



Electoral Period

2013 - 2017

Council Meeting No. 11

**Tbilisi, Georgia
18 August 2017**

Present:

Dr Hassan MOUSTAFA (EGY)	President
Miguel ROCA MAS (ESP)	1 st Vice-President
Bader AL-THEYAB (KUW)	Asia's Vice-President
Michael WIEDERER (AUT)	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
Predrag BOSKOVIC (MNE)	Europe's Representative
Mario GARCIA DE LA TORRE (MEX)	Pan-America's Representative
Ricardo BLAS (GUM)	Oceania's Representative
Per BERTELSEN (DEN)	COC Caretaker Chairman
Dietrich SPÄTE (GER)	CCM Caretaker Chairman
Jean BRIHAULT (FRA, partly)	Chairman of IHF Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions
Amal KHALIFA (EGY)	Managing Director
Patric STRUB (GER)	Competitions Director
Marisa STERLY (GER)	IHF Head Office
Excused:	
Mansourou AREMOU (BEN)	Africa's Vice-President

MEETING TIME: 10:00 - 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.

Agenda

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- 5. Finances**
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- 6. IHF Regulations**
 - 6.1. Player Eligibility Code
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 - 6.3. Coaching Education Regulations
- 7. Continents**
 - 7.1. Nomination of African representatives to IHF Commissions (*treated under agenda item 4.2*)

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7.2. Nomination of European representatives to IHF Commissions (*treated under agenda item 4.2*)

7.3. Nominations from Asian Handball Federation to IHF bodies (*treated under agenda item 4.2*)

8. IHF Commissions

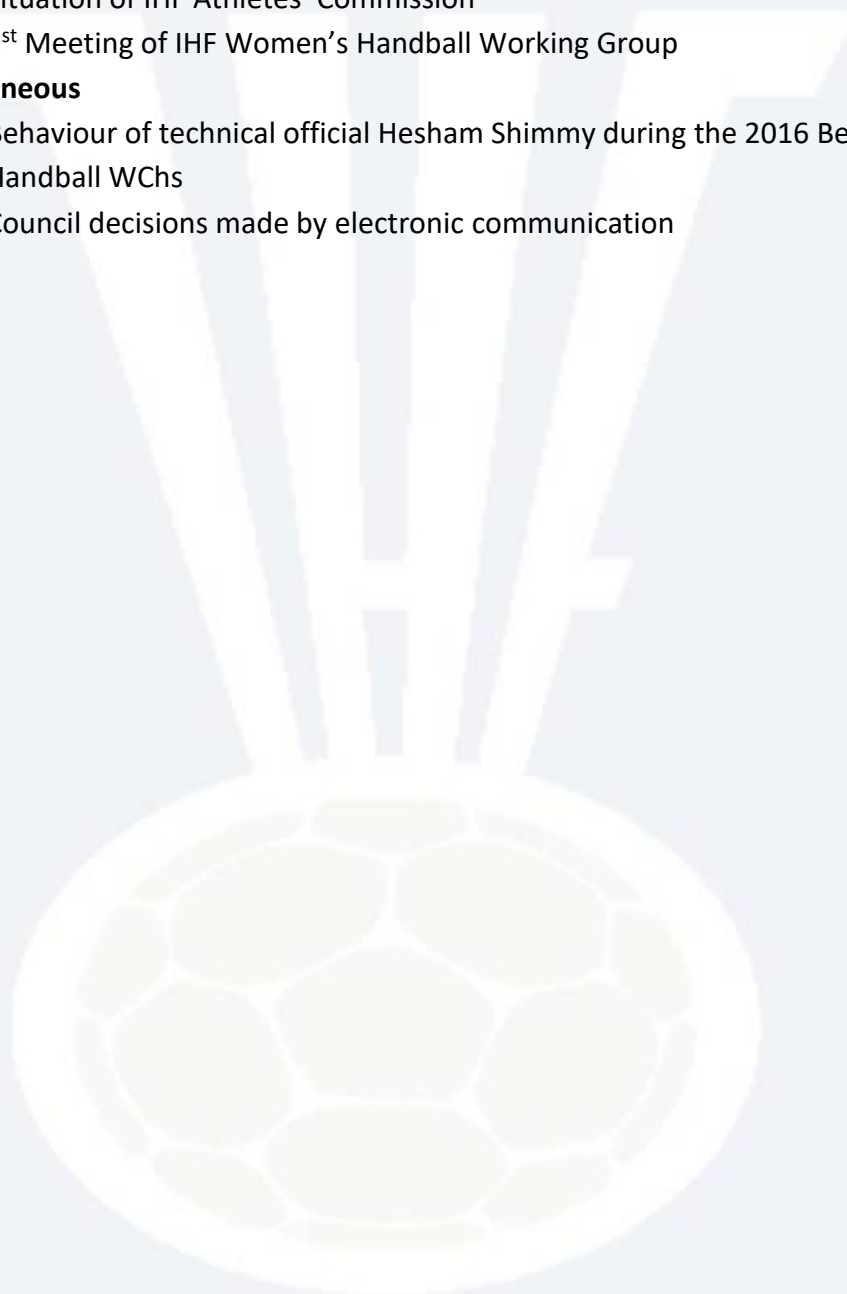
8.1. Situation of IHF Athletes' Commission

8.2. 1st Meeting of IHF Women's Handball Working Group

9. Miscellaneous

9.1. Behaviour of technical official Hesham Shimmy during the 2016 Beach Handball WChs

9.2. Council decisions made by electronic communication



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At 10:00 President Moustafa opened the meeting, welcoming the Council members to the meeting in Tbilisi which was held on the fringes of the 2017 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in Georgia.

