



Electoral Period

2013 - 2017

Council Meeting No. 9

**Herzogenaurach,
Germany**

11 November 2016

Present:

Dr Hassan MOUSTAFA (EGY)	President
Miguel ROCA MAS (ESP)	1 st Vice-President
Mansourou AREMOU (BEN)	Africa's Vice-President
Bader AL-THEYAB (KUW)	Asia's Vice-President
Jean BRIHAULT (FRA)	Europe's Vice-President
Mario MOCCIA (ARG)	Pan-America's Vice-President
Joël DELPLANQUE (FRA)	Executive Committee Member
Frantisek TABORSKY (CZE)	Executive Committee Member
Manfred PRAUSE (GER)	PRC Chairman
Dr François GNAMIAN (CIV)	MC Chairman
Rafael SEPULVEDA (PUR)	CD Chairman
Charles OMBOUMAHOU (CGO)	Africa's Representative
Yoshihide WATANABE (JPN)	Asia's Representative
Arne ELOVSSON (SWE)	Europe's Representative
Mario GARCIA DE LA TORRE (MEX)	Pan-America's Representative
Ricardo BLAS (GUM)	Oceania's Representative
Per BERTELSEN (DEN, partly)	COC Caretaker Chairman
Dietrich SPÄTE (GER)	CCM Caretaker Chairman
Amal KHALIFA (EGY)	Managing Director
Patric STRUB (GER)	Competitions Director
Marisa STERLY (GER)	IHF Head Office

MEETING TIME: 14:00 - 17:30

Note: These minutes constitute a record of decisions taken and only contain the most important spoken contributions. The proceeding of this meeting was recorded. The record is kept at the Head Office in Basel.

President Moustafa as usual abstained from voting.

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At 14:00 President Moustafa opened the meeting, welcoming the Council members to the meeting in Herzogenaurach. He conveyed his gratitude to host Adidas and welcomed Mr Daniel Neuerburg, Adidas Category Director Team Sports, who addressed some words to the Council members, stating that it is a great pleasure to welcome the Council members to Herzogenaurach and wishing them a successful and constructive meeting. Mr Neuerburg expressed his hopes for further good collaboration with the IHF for the benefit of the worldwide development of handball.

1. Minutes

1.1. Council Meeting No. 8, 23 July 2016 in Bratislava, SVK

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 8th Council Meeting, which was held in Bratislava, SVK, on 23 July 2016.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Council Meeting No. 8 held in Bratislava on 23 July 2016.

1.2. Executive Committee Meeting No. 13, 22 July 2016 in Bratislava, SVK

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 13th Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Bratislava, SVK, on 22 July 2016.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 13 held in Bratislava on 22 July 2016.

1.3. Executive Committee Meeting No. 14, 7 September 2016 in Doha, QAT

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 14th Executive Committee Meeting, which was held in Doha, QAT, on 7 September 2016.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 14 held in Doha on 7 September 2016.

2. President's activities

President Moustafa presented an overview of his activities between the last Council Meeting in Bratislava in July 2016 and the present meeting in Herzogenaurach. He briefly reported on different meetings, for example the kick-off meeting with the Organising Committee of the 2019 Women's World Championship in Japan held in Basel on 19 October, the IHF-EHF Mutual Meeting held in Basel

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on 24 October, and the France 2017 referee preparation seminar organised in Paris from 28 to 30 October which was highly appreciated by the referees involved. He also informed the Council that he welcomed the President of the German Handball Federation, Andreas Michelmann, to Basel on 30 October to sign the contract for the organisation of the 2017 Women's World Championship to be held in Germany from 1 to 17 December 2017.

He also mentioned the different events which he attended, such as the highlight of all major sports events, the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in August, including the different meetings organised on the fringes of that event, such as the 129th IOC Session. He was also present at the 2016 IHF Super Globe in Qatar in September and the celebration on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Group Club Handball/Forum Club Handball in Palma de Mallorca, Spain on 6 November.

In addition he briefly reported on his visit to Zagreb, Croatia from 26 to 28 September where he did not only meet with the President of Croatian Handball Federation, Mr Tomislav Grahovac, but also with the President of Croatia, Mrs Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, as well as some of Croatia's legendary former players including Ivano Balic and Slavko Goluzo.

He added that he travelled to Dubai from 1 to 4 November 2016 to attend the 20th Meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Creative Sport Seminar of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award and to meet with the President of United Arab Emirates Handball Federation, Mr Mohammad Abdulkarim Julfar, and his board of directors to discuss their plan for the development of handball after they had recently been elected.

Decision.

The Council took note of and approved the President's activities and appreciated the efforts he made for the worldwide development of handball.

3. Competitions

3.1. 2015 Women's WCh in DEN – Evaluation

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who presented the evaluation of the 2015 Women's World Championship held in Herning, Kolding, Næstved and Frederikshavn, Denmark from 5 to 20 December 2015, based on the feedback received from the IHF nominees and the participating teams. The key positive aspects were the excellent and professional organisation of the host, the high number of spectators, the good level of the matches and the creation of a fan zone. On the other hand, several critical remarks were received in terms of the video proof system, due to the fact that the IHF decided to stop the usage of the goal camera as the results were not fully reliable. This change in the middle of the tournament was hardly comprehensible for the public. The teams also commented that the hotel in Næstved did not meet the standard expected at a Senior WCh, that the number of team busses was not enough and that there was a big gap in the performance level of the referees.

Decision.

The Council took note of the evaluation of the 2015 Women's WCh in DEN and asked to consider the negative comments on the championship in the future organisation of IHF events.

3.2. 2016 Women's Junior (U20) WCh in RUS – Evaluation

The Competitions Director proceeded with the evaluation of the 2016 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship held in Moscow, Russia from 3 to 15 July 2016, based on the feedback received from the IHF nominees and the participating teams. The IHF nominees and teams praised in particular the excellent accommodation, good food quality, transportation and the concept of two venues in one city. Among the weaker points were the low spectators' interest except for the matches of RUS, the match days being too long (6 matches), and the insufficient level of English of many people in the arena. The nominees and teams recommended, for example, to modernise the IHF website and to use smaller venues for this kind of competition in view of the number of spectators.

Decision.

The Council took note of the evaluation of the 2016 Women's Junior (U20) WCh in RUS and asked to consider the negative comments and recommendations in the future organisation of IHF events.

3.3. 2016 Men's and Women's Beach Handball WChs in HUN – Evaluation

The Competitions Director presented the evaluation of the 2016 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships held in Budapest, Hungary from 12 to 17 July 2015, based on the feedback received from the IHF nominees and the participating teams. The key positive aspects were the high-level venue, the excellent level of the games, fair play among the teams, accommodation and food, and excellent infrastructure. On the other hand, the bad weather on 4 out of 7 days and the low spectators' interest were regarded as key problem issues. The nominees and teams recommended, for example, to create a special event app, to publish more information and in particular more photos on the IHF website as well as to consider a competition system with quarter-finals.

Decision.

The Council took note of the evaluation of the 2016 Men's and Women's Beach Handball WChs in HUN and asked to consider the negative comments and recommendations in the future organisation of IHF events.

