
5. The regulations and rules cannot be changed after the competition has started.

The representative of Icelandic Handball Federation took the floor and withdrew point 4 of the submitted motion due to the fact that the IHF amended the provision related to CAS.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 124

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 10, points 1, 2, 3, 5, while point 4 was withdrawn by Iceland regarding the IHF Statutes.

Motion No. 11 (ISL):

to add to Article 2 (“Purpose and Objectives”):



2.2.2

A team qualified for the IHF World Competition cannot be dismissed from the competition, due to a disputable competitive capability of a qualified team and the difference in performance level of that team in comparison with other qualified teams.

Should a qualified team withdraw from the IHF World Competition a new team should be chosen on the basis of an objective criteria.

The representative of Icelandic Handball Federation took the floor to explain their motion, emphasizing that the right to participate in a World Championship of a team which has duly qualified for the event should not be removed by the Council due to the team's competitive capability. President Moustafa commented that the Regulations for IHF Competitions are within the area of responsibility of the IHF Council which is composed of representatives from every continent. He added that the image of World Championships, the main product of the IHF, should be preserved by means of attractive matches without large goal differences.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 34

No: 52

Abstain: 18

Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 11 regarding the IHF Statutes.

Motion No. 12 (NOR):

to add two new points under Article 14.3 ("Executive Committee Duties"):

1. The Executive Committee shall.

1.2 present the report from the last period to the IHF Congress. This report shall be available for the member federations in written form no less than three months prior to the congress.

1.3 present The Complete Strategic Plan for IHF in the next period to the Congress in written form no later than three months prior to the Congress.

The representative of the Norwegian Handball Federation took the floor and expressed his appreciation for the work done by the IHF and the figures of the IHF income presented in the President's report as well as by the IHF Treasurer, approving the security of the IHF financial status for the future. Therefore Norway changed their motion, reducing the proposed deadline for submitting the report as well as the strategic plan from three months to one month prior to the Congress.



The result of the voting was:

Yes: 118

No: 3

Abstain: 3

Decision. The Congress approved motion no. 12 regarding the IHF Statutes after reducing the deadline for submitting the IHF report as well as the strategic plan to one month.

Motion No. 13 (NOR):

to add under Article 17 (“Finances”):

3. The Treasurer shall draw up the budget and submit it to the Council for approval and to the Congress for confirmation. **The Congress shall have this document no later than four months prior to the Congress meeting.**

4. The annual accounts and the reports from the supervisory body and the internal IHF auditors shall be submitted to the Council and the Congress for resolution. **The Congress shall have this document no later than three months prior to the Congress meeting.**

The representative of the Norwegian Handball Federation took the floor to change their motion, reducing the proposed deadline for submitting the budget from four months to one month prior to the Congress. In addition, they reduced the proposed deadline for submitting the annual accounts and reports from the supervisory body and internal IHF auditors from three months to one month prior to the Congress.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 123

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Decision. The Congress approved motion no. 13 regarding the IHF Statutes after reducing the deadline for submitting the budget as well as the annual accounts and reports from the supervisory body and internal IHF auditors to one month.

Note. The IHF received official letters from the Pan-American National Federations (CAN, CHI, PAR, URU, VEN) withdrawing their motion submitted related to the IHF Statutes.



6.3.2 IHF Player Eligibility Code – EGY

Motion No. 14:

to amend point 6.3 of Article 6 (“National Players”):

6.3 Change eligibility to play for a National Federation

The Egyptian Handball Federation would like to propose:

Necessary limitation of number of those players, who changed their original nationality to a new one and consequently become eligible to play for a new national team, we think that a limitation seems necessary in those cases (no more than 20 – 25 % at maximum inside the same national team).

Change of the nationality should be freely allowed according to IHF regulations till the age of 21 and at that age the player should choose his final nationality and determine the national team, who he shall represent.

President Moustafa took the floor to explain to the Congress participants that they have already voted against the same motion which was submitted by European Handball Federation.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 6

No: 117

Abstain: 1

Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 14 regarding the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

Motion No. 15:

to amend point 7.1.3.1 of Article 7 (“Release of Players to National Teams”):

In point 7.1.3.1 the release of national player is limited to a period from 15 days prior to the beginning of the competition to 1 day after the end of the competition, which is not enough



period due to the fact that the process of obtaining the necessary visa can take 4 to 6 weeks or even more.

New suggestion: 4 weeks before the event

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 1

No: 118

Abstain: 5

Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 15 regarding the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

Motion No. 16:

to amend point 7.1.3.2 of Article 7 (“Release of Players to National Teams”):

In point 7.1.3.2 the matter is more complicated as the release of national player is limited to a period from 2 days prior to the beginning of the playing period to 1 day after the end of the playing period. How can the national player get the visa?