President Moustafa conveyed his gratitude to the Georgian National Handball Federation for the excellent organisation of the 2017 Men's Youth WCh and welcomed the President of the Georgian National Handball Federation, Mr Zurab Kakabadze, who addressed some words to the Council members, stating that it is a great pleasure to welcome the Council members to Georgia, and wishing them a successful and constructive meeting.

1. Minutes

1.1. Council Meeting No. 10, 28 January 2017 in Paris, FRA

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 10th Council Meeting, which was held in Paris, FRA, on 28 January 2017.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Council Meeting No. 10 held in Paris on 28 January 2017.

1.2. Executive Committee Meeting No. 16, 25 January 2017 in Paris, FRA

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 16th Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Paris, FRA, on 25 January 2017.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 16 held in Paris on 25 January 2017.

1.3. Executive Committee Meeting No. 17, 7 June 2017 in Basel, SUI

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 17th Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Basel, SUI, on 7 June 2017.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 17 held in Basel on 7 June 2017.

2. President's activities

President Moustafa presented an overview of his activities between the last Council meeting in Paris in January 2017 and the present meeting in Tbilisi. He briefly reported on the different meetings and

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events which he attended, for example the 2017 SportAccord Convention in Aarhus, Denmark from 3 to 7 April 2017, the 17th Ordinary Session of ANOCA General Assembly in Djibouti from 9 to 11 May 2017, the VELUX EHF Champions League Final4 in Cologne from 2 to 5 June 2017 as well as the draw for the 2017 Women's World Championship in Hamburg, Germany from 26 to 28 June 2017. He was also present at the final weekend of the 2nd IHF Men's Emerging Nations Championship in Veliko Tarnovo and Gabrovo, Bulgaria from 16 to 19 June 2017, at the opening of the Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in Algiers, Algeria from 16 to 19 July 2017 as well as at the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in Tbilisi, Georgia from 6 August 2017 until the end.

In addition he briefly reported on his travel to China from 18 to 24 March 2017 to foster the development of the two IHF Academies in the country and discuss ongoing and future projects. On that occasion he met with the Chinese Minister of Sports Gou Zhongwen, who is at the same time President of the Chinese Olympic Committee, to present the handball projects and plans to develop the sport in China in order to launch a possible partnership with the NOC. He also reported on his different visits to Cairo, Egypt in February/March, April and July with regard to the situation of the Olympic Movement in Egypt, pointing out that the final version of the Egyptian Sports Law was approved by the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt. It was published in the Egyptian Gazette on 31 May and came into force on 1 June 2017.

He also provided brief information on the different meetings which were held at the IHF Head Office, for example the IHF-EHF Mutual Meeting on 13 March 2017, the first meeting of the IHF Athletes' Commission attended by AC Chairwoman Gro Hammerseng-Edin and AC Member Mouna Chebbah on 23 May 2017 as well as the first meeting of the IHF Women's Handball Working Group chaired by Narcisa Lecusanu on 14 July 2017.

Decision.

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

2.1. Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award

The letter from Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award (UAE) dated 30 January 2017 was presented to the Council. It includes a decree regarding the foundation of the board of trustees of Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award for the period 2017-2021, informing about the re-appointment of Dr Hassan Moustafa as a member of the board of trustees.

Decision.

The Council confirmed Dr Hassan Moustafa's re-appointment as member of the board of trustees of Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award for the period 2017-2021.

3. Competitions

3.1. 2017 Men's World Championship in FRA – Evaluation

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President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who informed the Council on the results of the evaluation carried out with regard to the 2017 Men's World Championship which was held in Albertville, Brest, Lille, Metz, Montpellier, Nantes, Paris and Rouen from 11 to 29 January 2017, stating that the involved players, teams/federations and IHF nominees were asked to submit their feedback. The players considered the great spectators' interest, fair play among players, good referee performances, high-level security service, good standard of venues and well organised transportation as positive aspects of the World Championship, praising the excellent organisation in general, whereas the level of accommodation, the food quality/variety, the unequal number of rest days among teams as well as the Internet in the hotel were mentioned as negative aspects.

President Moustafa informed about the proposal of the Executive Committee, made in its meeting in Tbilisi on 17 August 2017, to form a working group composed of the COC Caretaker Chairman, the PRC Chairman, the CCM Caretaker Chairman, the Managing Director and the Competitions Director, which shall study the feedback received after IHF World Championships and elaborate corresponding proposals for modification, including a report about the nominees of IHF World Championships.

Oceania's Representative was in favour of President Moustafa's proposal, emphasising the importance of representing the athletes' point of view in such a working group.