3.4. 2016 Women's Youth (U18) WCh in SVK – Evaluation

The Competitions Director presented the evaluation of the 2016 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship held in Bratislava, Slovakia from 19 to 31 July 2016, based on the feedback received from the IHF nominees and the participating teams. The IHF nominees and teams praised in particular the very good organisation of the host, the standard and location of the IHF hotel, and the concept of staging the event in one city only. Among the weaker points were the low spectators' interest (even during the finals), the big gap between the competing teams as well as between the referee couples, and the match days being too long (6 matches). The nominees and teams recommended, for example, to create a mobile version of the IHF website (for mobile devices) and to invite school classes to fill the empty seats. Some of the teams recommended to play the highest possible number of matches at junior and youth events, i.e. to return to the old system for staging the places 9-16.

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Decision.

The Council took note of the evaluation of the 2016 Women's Youth (U18) WCh in SVK and asked to consider the negative comments and recommendations in the future organisation of IHF events.

3.5. 2016 Olympic Games in Rio – Evaluation

The Competitions Director presented the evaluation of the 2016 Men's and Women's Olympic Handball Tournaments held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 6 to 21 August 2016, based on the feedback received from the IHF nominees (ITOs) and the participating teams. The key positive aspects were the large spectators' interest, good level of the matches, the great atmosphere and the good cooperation between IHF, the OC, the teams and the volunteers. On the other hand, transportation (especially at the beginning of the event), the problems with the sub-floor, the distribution of uniforms (nominees) and the quality of meals at the Olympic Village (teams) were regarded as key problem issues. The nominees recommended, for example, that the number of nominations should be more equal and the nominations for the following day should be announced earlier to allow for a professional preparation. The teams recommended, for example, that the best referees should have the most important matches (QF, SF, Finals) irrespective of their gender and that all match recordings should be available for download on the internet free of charge.

President Moustafa conveyed his appreciation to the nominees and teams for their feedback and stressed the importance of considering their comments and recommendations in the future organisation of IHF events.

President Moustafa informed the Council on his participation in the Rio 2016 Post-Games IF Debrief held in Lausanne on 21 October 2016, which was attended by ASOIF President Francesco Ritti Bitti, IOC Olympic Games Executive Director Christophe Dubi, IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell as well as representatives of all International Federations involved in the 2016 Olympic Games. He added that a questionnaire was communicated to all 28 IFs by IOC and ASOIF prior to the Games in order to capture the IFs' feedback from the Games and establish requirements and guidelines for future Games.

President Moustafa referred to the statistics received from Brazilian newspaper 'O Globo', according to which handball is ranked second, after football and ahead of the other 26 Olympic sports, in terms of sold tickets at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. He added that the Olympic Handball Tournaments were attended by many celebrities as well as IOC President Dr Thomas Bach who witnessed the great development of the sport and spectacular performances of the teams. A fantastic atmosphere prevailed in the arena during all handball matches, which was appreciated by all spectators, media, TV viewers and handball experts.

Decision.

The Council congratulated President Moustafa and the people involved on the successful organisation of the 2016 Men's and Women's Olympic Handball Tournaments in Rio, took note of the evaluation of the tournaments and asked to consider the negative comments and recommendations in the future organisation of IHF events.

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3.6. 2017 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in ALG – Inspection report

President Moustafa gave the floor to the COC Caretaker Chairman who presented the report of his inspection visit to Algeria for the 2017 Men's Junior (U21) WCh, which he carried out together with Event Delegates Milan Petronijevic and Predrag Pavicevic during the period from 19 to 22 October 2016.

During the inspection, two playing halls were confirmed, taking into consideration that renovation work is yet to be accomplished in both. In addition, two further training halls, three team hotels and the IHF hotel were checked and confirmed. The COC Caretaker Chairman reported that transportation might become an issue due to the heavy traffic in Algiers, and police escort will be required for the teams and IHF. In terms of security, the state is supporting the event and guarantees all measures are taken to secure the event.

The President of Algerian Handball Federation, Mr Said Bouamra, and the Director of the Ministry of Sports confirmed during the inspection visit that all participants who do not have an Algerian embassy in their country will receive their visas upon arrival at the airport of Algiers. The COC Caretaker Chairman added that he also met the President of Algerian Olympic Committee, Mr Mustapha Berraf, who guaranteed his commitment to the World Championship.

The COC Caretaker Chairman proposed that the Event Delegates carry out monthly inspections to follow up the further development in terms of preparation and organisation of the event, taking into consideration that the related costs of such inspection visits will be covered by the Algerian Handball Federation.

Referring to the difficulties the IHF previously faced in setting up an inspection and several failures of Algerian Handball Federation to keep deadlines or at least to reply officially, President Moustafa asked the COC Caretaker Chairman about any problems in the preparation of the event. The COC Caretaker Chairman confirmed that he does not face any problems which might hinder the successful organisation of the World Championship concerned.

Africa's Vice-President confirmed the availability of the Algerian Minister of Sports to cooperate with the Organising Committee of the World Championship concerned.

Decision:

The Council took note of the inspection report for the 2017 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in ALG presented by the COC Caretaker Chairman and of his confirmation that he does not face any problems which might hinder the successful organisation of the World Championship.

3.7. 2017 Women's World Championship in GER – Inspection report

President Moustafa gave the floor to the COC Caretaker Chairman who presented the report of his inspection visit to Germany for the 2017 Women's WCh, which he carried out together with Event Delegate Marek Goralczyk and TV consultant Sven Harke during the period from 17 to 20 October 2016. He added that he visited five of the six venues (Hamburg, Leipzig, Magdeburg, Oldenburg and Trier), while the inspection visit to Bietigheim-Bissingen was conducted by the Competitions Director and TV consultant Sven Harke on 17/18 April 2016.

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The COC Caretaker Chairman reported that the main purpose of his visit was to inspect the competition venues as well as the accommodation concept. He stated that the IHF hotels in all six venues have been confirmed, taking into account that a special solution in terms of late dinner is required for Bietigheim-Bissingen. He pointed out that the team hotels (GER to have individual hotel in Leipzig) have been confirmed in all venues except for Oldenburg where the OC needs to provide an alternative solution. The arenas have been confirmed in all venues except for Oldenburg where the space around the field of play does not fulfil the requirements. In case the fire department of the city confirms amendments that solve the problem, the venue can be used.

The COC Caretaker Chairman stated that the location of the draw for the 2017 Women's World Championship (*Panoramadeck* in Hamburg) has been confirmed. However, the OC needs to check if a TV transmission is possible, otherwise the location of the draw has to be changed.

The COC Caretaker Chairman confirmed that he does not face any problems which might hinder the successful organisation of the World Championship concerned.

Decision.

The Council took note of the inspection report for the 2017 Women's World Championship in GER presented by the COC Caretaker Chairman and of his confirmation that he does not face any problems which might hinder the successful organisation of the World Championship.