New suggestion: 4 weeks before the event

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 1

No: 118

Abstain: 5

Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 16 regarding the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

Motion No. 17:

to amend point 7.4.3 of Article 7 (“Release of Players to National Teams”):

In point 7.4.3 the determined suspension period (six months) is not sufficient, may be **one year suspension shall be more logic or as alternative to add to the present text that this six**



months suspension shall be in active sport season and not in so-called dead days, without any important matches for the club, which means no real harm for the player or his club.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 4

No: 117

Abstain: 3

Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 17 regarding the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

Motion No. 18:

to add a new point under Article 7 (“Release of Players to National Teams”):

The article misses some important point, which is: What shall be done in case the following behavior occurred.

- a major event shall take place in a country, this country want to weak the national team of another country by the following way: this country encourage its clubs to sign contracts with key players, (namely national players) from other country before the event and make and agreed with its clubs not to release those key players for their national teams.
- As we can see this is very possible case and in our opinion **the article should find a solution to protect national federations and their national teams** in such case, because some rich nations can take advantage of the lack of sufficient penalty or disciplinary sanction.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 2

No: 118

Abstain: 4

Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 18 regarding the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

6.3.3 IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations – EGY



Motion No. 19.

to amend § 1 in Article 7 (“Protection of Minors”):

The Egyptian Handball Federation would like to propose the following:

Contracts must be signed with the young players with the age 12 – 18 years, in order to protect the rights of the club in training and education of the player, this education agreement must include amount, which should be fixed by the club for those players. Taking into account that the amount should be increased in case if such players joined the national team and became national players.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 1

No: 122

Abstain: 1

Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 19 regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations.

Motion No. 20.

to amend § 1 in Article 7 (“Protection of Minors”):

We should try to reserve the rights of the clubs in training and education of the players, to achieve financial benefit to the clubs in case of transfer of the young players with the age 12 – 18 years. Our proposal is to remove the point a) in article no. 7 , 1, which permit the international transfers under the age of 16 when the player’s family moves to the country in which the new club is located for reasons that are not linked to handball to reserve the moral and material rights of the clubs.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 1

No: 123

Abstain: 0



Decision. The Congress rejected motion no. 20 regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations.

Motion – EGY:

to amend § 1 in Article 7 (“Protection of Minors”):

The number of allowed loans of players, who played with clubs in other countries other than their original clubs for certain period of transfer, should be limited to fixed number two or three times in maximum during the same sport season.

No vote was necessary on this motion due to the fact that the proposed motion is already included in the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations.

Decision. The Congress confirmed this motion regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations due to the fact that it is already included in the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations.

Motion No. 21:

to change point 3.1 in Attachment 1 (“Procedure for Transfers / IHF Regulations”):

In case of transfers of:

- amateur players to become amateur players the transfer fee to the releasing federation amounts to CHF 150.-- per transfer and the transfer fee to the IHF amounts to CHF 150.-- per transfer.

The Egyptian Handball Federation would like to propose the increase of the transfer fee in that case.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 2

No: 118

Abstain: 4

Decision. The Congress rejected motion no. 21 regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations.



6.3.4 Regulations for IHF Competitions – EGY / ~~Pan-American NFs (CAN, CHI, PAR, URU, VEN)~~ (withdrawn)

Motion No. 22:

to amend point 3.3 in Article 2 (“Men’s and Women’s World Championships”):

3.3 Match scheme

Determination of places 9-16

The losers of the eighth-finals to be classified 9th – 16th through competitive matches (president cup).

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 1

No: 121

Abstain: 2

Decision: The Congress rejected motion no. 22 regarding the Regulations for IHF Competitions.

Note: The IHF received official letters from the Pan-American National Federations (CAN, CHI, PAR, URU, VEN) withdrawing their motion submitted related to the Regulations for IHF Competitions.

6.3.5 IHF Bid and Event Manual – EGY

Motion – EGY:

to change Chapter 2 (“The Bidding Procedure”) of the IHF Bid and Event Manual:

The Egyptian Handball Federation would like to propose extending the time of bidding process.

As the motion submitted by Egyptian Handball Federation is not related to the IHF Statutes or Regulations, the motion shall be dealt with by the IHF Council.

Decision: The Congress did not vote on this motion and authorized the IHF Council to study the motion and take a corresponding decision.



According to Article 12.5.2 of the IHF Statutes, the Congress resolutions will come into force three months after the decision of the Congress, i.e. on 8 February 2016.

7. CLOSE OF THE CONGRESS

President Moustafa thanked all Congress participants, the Council members, the interpreters and the staff of the Head Office for their collaboration and their contribution to the success of the Congress. He addressed special thanks to the President of the Handball Federation of Russia, Mr Sergey Shishkarev, and his team for the excellent organization of the Congress and special thanks to the President of the Russian Federation, Mr Vladimir Putin, and the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr Dmitry Rogozin, for their approval to grant the delegates from several IHF Member Federations a Russian entry visa upon arrival to Russia.

Afterwards President Moustafa declared the Extraordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation officially closed.

Sochi, 8 November 2015 / Basle, 7 January 2016

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