On behalf of the Council, President Moustafa expressed his gratitude to Mr Joel Delplanque, Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 2017 Men's World Championship, for the excellent organisation of the World Championship. He referred to the target of the IHF to have 1 million spectators at a World Championship, adding that the current record is 750,000 spectators achieved during the 2007 Men's World Championship in GER.

Decision.

The Council took note of the results of the evaluation carried out with regard to the 2017 Men's World Championship. Further to the proposal of the Executive Committee, the Council unanimously agreed to form a working group composed of the COC Caretaker Chairman, the PRC Chairman, the CCM Caretaker Chairman, the Managing Director and the Competitions Director, to study the feedback received after IHF World Championships and elaborate corresponding proposals for modification, including a report about the nominees of IHF World Championships.

3.2. U17 Beach Handball World Championships 2017 in MRI – Report

The report from the Chairman of the IHF Beach Handball Working Group, Mr Giampiero Masi, with regard to the Men's and Women's U17 Beach Handball World Championships held in Mauritius from 11 to 16 July 2017 was presented to the Council. Two days before the departure of the IHF nominees to Mauritius, the IHF received a letter from the President of Mauritius Handball Federation asking for a support of CHF 300,000, in addition to the participation fees, to meet the expenses of the organisation of the U17 Beach Handball World Championships. The request was declined by the IHF, asking the President of Mauritius Handball Federation to fulfil the provisions of the signed championship contract. The report from the working group chairman outlined that the accommodation both for teams and IHF nominees was below IHF standards, and that the Mauritius Handball Federation failed to pay off the company that provided services of accommodation, catering and flight booking. Eventually, the IHF paid for the entire accommodation of the teams as well as the

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nominees after price negotiations made by the Managing Director. In terms of transportation, the organiser did not fulfil the agreed concept of transportation for the teams, but following an intervention of the Minister of Sports more vehicles were made available. In addition, the three venues were not constructed while the main venue was not completely done. The Chairman of the IHF Beach Handball Working Group was authorised by President Moustafa to negotiate the price of the venue construction; and eventually four venues were reduced to three and the IHF nominees were cleaning and setting up the two venues to reduce the cost. Due to the absence of the Local Organising Committee, including the President and remaining representatives of Mauritius Handball Federation, at the event, the full organisation was taken over by the IHF. As for the competition, both Brazilian teams and the Togolese women's team withdrew their participation shortly before the event. The level of beach handball presented by all the teams was very high, considering that the level of the European, Asian and Pan-American teams was quite equal, which offers good prospects in view of the Youth Olympic Games. The spectators' interest was great during the final weekend of the event.

The Managing Director informed the Council that due to the payments made by the IHF an amount of CHF 173,619.27 needs to be reimbursed to the IHF by Mauritius Handball Federation. The IHF Executive Committee proposed in its meeting in Tbilisi on 17 August 2017 to wait for an official communication from Mauritius Handball Federation to explain the situation occurred before submitting the issue to the IHF legal bodies for further decisions.

Decision.

The Council took note of the report of the U17 Beach Handball World Championships 2017 in MRI and unanimously approved the total cost spent to organise the championship amounting to CHF 471,119.27, taking into consideration that the amount of CHF 173,619.27 shall be reimbursed to the IHF by Mauritius Handball Federation. In addition, Mauritius Handball Federation shall be addressed to provide an explanation of the situation occurred before submitting the issue to the IHF legal bodies for further decisions.

3.3. 2018 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in POL

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who reported to the Council on the letter dated 27 February 2017 which the IHF received from the President of Polish Handball Federation, requesting a change of the venues of the 2018 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship from Wroclaw, Zielona Gora, Lubin and Glogow to the well-known handball cities of Plock and Kielce.

Based on this request the IHF COC Caretaker Chairman Per Bertelsen, together with IHF Event Delegate Marco Tosi Brandi, carried out an inspection visit to Poland from 25 to 28 April 2017. Based on the report from the COC Caretaker Chairman it was proposed to accept the venue change. During the inspection it was further agreed to centralise the event in Kielce only, which was confirmed by the Polish Handball Federation on 9 June 2017. Therefore, the 2018 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship will take place in the city of Kielce.

The COC Caretaker Chairman confirmed that the new venue concept (one city, two halls) will not cause any difficulties for the players.

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Europe's Vice-President remarked that cases of changed event concepts after the awarding of the event concerned are increasing, pointing out the necessity of finding a general solution for such cases to save resources of the IHF.

Decision:

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the 2018 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in POL and confirmed the new venue concept, i.e. one city (Kielce) and two halls.