4. *Commissions*

4.1. IHF Athletes' Commission – Confirmation of election result

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Managing Director who briefly informed the Council about the election procedure applied with regard to the IHF Athletes' Commission, stating that on 29 April 2016 an official letter was sent by the IHF to all Member Federations, asking them to submit candidatures for the position of a Member of the IHF Athletes' Commission before 3 June 2016. The following candidatures were submitted:

Name (country)	Date of submission of candidature
Mouna CHEBBAH (TUN)	25 May 2016
Rikke ERHARDSEN SKOV (DEN)	31 May 2016
Cristina NEAGU (ROU)	2 June 2016
Diego SIMONET (ARG)	3 June 2016
Igor VORI (CRO)	3 June 2016
Gro HAMMERSENG-EDIN (NOR)	3 June 2016
Jérôme FERNANDEZ (FRA)	7 June 2016*

** due to the fact that the candidature was submitted after the deadline, it was not taken into consideration*

The Managing Director pointed out that on 22 June 2016 the IHF Executive Committee confirmed the candidates' eligibility to stand for election according to Article 3.1.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, and on 1 July 2016 information on the candidates standing for election were

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published on the IHF website. The election of the IHF Athletes' Commission was held during the period from 8 to 11 August 2016 on the fringes of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. All athletes participating in the Olympic Handball Tournaments were entitled to vote according to Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission.

The report of the Electoral Commission for the election of the IHF Athletes' Commission was presented to the Council. The Electoral Commission, established by decision of the IHF President dated 7 August 2016 and consisting of Mr Jean Brihault as chairman and Mr Mansourou Aremou, Mr Bader Al-Theyab and two IHF staff members as members, undertook the election process as well as the counting of the votes cast according to Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission.

The Electoral Commission unanimously ascertained that no irregularity occurred during the elections. The elections were completed on 11 August 2016, upon which the Commission started the counting of the votes. The Commission determined:

1. There were 320 (three hundred twenty) used ballots
2. There were 16 (sixteen) unused ballots which were put in a separate folder
3. In the ballot box there were 318 (three hundred eighteen) ballots
4. In the ballot box there were 318 valid ballots
5. In the ballot box there were not invalid ballots
6. In the ballot box 2 (two) ballots out of the used ones were missing

Upon counting the votes, the Commission ascertained that the two missing ballots could not have an impact on the final result of the elections.

Upon counting the votes, it was determined that the candidates for the members of the Athletes' Commission received the following number of votes:

1. Gro HAMMERSENG-EDIN (NOR)	178 votes
2. Diego SIMONET (ARG)	159 votes
3. Mouna CHEBBAH (TUN)	129 votes
4. Cristina NEAGU (ROU)	125 votes
5. Igor VORI (CRO)	114 votes
6. Rikke ERHARSEN SKOV (DEN)	94 votes

Based on the aforementioned results, the following athletes have been elected to the IHF Athletes' Commission:

Gro HAMMERSENG-EDIN	178 votes
Diego SIMONET	159 votes
Mouna CHEBBAH	129 votes
Cristina NEAGU	125 votes
Igor VORI	114 votes

The Commission ascertained that Article 15.1.2 of the IHF Statutes has been completely followed and proposed to the Council to confirm the election result and to approve the chairperson provisionally until the next IHF Congress which shall give its definite confirmation.

According to Article 4.5.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the largest number of votes cast were obtained by the candidate Gro HAMMERSENG-EDIN (178 votes).

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President Moustafa stressed the necessity of supporting the IHF Athletes' Commission, considering that the athletes are the heart of the IHF events. He proposed to convene a meeting with the members of the IHF Athletes' Commission, e.g. during the 2017 Men's WCh in France, in order to prepare them for their function as IHF Athletes' Commission members.

Europe's Vice-President thanked President Moustafa for the trust placed in the Electoral Commission. He expressed his satisfaction with the positive reaction and the high participation rate of the players as well as with the fact that the Athletes' Commission will be composed of five top-level athletes representing three different continents.

Decision.

The Council unanimously confirmed the composition of the Electoral Commission and the election result of the IHF Athletes' Commission, according to Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, for the following four-year term 2016-2020.

<i>Gro HAMMERSENG-EDIN (NOR)</i>	<i>Chairwoman</i>
<i>Diego SIMONET (ARG)</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Mouna CHEBBAH (TUN)</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Cristina NEAGU (ROU)</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Igor VORI (CRO)</i>	<i>Member</i>

According to Article 15.1.2 of the IHF Statutes and Article 5.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the Council provisionally approved Ms Gro HAMMERSENG-EDIN (NOR) as chairwoman of the IHF Athletes' Commission until the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress in 2017.

The Council unanimously decided to convene a meeting with the members of the IHF Athletes' Commission, e.g. during the 2017 Men's WCh in France, in order to prepare them for their function as IHF Athletes' Commission members.

4.2. IHF PRC – Appointment of Asian representative

President Moustafa informed the Council about the letter the IHF received from the Asian Handball Federation on 11 October 2016, nominating Mr Saleh Ashour (UAE) as Asian representative of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC) as a replacement for Mr Dawud Tawakoli (IRI).

Decision.

According to Article 15.1.5 of the IHF Statutes and following the nomination of the Asian Handball Federation, the Council unanimously approved to appoint Mr Saleh Ashour (UAE) as Asian representative of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC) as a replacement for Mr Dawud Tawakoli (IRI).

4.3. Meetings of IHF Commissions

President Moustafa referred to Article 4.1.1 of the IHF Standing Orders for the Council and Commissions, according to which IHF Commission meetings are generally held twice a year.

President Moustafa stressed the high costs incurred by the IHF in organising the Commission meetings, including but not limited to the travel and accommodation expenses of all members.

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Therefore he proposed to organise the IHF Commission meetings by electronic means, e.g. via Skype, if necessary and depending on the agenda, to reduce the related costs.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to organise the IHF Commission meetings by electronic means, e.g. via Skype, if necessary and depending on the agenda, to reduce the costs.

5. Finances

5.1. Auditors' report 2015

President Moustafa referred to the IHF Council decision dated 23 July 2016 to postpone the auditing of the financial statement 2015 to the period from 5 to 9 September 2016, following the recommendation of the external IHF auditor (Copartner Revision AG), due to the difficult times the IHF Financial Department went through. He pointed out that in addition to the sick leave of Mrs Anne C  zar since March 2016, Mr Marcel Schoeb unexpectedly underwent an operation, which resulted in a sick leave of more than a month.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the 1st Vice-President and current acting Treasurer who presented to the Council the reports of the internal IHF auditors (Mr Ulisses Pereira and Mr G  nal Ensari elected by the IHF Congress) as well as the external IHF auditor on the annual accounts of the IHF for the financial year 2015, stating that no objections from the auditors were raised. The report of both internal and external auditors confirmed that the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 comply with Swiss law and the IHF Statutes and Regulations. The 1st Vice-President and current acting Treasurer explained that the IHF achieved to further increase the profit of the year 2015, proving the success of handball.

President Moustafa praised the 1st Vice-President and current acting Treasurer as well as the Managing Director for their great efforts with regard to the IHF finances, also in view of the change of the IHF bank relationship and the resignation of the IHF Treasurer in December 2015. Europe's Vice-President added that the people involved deserve the Council's congratulations.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the internal and external auditors' report 2015 to be presented to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress in 2017.

5.2. 2017 Men's WCh in FRA – Compensation

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who presented to the Council a proposal regarding compensation for the teams participating in the 2017 Men's World Championship, including the compensation fee, prize money, qualification bonus, travel costs, host fee and insurance, amounting to approx. CHF 3,724,986.31 in total, including the total amount of the insurance fee for the 2017 Men's and Women's World Championships (EUR 270,000) according to

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the corresponding offer which the IHF received from the insurance company Himmelseher Sportversicherungen Weltweit (GER).

President Moustafa referred to the decision of the IHF Executive Committee made on 10 November 2016, according to which the IHF Head Office was asked to negotiate with the insurance company on including four IHF senior events in their offer, which would in turn reduce the costs significantly.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the compensation for the participating teams of the 2017 Men's World Championship amounting to approx. CHF 3,724,986.31 in total, including the total amount of the insurance fee for the 2017 Men's and Women's World Championships (EUR 270,000). Following the decision of the IHF Executive Committee dated 10 November 2016, the Council asked the IHF Head Office to negotiate with the insurance company on the extension of the contract to four IHF senior events.

5.3. Current situation of IHF investment

President Moustafa referred to the IHF Council decision dated 23 July 2016, according to which the investment proposal of Julius Bär was unanimously approved in order to save negative interest being imposed on IHF income. He gave the floor to the 1st Vice-President and current acting Treasurer who informed the Council about the steps which have been taken so far in this regard, stating that all bonds which were purchased so far are expected to be redeemed at 100% before end-September 2021.

Minimum rating of the purchased bonds: A-/A3

Required minimum yield stands at 0.37%

Average yield at purchase stands at 0.58%

Current yield to maturity stands at 0.73%

He added that the yield at the end of maturity could be different but not less than the minimum rating agreed upon in the portfolio agreement. He praised the work of Julius Bär performed so far despite the volatility of the market and the difficulties existing in CHF investments. He also referred to the foreign currency allocation which will be fixed to 50% CHF, 35% EUR and 15% USD after the initial set-up period.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved continuing the investment procedure with Julius Bär as per the IHF Council decision dated 23 July 2016 in order to save negative interest (-0.75%) being imposed on IHF income.

6. *IHF Regulations*

6.1. Feedback on new IHF Rules of the Game

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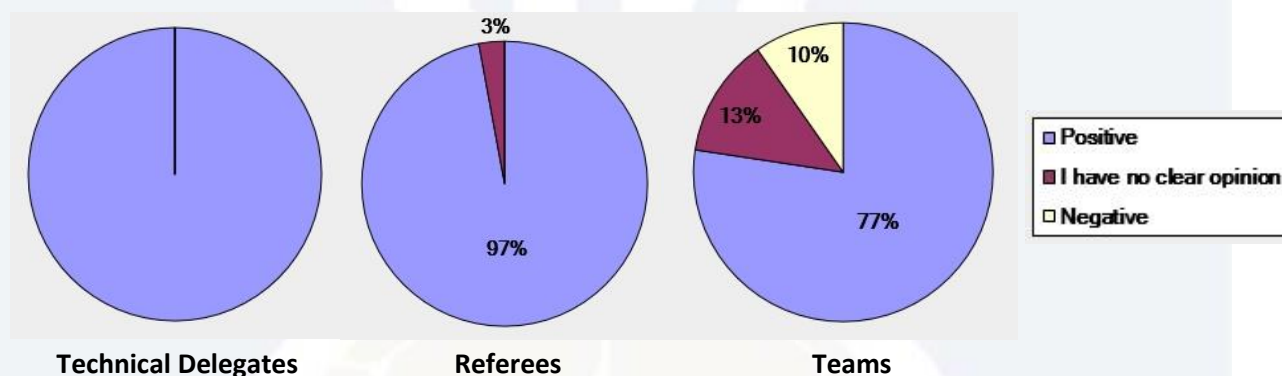
President Moustafa referred to new IHF Rules of the Game which came into force on 1 July 2016 and were thus applied at the 2016 Women's Junior (U20) WCh in RUS, the 2016 Women's Youth (U18) WCh in SVK as well as the 2016 Olympic Handball Tournaments in Rio. He stated that the participating Technical Delegates, referees and teams were asked to submit their feedback regarding the new rules and gave the floor to the Competitions Director to present the corresponding evaluation of their feedback.

The Technical Delegates commented that generally all new rules have been implemented in a good way and they did not have any problems with the teams. They stated that the game is faster, they did not lose too much time and this is the way to have a more and more attractive game.

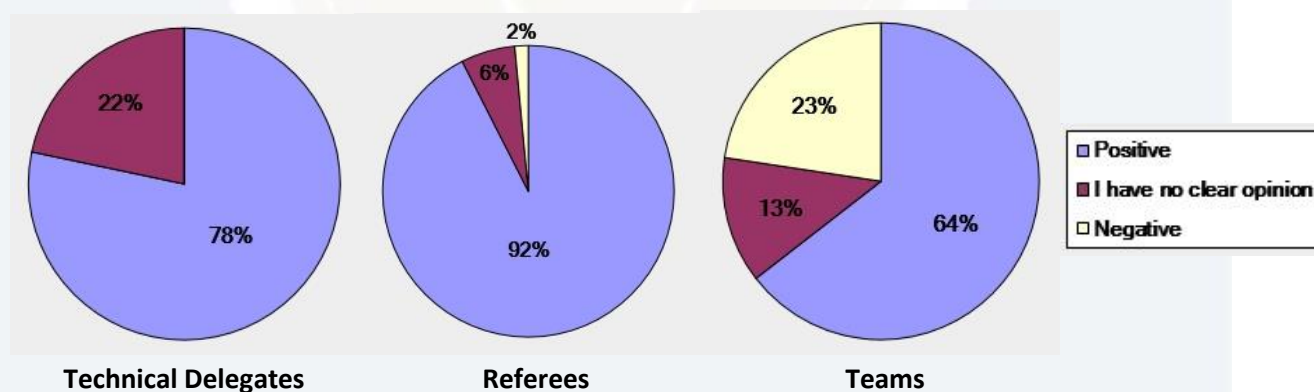
The referees remarked that in case some of the rules do not turn out to be a good change for the game, they should be changed back again to the old rules.

The teams stressed the necessity of using new technologies, especially in important decisions (blue or red card, goal or no goal, decisions in the last minute), adding that each team could have a review every half or in the last five minutes.