4. 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress

4.1. 2nd inspection visit to Antalya TUR – Report

The Managing Director took the floor, reporting to the Council on the second inspection visit to Antalya, TUR on 2 July 2017 to inspect the Congress hotel facilities and discuss all organisational matters. During the visit, a meeting was convened with representatives of the Turkish Handball Federation (THF) as well as representatives of Torlak Tourism, the Congress organising agency appointed by THF. She pointed out that the construction of the Congress hotel complex is finished; many guests were present during the period of the inspection visit. The allocation of the meeting rooms/offices was carried out by the IHF and the organiser during the visit. In addition, it was reconfirmed that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, after receiving the list of participants, will facilitate the visa procedure for all Congress participants on condition that they have a clear criminal record. She reported that the electronic voting system is still pending, due to the fact that the model requested by the IHF is not available on the Turkish market; however the organiser is in the process of setting up a system fulfilling the IHF requirements. Furthermore she informed that the interpreters proposed by the organiser do not fulfil the IHF requirements as they do not cover at least two of the six IHF Congress languages on an excellent level, which is required to ensure high-quality interpreting services during the Congress, taking into consideration that the Congress will include elections. In case the IHF prefers to use the well-experienced IHF interpreters to provide simultaneous interpretation for the six IHF Congress languages (English, French, German, Arabic, Spanish, Russian), the IHF will cover the difference of the fees of the interpreters, taking into consideration that the cost of the local interpreters proposed by the organiser is 200.- EUR per interpreter/per day.

President Moustafa stressed the importance of resolving the pending issues, in particular the electronic voting system, to avoid facing similar problems as during the 2015 IHF Congress in Sochi, RUS, stressing the fact that the participation fee of TUR is much cheaper than the one offered by AUS. President Moustafa asked the Council to fully authorise the Managing Director to resolve any problems in organising the Congress, including the interpreters and the voting system.

The Managing Director referred to the IHF 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 did not fulfil its promises made during the bid presentation in terms of participation fee and visa. She stressed that the costs have been reduced, due to the fact that the participation fee offered by TUR (EUR 220 per person per night in a single room) is lower than the fee offered by AUS (\$ 490 / EUR 320) per person per night in a single room).

Decision.

The Council took note of the report of the 2nd inspection visit to Antalya, TUR provided by the Managing Director regarding the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress. The Council unanimously agreed to authorise the Managing Director to take decisions aimed to solve any problems the organisation of the Congress might face, especially related to the interpreters and the voting system.

4.2. Report of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions

President Moustafa referred to Article 13.3.5 of the IHF Statutes, according to which the IHF Council shall confirm the candidates' applications (submitted to the IHF Head Office by 11 August 2017) and their compliance with the conditions stipulated in the Statutes. Therefore, similar to the procedure applied in 2013, the IHF Council decided (electronically on 4 May 2017) to form a Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions as per Article 13.3.15 of the IHF Statutes, which shall study all candidatures for the different IHF positions, including the continental candidates to the Council and Commissions and Commission members. At the same time, due to the fact that some IHF Council members are involved in the elections, the IHF Council authorised the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions to confirm the candidatures which will be submitted to the Congress for decision.

President Moustafa explained that the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, according to the Council decision, is composed of Mr Jean Brihault (FRA), formerly Europe's Vice-President of the IHF and Honorary President of European Handball Federation, as chairman, as well as Mr Jörgen Holmqvist (SWE), IHF Honorary Member, and Mr Gerhard Hofbauer (AUT), President of Austrian Handball Federation, as members. President Moustafa added that Mr Ulrich Rubeli, President of Swiss Handball Federation, had also been invited to join the working group, but he apologised for his non-availability.

President Moustafa then welcomed Mr Jean Brihault, Chairman of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, to the Council meeting to present the outcome of the working group following the working group meeting held in Tbilisi, Georgia on 17 August 2017. Mr Brihault thanked President Moustafa for the invitation to join the working group concerned and appreciated the procedure applied in forming the working group. He reported that the candidatures received by 11 August 2017 were studied in terms of their compliance with the following criteria for candidates standing for IHF positions, which had been communicated by the IHF Head Office to the IHF stakeholders on 11 July 2017:

Candidates standing for IHF positions must submit a complete application file, including the following, to the IHF Head Office **before 11 August 2017**:

- Completed application form (duly signed by the candidate in case of re-election / duly signed and stamped by the National Federation concerned and signed by the candidate in case of first-time candidature)
- Letter of nomination of the National Federation concerned (only for first-time candidates in accordance with Article 13.2.4)
- Curriculum vitae
- Passport photo

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Candidates standing for IHF positions must comply with Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes and fulfil the additional criteria approved by the IHF Council in its meeting in Sarajevo, BIH on 29 July 2013:

General conditions:

1. Having held six years' high level involvement and experience in his/her National Federation or Continental Confederation as an administrator, player, coach or referee (in accordance with Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes)
2. High educational level
3. Not subject to suspension or moral penalties on national and/or international level
4. Not convicted of any criminal felony
5. Compliance with all provisions of the IHF Ethics Code

For the following positions the qualification should include in addition to the above-mentioned:

Treasurer:

- Accountancy degree or equivalent level of competence

Arbitration bodies:

Chairman and members

- Law degree or equivalent level of competence

Medical Commission:

Chairman and members

- Medical degree

PRC Chairman:

- Former international referee

Before studying the candidatures, the working group ascertained the following:

For the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress the following applies:

- Working group based their work on information received from federations/candidates
- Working group observes an ambiguity in Article 13.2.4 of the IHF Statutes concerning re-election (application vs. nomination). It proposes to follow the same procedure as in 2013 (acceptance of candidates to re-election fulfilling the criteria) and to clarify the wording of the Statutes.
- Working group draws attention of Council to situation of candidates standing for re-election who are not fulfilling criteria introduced since last election in 2013

For the future the working group recommends:

- Introduction of criteria in IHF Statutes
- Clarification of 6-years involvement criteria (applicable for which positions)
- CVs of continental vice-presidents and representatives should be made available to Council prior to provisional acceptance process
- Attention of NFs should be drawn to the Ethics Code

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The working group studied the following candidatures received by 11 August 2017:

President and Executive Committee

	Position	Candidate	Re-election	New election	Country	Date of candidature	Remarks from working group
	President	Dr Hassan Moustafa	✓		EGY	04.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	1st Vice-President	Miguel Roca Mas	✓		ESP	13.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	1st Vice-President	Ulrich Rubeli		✓	SUI	10.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	1st Vice-President	Joel Delplanque		✓	FRA	04.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Treasurer	Anna Rapp		✓	SWE	02.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Executive Member	Bogdan Wenta		✓	POL	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Executive Member	Frantisek Taborsky	✓		CZE	16.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Executive Member	Narcisa Lecusanu		✓	ROU	19.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Executive Member	Sergey Shishkarev		✓	RUS	02.08.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of 6-years high-level involvement in handball

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Commission Chairmen

	Position	Candidate	Re-election	New election	Country	Date of candidature	Remarks from working group
	COC Chairman	Per Bertelsen		✓	DEN	03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	PRC Chairman	Ramon Gallego		✓	ESP	03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CCM Chairman	Dietrich Späte		✓	GER	04.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	MC Chairman	Dr Francois Gnamian	✓		CIV	08.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	MC Chairman	Dr Gabor Erdelyi		✓	HUN	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CD Chairman	Rhonda Clarke		✓	TRI	17.07.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of 6-years high-level involvement in handball
	CD Chairman	Rafael Sepulveda	✓		PUR	09.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CD Chairman	Mario Garcia de la Torre		✓	MEX	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CD Chairman	Raquel Pedercini Marinho		✓	CAN	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria

Arbitration Tribunal (due to shortage of candidates the working group does not consider the criterion of 6-years high-level involvement in handball when studying the candidatures for Arbitration Tribunal Members)

	Position	Candidate	Re-election	New election	Country	Date of candidature	Remarks from working group
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	Arbitration Tribunal Chairman	Zoran Radojicic	✓		MNE	04.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	AT Member	Pedro Mourão	✓		POR	25.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	AT Member	Juan Maria Perez Ortiz	✓		ESP	25.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	AT Member	Marjan Nachevski	✓		MKD	11.08.2017	Not fulfilling new criterion of legal qualification
	AT Member	Agata Dziarnowska		✓	POL	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	AT Member	Tal Lavie		✓	ISR	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	AT Member	Eugen Saracini		✓	KOS	11.08.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of legal qualification

Arbitration Commission (due to shortage of candidates the working group does not consider the criterion of 6-years high-level involvement in handball when studying the candidatures for Arbitration Commission Members)

	Position	Candidate	Re-election	New election	Country	Date of candidature	Remarks from working group
	Arbitration Commission Chairman	Tomislav Grahovac		✓	CRO	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	AC Member	Miguel Fernandes	✓		POR	25.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	AC Member	Alireza Rahimi		✓	IRI	29.07.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of legal qualification







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	AC Member	Willy Tobler		✓	SUI	10.08.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of legal qualification
	AC Member	Aloys Nahayo		✓	BDI	09.08.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of legal qualification
	AC Member	Abdul Wahed Al Dawood	✓		KUW	11.08.2017	Not fulfilling new criterion of legal qualification
	AC Member	Filip Miloshevski	✓		MKD	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	AC Member	Evgeniy Petrushevskiy		✓	UKR	11.08.2017	Unclear on criterion of legal qualification, acceptance on condition that his NF sends a copy of his diploma
	AC Member	Nurul Fazal Bulbul		✓	BAN	10.08.2017	Unclear on criterion of legal qualification, acceptance on condition that his NF sends a CV and copy of his diploma
	AC Member	Bogdan Sojkin	✓		POL	11.08.2017	Not fulfilling new criterion of legal qualification



Ethics Commission (due to shortage of candidates the working group does not consider the criterion of 6-years high-level involvement in handball when studying the candidatures for Ethics Commission Members)

	Position	Candidate	Re-election	New election	Country	Date of candidature	Remarks from working group
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	Ethics Commission Chairman	Hussein Moustafa Fathy		✓	EGY	05.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	EC Member	Esther Aluko		✓	NGR	11.08.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of legal qualification
	EC Member	Mohammadreza Rajabi		✓	IRI	29.07.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of legal qualification
	EC Member	Muhammad Shafiq		✓	PAK	03.08.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of legal qualification
	EC Member	Ugur Kilic		✓	TUR	08.08.2017	Not fulfilling criterion of legal qualification
	EC Member	Jorge Pulido Vazquez	✓		MEX	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria

Internal Auditors and one substitute

	Position	Candidate	Re-election	New election	Country	Date of candidature	Remarks from working group
	Internal Auditor	Günal Ensari	✓		TUR	28.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Internal Auditor	Ulisses Pereira	✓		POR	25.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Substitute						