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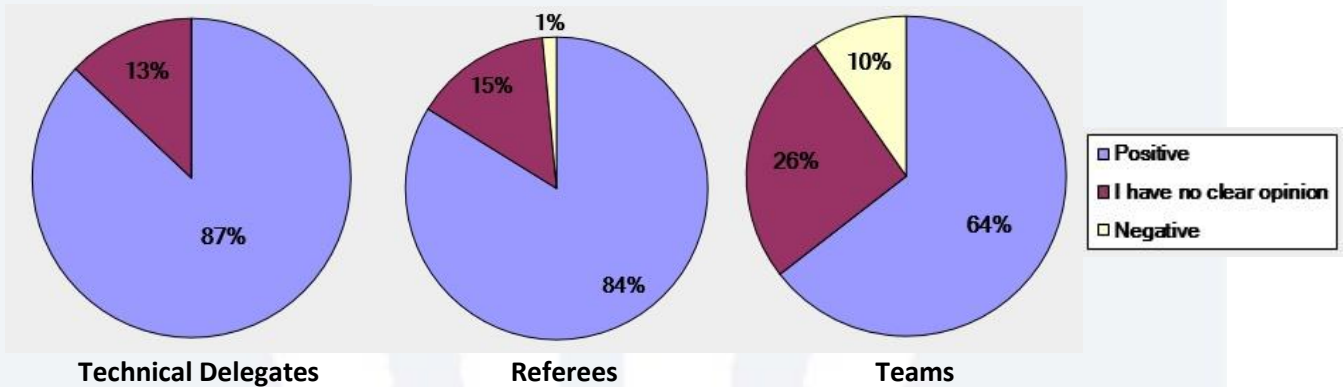


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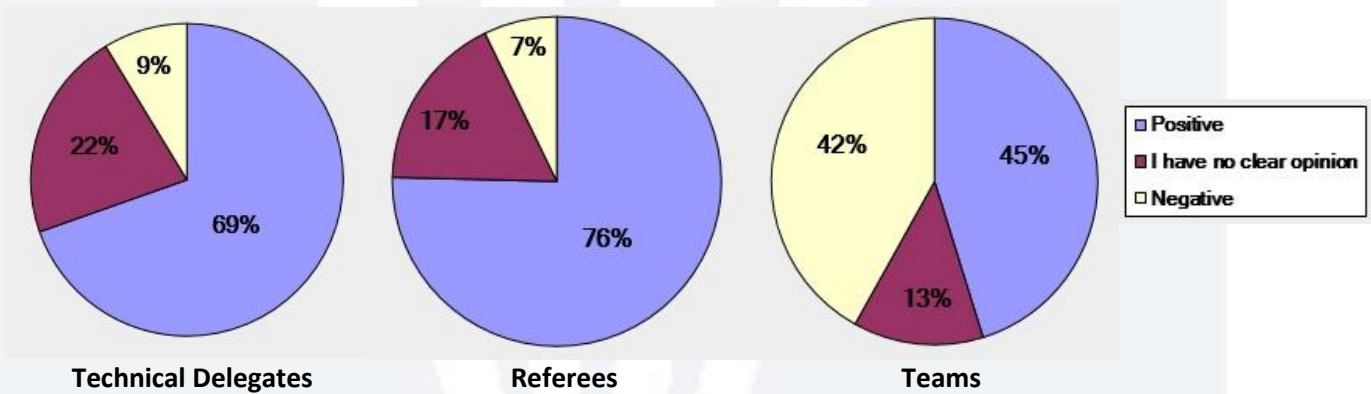


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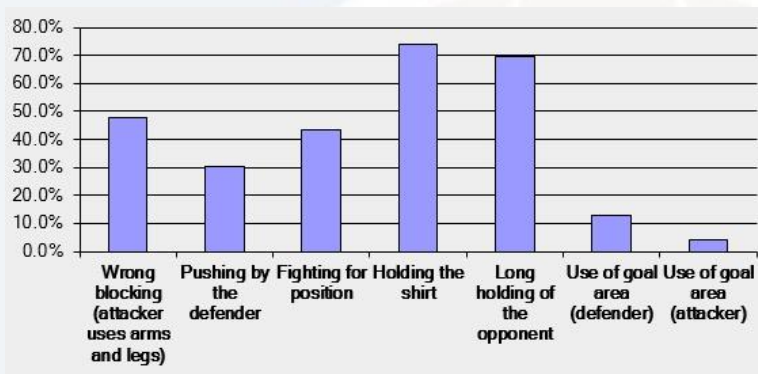
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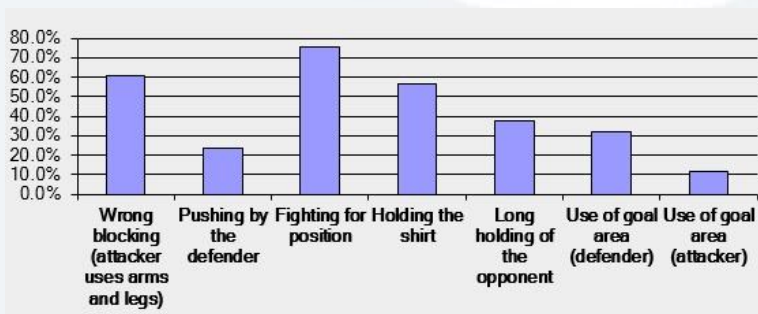
Seven field players (no goalkeeper):



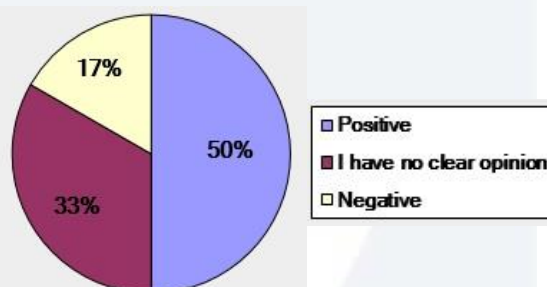
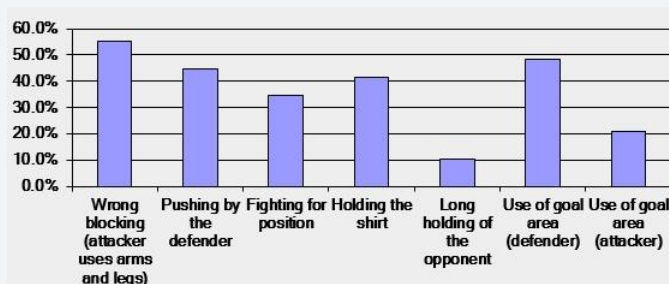
Pivot zone:



Technical Delegates: main challenges around the pivot zone



Referees: main challenges around the pivot zone



Teams: main challenges around the pivot zone

Satisfaction of teams with referees in terms of situations around the pivot zone

Referring to the global implementation of the IHF Rules of the Game at the 2016 Olympics, Europe's Vice-President remarked that the level of implementation was very hard at the beginning and became more normal towards the end. He expressed his wishes for a consistent line from the beginning until the end.

The CCM Caretaker Chairman briefly reported on the referee preparation seminar held in Paris from 28 to 30 October 2016, i.e. well in advance of the 2017 Men's World Championship taking place from 11 to 29 January 2017. Europe's Vice-President praised the idea of organising this seminar, enabling the referees participating in the 2017 Men's WCh to digest the information.

President Moustafa proposed to ask the spectators of handball matches for their feedback regarding the new IHF Rules of the Game, taking into consideration that they are the main resource. Europe's Vice-President favoured President Moustafa's idea, but emphasised the necessity of using a specialised agency in surveys for this purpose.

Decision.

The Council took note of the feedback on the new IHF Rules of the Game received by the nominees and participating teams of the 2016 IHF summer events.