Vice-Presidents from the continents




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	Position	Candidate	Re-nomination	First-time nomination	Country	Date of nomination	Remarks from working group
	Vice-President Africa	Mansourou A. Aremou	✓		BEN	Provisional confirmation by IHF Council, 11.11.2016	Fulfilling all criteria
	Vice-President Asia	Bader Al-Theyab	✓		KUW	Election will be held on 10.11.2017	Fulfilling all criteria; on condition that he will be elected during the continental congress
	Vice-President Europe	Michael Wiederer		✓	AUT	Provisional confirmation by IHF Council, 28.01.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Vice-President Pan America	Mario Moccia	✓		ARG	Provisional confirmation by IHF Council, 11.11.2016	Fulfilling all criteria

Council members from the continents

	Position	Candidate	Re-nomination	First-time nomination	Country	Date of nomination	Remarks from working group
	Council member Africa	Charles Omboumahou	✓		CGO	Provisional confirmation by IHF Council, 11.11.2016	Fulfilling all criteria
	Council member Asia	Yoshihide Watanabe	✓		JPN	Election will be held on 10.11.2017	Fulfilling all criteria; on condition that he will be elected during the continental congress

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	Council member Asia	Chey Tae-won		✓	KOR	Election will be held on 10.11.2017	Not fulfilling legal criteria
	Council member Europe	Predrag Boskovic		✓	MNE	Provisional confirmation by IHF Council, 28.01.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	Council member Pan America	Mario Garcia de la Torre	✓		MEX	Provisional confirmation by IHF Council, 11.11.2016	Fulfilling all criteria; this position will be confirmed after the elections






Continental representatives and members of IHF COC

	Position	Candidate	Re-nomination	First-time nomination	Country	Date	Remarks from working group
	COC representative Africa	Khaled Hammouda		✓	EGY	Letter received on 19.05.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	COC representative Asia	Dr Ahmed Abu Al-Lail Al-Failakawi	✓		KUW	Letter received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	COC representative Europe	Peter Sichelschmidt	✓		GER	Email received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria, CV should be sent
	COC representative Pan America	Carlos Gabriel Ferrea	✓		ARG	Confirmed by IHF Council on 11.11.2016	Fulfilling all criteria
	COC Member	Philippe Bana	✓		FRA	27.07.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	COC Member	Francisco V. Blazquez Garcia		✓	ESP	02.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria


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	COC Member	Mohammed Jaber Al-Mulla	✓		QAT	06.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	COC Member	Alaa Elsayed Abdel Kader	✓		EGY	06.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria




Continental representatives and members of IHF PRC

	Position	Candidate	Re-nomination	First-time nomination	Country	Date	Remarks from working group
	PRC representative Africa	Aimé Mbengue	✓		SEN	Letter received on 19.05.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	PRC representative Asia	Saleh Ashour	✓		UAE	Letter received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	PRC representative Europe	Dragan Nachevski	✓		MKD	Email received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria, CV shall be sent
	PRC representative Pan America	Salvio Sedrez	✓		BRA	Confirmed by IHF Council on 11.11.2016	Fulfilling all criteria
	PRC Member	Francois Garcia		✓	FRA	02.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	PRC Member	Teodoro Adjemian		✓	ARG	08.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria



Continental representatives and members of IHF CCM

	Position	Candidate	Re-nomination	First-time nomination	Country	Date	Remarks from working group
	CCM representative Africa	Nahla Boudhina		✓	TUN	Letter received on 19.05.2017	Fulfilling all criteria



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	CCM representative Asia	Dr Chung Hyung-Kyun	✓		KOR	Letter received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CCM representative Europe	Peter Kovacs	✓		HUN	Email received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria, CV shall be sent
	CCM representative Pan America	Mike Cavanaugh		✓	USA	Confirmed by IHF Council on 28.01.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CCM Member	Jorge Dueñas de Galarza		✓	ESP	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CCM Member	Paul Landuré		✓	FRA	12.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria

Continental representatives and members of IHF MC

	Position	Candidate	Re-nomination	First-time nomination	Country	Date	Remarks from working group
	MC representative Africa	Dr Yannick Mossus	✓		CMR	Letter received on 19.05.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	MC representative Asia	Dr Shizuo Sakamoto	✓		JPN	Letter received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	MC representative Europe	Dr Marina Gillard	✓		RUS	Email received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria, CV shall be sent
	MC representative Pan America	Dr Llew Harper	✓		BAR	Confirmed by IHF Council on 11.11.2016	Fulfilling all criteria, CV shall be sent

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	MC Member	Dr Juan Jose Muñoz Benito	✓		ESP	07.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	MC Member	Dr Tomislav Madzar	✓		CRO	11.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria

Continental representatives and members of IHF CD

	Position	Candidate	Re-nomination	First-time nomination	Country	Date	Remarks from working group
	CD representative Africa	Yazid Souadi	✓		MAR	Letter received on 19.05.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CD representative Asia	Dr Sari Hamdan	✓		JOR	Letter received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CD representative Europe	Helmut Hörtsch	✓		AUT	Email received on 03.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria, CV shall be sent
	CD representative Pan America	Carline Choute	✓		HAI	Confirmed by IHF Council on 11.11.2016	Fulfilling all criteria
	CD Member	Jargalsaikhan Dorjsuren		✓	MGL	10.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria
	CD Member	Nataliya Turchina		✓	UKR	10.08.2017	Fulfilling all criteria

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	Position	Candidate	Re-election	New election	Country	Date of candidature	Remarks from working group

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	MC	Mohammad Saeid Rajaei		✓	IRI	29.07.2017	Not fulfilling criteria for MC
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Mr Brihault reported on the candidature received on 16 August 2017 from Mr Velimir Marjanovic (Chairman of IHF Arbitration Commission), adding that he missed the deadline for different reasons. In accordance with Article 13.2.5 of the IHF Statutes (“*These nominations shall be submitted to the Head Office in writing, no later than three months before the start of the Congress*”), the working group concluded that his candidature shall not be accepted.

After Mr Brihault concluded his report, President Moustafa conveyed his gratitude to the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions for the hard work performed in this regard.

Decision.

The Council took note of the report of the Chairman of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions which studied the candidatures received by 11 August 2017 in terms of their compliance with the criteria for candidates standing for IHF positions, which had been communicated by the IHF Head Office to the IHF stakeholders on 11 July 2017. Following the authorisation granted by the IHF Council, the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions confirmed the candidatures which will be submitted to the Congress for decision. Hence, the Working Group Chairman in collaboration with the Managing Director shall communicate the confirmation to each candidate separately.

4.3. Motions to the Congress

4.3.1. Motions from IHF Executive Committee

The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council about the following motions from the Executive Committee regarding the IHF Statutes, which shall be submitted to the IHF Congress as per Article 12.3.6 of the IHF Statutes further to the Executive Committee decision made in its meeting in Basel, SUI on 7 June 2017:

Current Version	Motion
	<p>To add a new article:</p> <p>Stakeholders Handball stakeholders include any person or organisation that belongs in any capacity whatsoever to handball activities. They are bound by the provisions of the IHF Statutes and shall abide by the decisions of the IHF. Handball stakeholders include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Handball Federation Continental Handball Confederations National Handball Federations (NFs) Clubs – youth centres Coaches Referees Officials Players Medical staff

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Justification:

The IHF has to deal with all its stakeholders in all aspects related to the sport. All stakeholders that are practising handball shall do their utmost to represent IHF in a fair and decent manner. The IHF stakeholders may appeal to the IHF legal bodies according to the IHF Legal Provisions (Articles 1.1.3 and 3.3), i.e. they will be under the IHF jurisdiction anyway, so why should they not be integrated as stakeholders?

Referring to the aforementioned motion, Europe's Vice-President proposed to include two headlines before the list of handball stakeholders, considering that one group refers to "institutions" and the other one to "persons".

Current Version	Motion
<p>12.4 Congress – Congress Agenda</p> <p>12. Elections and confirmations</p> <p>e. Election of the Chairman of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC)</p> <p>f. Election of the Chairman of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)</p> <p>g. Election of the Chairman of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)</p> <p>h. Election of the Chairman of the Medical Commission (MC)</p> <p>i. Election of the Chairman of the Commission for Development (CD)</p> <p>j. Election of the Chairman of the Arbitration Tribunal and of the 10 members</p> <p>k. Election of the Chairman of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members</p> <p>l. Election of the Chairman of the Ethics Commission and of the three members</p> <p>p. Confirmation of the Chairman of the Athletes' Commission (AC)</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>12. Elections and confirmations</p> <p>e. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC)</p> <p>f. Election of the Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)</p> <p>g. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)</p> <p>h. Election of the Chairperson of the Medical Commission (MC)</p> <p>i. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission for Development (CD)</p> <p>j. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal and of the 10 members</p> <p>k. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members</p> <p>l. Election of the Chairperson of the Ethics Commission and of the three members</p> <p>p. Confirmation of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission (AC)</p>

Justification:

Due to the fact that a woman is currently heading the IHF Athletes' Commission and the other commissions might also be chaired by women in the future, the term "Chairman" should be changed to "Chairperson" in the above-mentioned article "Congress Agenda" and any related provision in the Statutes.

Decision:

The Council was unanimously in favour of the motions submitted by the IHF Executive Committee as well as the additional amendment mentioned. The motions shall be submitted to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Antalya, TUR on 11/12 November 2017.