7. Continents

7.1. PATHF Ordinary Congress 2016 in ARG

President Moustafa informed the Council about his attendance at the Ordinary Congress of the Pan-American Team Handball Federation held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 30 July 2016 during which elections were held (2016-2020):

Executive:

- President: Lic. Mario Moccia (ARG)
- 1st Vice-president: Mr Julio Alvaro Noveri Giandana (URU)
- 2nd Vice-president: Mr Rafael Sepúlveda Montalvo (PUR)
- General Secretary: Mr Héctor Fernández Bogdanic (CHI)
- Treasurer: Mr Carlos Gabriel Ferrea (ARG)
- IHF Representative: Dr Mario García de la Torre (MEX)

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Council (consisting of the Executive and the following persons):

North Region Vice-president*:	Mr Brian Hayes (CAN)
Caribbean Region Vice-president*:	Mr Néstor Milete (PUR)
Center Region Vice-president*:	Dr Carlos Morales Sosa (GUA)
South Region Vice-president*:	Mr Ghassan Mamo Kapasse (VEN)
PATHF COC Chairman:	Mr Carlos González Aldea (CUB)
PATHF PRC Chairman:	Mr Salvio Sedrez (BRA)

*elected prior to the PATHF Congress in meetings of the respective regions

In addition, the PATHF Congress nominated the following continental representatives to the IHF Commissions:

Commission of Organising and Competition (COC):	Mr Carlos Gabriel Ferrea (ARG)
Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC):	Mr Salvio Sedrez (BRA)
Medical Commission (MC):	Dr Llew Harper (BAR)
Commission for Development (CD):	Ms Carline Choute (HAI)

Decision.

The Council took note of the information regarding the PATHF Ordinary Congress 2016 and unanimously confirmed the following nominations from the Pan-American Team Handball Federation to the IHF bodies until the next IHF Congress in 2017 according to Article 10.2.4 of the IHF Statutes.

<i>IHF Vice-President Pan-America.</i>	<i>Mario Moccia (ARG)</i>
<i>Council Member Pan-America.</i>	<i>Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX)</i>
<i>COC Member Pan-America.</i>	<i>Mr Carlos Gabriel Ferrea (ARG)</i>
<i>PRC Member Pan-America.</i>	<i>Mr Salvio Sedrez (BRA)</i>
<i>MC Member Pan-America.</i>	<i>Dr Llew Harper (BAR)</i>
<i>CD Member Pan-America.</i>	<i>Ms Carline Choute (HAI)</i>

7.2. CAHB Ordinary Congress 2016 in GUI

President Moustafa informed the Council about his attendance at the Ordinary Congress of the African Handball Confederation held in Conakry, Guinea on 14 October 2016 during which elections were held (2016-2020):

Executive Committee:

President:	Mansourou AREMOU (BEN)
1 st Vice-President:	Medhat EL BELTAGY (EGY)
2 nd Vice-President:	Pedro GODINHO (ANG)
Secretary General and IHF Representative:	Charles OMBOUMAHOU (CGO)
Treasurer:	Auguste DOGBO (TOG)

In addition three new members were elected to the Administrative Council:

- Seydou DIOUF (SEN)
- François GNAMIAN (CIV)

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- Habib LABANE (ALG)

Africa's Vice-President added that the CAHB Council will nominate the continental representatives to the IHF Commissions in due course.

President Moustafa conveyed his gratitude to Africa's Vice-President for the good organisation of the CAHB Congress and the fruitful collaboration with the IHF.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information regarding the CAHB Ordinary Congress 2016 and unanimously confirmed the following nominations from the African Handball Confederation to the IHF Council until the next IHF Congress in 2017 according to Article 10.2.4 of the IHF Statutes.

IHF Vice-President Africa.

Mr Mansourou Aremou (BEN)

Council Member Africa.


Mr Charles Omboumahou (CGO)

8. Awarding of IHF events which are subject to a Council decision


8.1. 2021/2023 Women's World Championships

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who presented to the Council an overview of the bids received for the 2021 and 2023 Women's World Championships:

2021 Women's World Championship:

 **ESP**

Cities	Castellon (170.000 inhabitants)
	Tarragona (130.000 inhabitants)
	Lleida (140.000 inhabitants)
	Granollers (60.000 inhabitants)
	Badalona (215.000 inhabitants)
Hotels	All cities have 3 and 4 star hotels. Only Lleida has a 5-star hotel
Halls	Granollers – 5200
	Badalona - 12500
	Lleida – 5500
	Tarragona – 5000
	Castellon – 5200
Support from authorities	Mentioned
Budget presented	Yes
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Yes, but hotels and capacities of venues to be checked.
Remarks	Event is within a radius of 300km

 **HUN**


Cities	Győr (128.000 inhabitants)
	Szeged (162.000 inhabitants)
	Budapest (1.700.000 inhabitants)

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	Veszprem (60.000 inhabitants)
	Debrecen (200.000 inhabitants)
	Tatabanya (70.000 inhabitants)
Hotels	Classification not mentioned, but confirming that all requirements will be fulfilled
Halls	Győr – 5500
	Szeged – 6500
	Arena Budapest – 12500
	Veszprem – 8000
	Debrecen – 6000
	Tatabanya – 6500
Support from authorities	Yes, letters presented
Budget presented	Yes
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Yes, according to details in bid documents.
Remarks	Strong political support, Bid for 2024 Olympic Games, all cities are “handball affiliated”

2023 Women’s World Championship:

 **HUN** (same bid as above)

 **RUS**

Cities	Moscow (17.000.000 inhabitants – region)
	St. Petersburg (5.500.000 inhabitants)
	Astrakhan (1.000.000 inhabitants)
	Krasnodar (1.000.000 inhabitants)
	Rostov-On-Don (1.000.000 inhabitants)
Hotels	All 4/5 star hotels
Halls	Moscow – 14000
	St Petersburg – 7000
	Astrakhan – 5000
	Krasnodar – 7500
	Rostov on Don – 5000
Support from authorities	Yes, according to bidding details
Budget presented	Not in detail, just general information
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Yes, according to details in bid documents.
Remarks	Strong political support, long distances

 **DEN/NOR**

Following the joint bid of DEN/NOR to host the 2023 Women’s World Championship, the IHF received a request from DEN/NOR and the Swedish Handball Federation if the IHF can agree on a bid of three nations.

The COC Caretaker Chairman and the Competitions Director pointed out that according to current IHF regulations a bid of three nations is not foreseen. They recommended that the maximum number of organisers for IHF events should be limited to two in order to keep the character and the identity of a World Championship. According to their recommendation, the Council was unanimously not in favour of the request from DEN/NOR and SWE.

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The 2021 and 2023 Women's World Championships shall be awarded during the next IHF Council meeting.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information presented by the Competitions Director with regard to the bidders for the 2021 and 2023 Women's World Championships and was unanimously not in favour of the request from DEN/NOR and SWE to add SWE as a third organiser, following the recommendation of the COC Caretaker Chairman and the Competitions Director.

The Council unanimously confirmed the following bidders for the 2021 and 2023 Women's World Championships to be awarded during the next IHF Council meeting:

 2021 Women's World Championship. ESP, HUN

 2023 Women's World Championship. HUN, RUS, DEN/NOR

9. Miscellaneous

9.1. IHF ranking systems

President Moustafa informed the Council about his proposal to have an up-to-date ranking system for both indoor and beach handball, which represents the current quality level of the respective national teams, considering that the IHF currently only has a 'best ever' ranking. The goal of the new system shall be to have an overall ranking system of handball nations (separated by gender and also combined).

President Moustafa stated that the proposal for the new indoor handball ranking system drafted by the Competitions Director was communicated to several experts, including the 1st Vice-President, Executive Committee Member Frantisek Taborsky, the COC Caretaker Chairman and COC members as well as the CCM Caretaker Chairman, asking for their feedback. All experts were in favour of the idea, but recommended at the same time to form a working group of experts to deal with this important and complex matter in detail.

Therefore, President Moustafa proposed to form a working group, composed of the 1st Vice-President, Executive Committee Member Frantisek Taborsky, the COC Caretaker Chairman, the CCM Caretaker Chairman and the Competitions Director, which shall meet after the present meeting to discuss the ranking systems for indoor and beach handball in detail. As he invited the Council members to join the meeting of the working group, Europe's Vice-President stated that he would like to express his view on behalf of the European continent given the political dimension of this proposal.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the working group, composed of the 1st Vice-President, Executive Committee Member Frantisek Taborsky, Europe's Vice-President, the COC Caretaker Chairman, the CCM Caretaker Chairman and the Competitions Director, to deal with the ranking

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systems for both indoor and beach handball in detail. The working group shall elaborate a corresponding proposal to be sent to the Council for approval.

9.2. 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress – AUS

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Managing Director who informed the Council about the letter received from Australian Handball Federation following the last Council decision dated 23 July 2016 to withdraw the organisation of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress from Australian Handball Federation according to Article 13.3.21 of the IHF Statutes due to the fact that the Australian Handball Federation does not fulfil its promises made during the bid presentation in terms of participation fee and visa. In the letter dated 19 October 2016, the President of Australian Handball Federation, Mr Alex Gavrilovic, stated that the IHF Council decision was based on incorrect or incomplete information regarding participation fees and visas. The letter of AUS as well as the reply letter from IHF dated 20 October 2016 were presented to the Council.

Referring to AUS's statement that they were "not suggesting that the IHF pays for the total cost of the Congress", the IHF replied that such information has never been provided to the IHF Council members, taking into consideration that a table was presented underlining the different participation fees proposed by AUS during and after the Congress as follows:

Participation fees approved by the 2015 Ordinary IHF Congress (7 November 2015):

Delegates: \$ 490 (**EUR 320**) per person per night (single room), including all Congress costs, transfers, meals, banquet

Accompanying persons: \$ 150 (**EUR 70**) per person per night (twin share), including all meals, transfers, sightseeing programme, banquet

Participation fees proposed by AUS after the Congress (on 16 May 2016):

<u>21-28 April 2017 – Hilton</u>	
<u>Delegates:</u> \$ 700 (EUR 455) per day	in case of no contribution from IHF
<u>Accompanying persons:</u> \$ 166.67 (EUR 108.33) per day	
<u>Delegates:</u> \$ 550 (EUR 357.50) per day	if IHF pays for all technology and interpreters (total cost of Congress: \$494,440.00 = EUR 331,734.-)
<u>Accompanying persons:</u> \$ 100 (EUR 65) per day	
<u>22-28 September 2017 – Four Points by Sheraton</u>	
<u>Delegates:</u> \$ 853.33 (EUR 554.67) per day	in case of no contribution from IHF
<u>Accompanying persons:</u> \$ 230 (EUR 149.50) per day	
<u>Delegates:</u> \$ 695 (EUR 451.75) per day	if IHF pays for all technology and interpreters (total cost of Congress: \$637,270.00 = EUR 427,563.-)
<u>Accompanying persons:</u> \$ 220 (EUR 143) per day	

The full details of the costs were presented to the IHF Council in its last meeting in Bratislava on 23 July 2016 and in the present meeting, including the fees and the total budget of the Congress in case of no contribution from IHF and in case IHF pays for all technology and interpreters, based on the revised participation fees stipulated in AUS's budget.

As for the visa issues, the Managing Director outlined the correspondence exchanged between IHF and AUS, stressing that IHF asked AUS several times to provide a clear overview how/where the 204

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Member Federations can apply for an Australian entry visa. AUS's communication only included a list of nations linked to the website of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection of the Australian Government, indicating where the relevant Australian visa offices are located, forcing the IHF Head Office to access each country listed in the communication through the respective link and copy the information about the existing or non-existing Australian diplomatic mission (with visa function) in the IHF Member Federations' countries. According to the analysis of the IHF Head Office, delegates from 96 Member Federations would have to travel to another country to apply for their Australian entry visa.

Referring to AUS's statement that "such applications can be handled by mail and do not require personal attendance at a consulate in another country", the IHF replied that an official confirmation of such statement has not been found.

The Managing Director referred to the IHF Council decision dated 23 July 2016, according to which the issue shall be submitted to the IHF legal body to study the possible penalty which could be imposed in case of non-fulfilment of promises by the host after the awarding of any IHF events. She presented the input from the Chairman of IHF Arbitration Tribunal, who proposed imposing the following financial and administrative penalties to Australian Handball Federation:

- According to Article 11 of the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines the highest fine to be imposed to IHF Member Federations for any act of offence is CHF 10,000.--, so the maximum fine should be imposed.
- Australian Handball Federation to be banned from organising any kind of event (OR to be banned from organising administrative events like Congresses or seminars, but to be allowed to organise matches) in a defined period of time: until the end of this Olympic cycle (until the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo) OR in the next two years

Europe's Vice-President expressed his concerns about imposing financial penalties to AUS, which might eventually affect the players and the future of handball in Australia. Therefore he proposed imposing a financial penalty of CHF 3,000 on a suspended basis (with a probation period of two years). In addition he suggested to ban the Australian Handball Federation from organising any IHF events for two years. All Council members agreed to his proposal.

Oceania's Representative expressed his consent to the decision of the IHF Council in this matter made in its meeting on 23 July 2016 in which he did not take part. He stated that the Australian Handball Federation failed to take all organisational aspects into consideration and to present an acceptable outcome to the IHF. He stressed the necessity of making the bidders aware of the fact that any failure to fulfil their promises made during the bidding process will have consequences. He recommended to define specific guidelines for bidders, in particular in terms of accommodation and visa, to avoid similar cases of non-fulfilment of promises by the host in the future.

Europe's Vice-President proposed to request a financial deposit from the bidders before being awarded any IHF event within a defined period of time, e.g. three months. In case of failure to organise the event, the deposit would be lost.

President Moustafa informed the Council that the IHF received letters of intent from the Moroccan Handball Federation (dated 21 October 2016, proposed Congress place: Agadir) and from the United

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Arab Emirates Handball Federation (dated 10 November 2016, proposed Congress place: Dubai), expressing their interest in organising the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress 2017.

Decision.

Due to the fact that the Australian Handball Federation failed to fulfil its promises in terms of participation fee and visa made during the bid presentation for the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress, the Council unanimously decided, in accordance with Article 11 of the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines, to impose a financial penalty of CHF 3,000 to Australian Handball Federation on a suspended basis (with a probation period of two years). In addition, the Council unanimously decided to ban the Australian Handball Federation from organising any IHF events for two years.

According to Article 13.3.21 of the IHF Statutes, the Council unanimously decided to award the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress 2017 to the United Arab Emirates Handball Federation after an inspection visit has been carried out, during which the contract for the Congress shall be signed accordingly.

9.3. IHF Academy – Progress report of Shanghai University of Sport

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Managing Director who presented the letter from the Shanghai University of Sport (SUS), outlining the progress of the IHF Academy at SUS.

SUS reported that by the end of 2017, two standard indoor handball courts will be provided to the IHF Academy, while the outdoor handball court has already been finished on the campus and put to practical use, adding that the beach handball court is already designed in the university's next 3-year plan. As for handball education, SUS informed that the first semester of the handball-oriented bachelor programme (a 4-year undergraduate programme followed by the master's programme) has already started this year. With regard to handball research, the School of Physical Education and Athletic Coaching has started developing handball tactics and technique analysing software, which might be integrated into the IHF Education Centre in the future subject to approval by the IHF. SUS also stated that two consecutive coaching seminars (with 100 participants each) will be held at the IHF Academy in December 2016 in collaboration with Chinese Handball Association, after the coaching seminar hosted in March 2016 which was attended by Executive Committee Member Frantisek Taborsky and the CCM Caretaker Chairman.

President Moustafa informed the Council about his plans to travel to China in December 2016 to visit the IHF Academy at SUS as well as the IHF Academy of Chuzhou which has been inaugurated according to the agreement between the IHF and the Beijing Sport University (BSU).

Decision.

The Council took note of the progress report regarding the IHF Academy at Shanghai University of Sport.

9.4. IHF Education Centre

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President Moustafa gave the floor to the CCM Caretaker Chairman who updated the Council on the current situation of the IHF Education Centre after the first part of the platform (players, referees and coaches) had already been uploaded prior to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. As part of the second phase of development of the Education Centre, attractive new content for coaches and referees will be included, e.g. teaching videos (currently approx. 120) based on observations and conclusions of Rio 2016. The next step will be to publish the new sections on teachers, delegates, beach handball as well as the coaches' library (exercises, games, etc.), which will all be available by the end of the year. He also reported on the creation of online seminars which are scheduled to be launched after the 2017 Men's World Championship, including the possibility of organising live online seminars in six IHF languages.

The CCM Caretaker Chairman briefly reported on the meetings recently held in Cairo with Link Development, which had been awarded the development of the IHF Education Centre as per the Executive Committee decisions dated 7 June and 22 July 2016, and stressed the good collaboration with the company. During the meetings, several technical features of the Education Centre were developed, such as the rule test which allows for interactive learning.

The CD Chairman conveyed his congratulations to the IHF on the initiative of launching the IHF Education Centre.

Decision.

The Council took note of the update on the IHF Education Centre as presented by the CCM Caretaker Chairman.

9.5. IHF Handball@School

President Moustafa referred to the IHF Council decision dated 23 July 2016 to appoint Ms Ilona Hapkova (CZE) as chairwoman of the IHF Handball@School Working Group. Her evaluation report of the current composition of the working group and the activities of the H@S project were presented to the Council.

Her report outlined that since the implementation in 2011, H@S courses have been held in 58 countries in all five continents, with mostly very positive feedback and several follow-up projects. Referring to the highly successful first phase of the project (5-11 years), she recommended an extension of the following:

- "Cookbook" exercises for handball (printed handbook for participants with general and specific exercises)
- Video material for participants with an emphasis on proper execution of exercises
- Instructions for organisation of matches, tournaments and festivals
- Advice for teachers of physical education

As for the second phase (level 2 courses) focusing on the age group from 12 to 15/17 year-old students, she stressed the necessity of preparing methodical materials for physical education teachers, stating that the content of each course needs to be specifically adapted to the skills and abilities of the corresponding age group and equipment in schools.

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She considered seminars for physical education teachers as an integral part of the IHF Handball@School project, adding that the IHF should focus more on the recruitment and training of local experts. She also proposed a stronger coordination with other IHF projects, such as the IHF Education Structure, IHF Education Centre and the IHF Handball Academies.

As for the Handball@School Working Group, she recommended to further link H@S and CCM and proposed the following two members:

- Ms Luísa Estriga (POR, H@S Expert)
- Mr Craig ROT (USA, CCM Expert)

Decision.

The Council took note of the IHF Handball@School evaluation report prepared by H@S Working Group Chairwoman Ms Ilona Hapkova (CZE) and unanimously approved to appoint Ms Luísa Estriga (POR) and Mr Craig ROT (USA) as working group members.

9.6. Video proof system

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who informed the Council about the three offers which the IHF received with regard to the video proof system to be used at the 2017 Men's World Championship in France:

1.	Vision Sport (company used in DEN) – limited services, just goal camera	EUR 73,080 + accommodation and travel costs
2.	Vision Sport (company used in DEN) – full services including access to up to four additional TV signals	EUR 132,480 + accommodation and travel costs = approx. EUR 156,000
3.	Broadcast Solutions (system used at last Super Globe) – full services including access to up to eight additional TV signals	EUR 142,041.80 + accommodation costs = approx. EUR 158,000

The Competitions Director stated that the Executive Committee, in its meeting on 10 November 2016, proposed using the video proof system at the 2017 Men's World Championship in France, adding that the decision of awarding by the Council shall be based on the comparison of the offers from the two companies prepared by the Competitions Director. He pointed out that the IHF PRC is in favour of the offer received from Broadcast Solutions.

Decision.

Following the decision of the IHF Executive Committee, the IHF Council unanimously approved using the video proof system at the 2017 Men's World Championship in France taking place from 11 to 29 January and, according to the recommendation of the IHF PRC, awarded the implementation of the system to Broadcast Solutions (GER) whose offer amounted to EUR 142,041.80 plus accommodation costs (in total approx. EUR 158,000.-). The participating teams at the 2017 Men's World Championship shall be informed by the Head Office accordingly.

9.7. IHF Membership – Handball Fiji

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Oceania's Representative took the floor, informing the Council about the status of the National Handball Federation of Fiji, Handball Fiji, which is in the process of being established. He stated that Handball Fiji has officially asked their National Olympic Committee for recognition. As soon as recognition has been granted by their NOC, the necessary membership application documents will be submitted to the IHF to become a full member.

President Moustafa conveyed his gratitude to Oceania's Representative for his efforts in establishing new handball federations in Oceania, adding that the IHF will fully support him with the further development of handball in Oceania.

President Moustafa stated that it is of utmost importance that all IHF Member Federations are active, and asked the Managing Director to prepare an overview of handball activities (matches, events, etc.) of all 204 IHF Member Federations to be presented to the Council.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information regarding Handball Fiji provided by Oceania's Representative.

The next IHF Council Meeting will be held in Paris, France on 28 January 2017 on the fringes of the Men's World Championship.

President Moustafa thanked the participants for the constructive meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He closed the session at 17:30.

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