4.3.2. Motion from IHF President

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In accordance with Article 12.3.6 of the IHF Statutes, the following motion from IHF President Moustafa regarding the IHF Statutes was presented:

Current Version	Motion
<p>10.2 Continental Confederations – General Conditions</p> <p>2. The IHF shall recognise only the following five confederations which shall decide on their corporate denomination and inform the IHF thereupon:</p> <p>a. African Handball Confederation b. Asian Handball Confederation c. European Handball Confederation d. Oceania Handball Confederation e. Pan-American Team Handball Confederation</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>2. The IHF shall recognise only the following six confederations which shall decide on their corporate denomination and inform the IHF thereupon:</p> <p>a. African Handball Confederation b. Asian Handball Confederation c. European Handball Confederation d. Oceania Handball Confederation e. North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation f. South and Central America Handball Confederation</p>
<p>Justification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in the handball activity in all areas – resulting from financial advantages due to shorter distances and reduced travel costs; the remaining money will increase the handball activity in all areas. • Especially the North American market is decisive for the development of handball worldwide and for the position of handball worldwide. North America is the key market for receiving status and income related to the Olympic Games. A development in North America will strengthen the position of handball in the IOC and at the Olympic Games and will guarantee that handball stays on the Olympic Programme and that Beach Handball can be added as a discipline. • Organisational advantages such as shorter distances. Due to the shorter travel distances, more tournaments can be staged on a regular basis in all categories and even on club level resulting in increased handball activity on continental level. The IHF can hereby provide support in several matters and provide assistance in the kick-off phase. • Providing the opportunity to focus on the Caribbean zone with tailor-made projects for Beach Handball. This would give these countries a realistic chance to take part in IHF events, as they would then belong to the North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation, avoiding the traditionally strong Beach Handball nations from the south. • Increased motivation from teams from North and South which usually don't qualify for IHF events to qualify for a major event as there is then a realistic pathway. With earning a qualification to IHF events and with the experience gained at international events, these teams will have the chance to close the gap to the dominant teams and also the currently dominant teams will benefit from stronger opponents. • Smaller qualification tournaments, group stages similar to football or handball in Europe would be possible in a second step; finishing the qualifications for IHF events earlier would be beneficial for the planning on a long-term basis and for setting up the IHF calendar of events • With realistic chances of success on competitive level, also the chances for raising funds from different sources (sponsors, NOC, governmental institutions) increase significantly • More professional administrative bodies could be established, and better service to the Member Federations is expected, since the respective body will take care of a smaller number of federations. This could contribute to enhancing the work quality (more focused and specialised). • Through having more handball activity on continental level, more human resources such as coaches, referees, delegates, handball managers, etc. could be identified and promoted/educated accordingly • Giving the IHF the possibility to further develop the IHF Trophy tournament in order to include this tournament in the qualification pathway for Junior World Championships 	

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President Moustafa emphasised the importance of having handball activities throughout the Pan-American continent, stressing that all handball stakeholders, including players, teams, coaches, referees, etc., should be active.

The Competitions Director explained that at the last qualification, only 7 men's teams and 6 women's teams from Pan-America participated in the junior qualification system, while minimum 25 men's teams and minimum 22 women's teams from Pan-America (total North and South) would participate in the junior qualification system with the change of the qualification pathway and the option of using the IHF Trophy as a qualification pathway.

As Europe's Vice-President asked about the consequences for IHF World Championships, the Competitions Director explained that for senior events the IHF plans to keep the three compulsory places for the North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation and the South and Central America Handball Confederation, considering that the winner of the North zone shall play against team no. 3 of the South zone in a play-off match for direct qualification to the WCh, adding that the level of quality shall remain the same. The qualification process for the Olympic Games shall be discussed later. As for youth and junior events, the Competitions Director presented the following amended distribution of compulsory and performance places:

Junior World Championships:

Organiser	one (1)
Performance places for the Continental Confederations:	eight (8) based on the teams ranked 1-8 of the preceding World Championship.
Compulsory places:	
Africa	three (3)
Asia	three (3)
Europe	three (3)
South and Central America	three (3)
North America and the Caribbean	one (1)
Oceania	one (1)
Reigning Men's Youth (U19) World Champion	
Winner of IHF Trophy	one (1)

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Continent of reigning Men's Junior (U21)
World Champion **one (1)**

Youth World Championships:

Organiser	one (1)
Performance places for the Continental Confederations:	eight (8) based on the teams ranked 1-8 of the preceding World Championship.
Compulsory places:	
Africa	three (3)
Asia	three (3)
Europe	three (3)
South and Central America	three (3)
North America and the Caribbean	one (1)
Oceania	one (1)
Continent of reigning Men's Youth (U19) World Champion	one (1)
Second best ranked continent at preceding World Championship	one (1)

Europe's Vice-President remarked that he is in favour of the above-mentioned motion, as it would help to strengthen handball in the economically important country of USA.

Decision:

With four abstentions the Council was in favour of the motion submitted by the IHF President. The motion shall be submitted to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Antalya, TUR on 11/12 November 2017.

4.3.3. Motions from NOR

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The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council about the following motion from Norwegian Handball Federation regarding the IHF Statutes, which was received on 30 May 2017 and shall be submitted to the IHF Congress as per Article 12.3.6 of the IHF Statutes:

Current Version	Motion
12. Congress	To add a new article under Article 12: In any IHF body, both genders shall be represented.
<p>Justification: The intention of the motion is to follow up EHF's declared ambition of promoting gender equality in handball. The organization should continue to integrate female representatives in their structures, and empower female leadership, as well as to encourage the stakeholders to follow. Based on the fact that females constitute more than 50-70 % of the members in most handball federations, we will argue that females are highly underrepresented in the international handball bodies. We acknowledge it should be highly respected that methods for the implementation of gender equality may vary considerably between differing cultures and nationalities. Accordingly, the Norwegian Handball Federation would only consider positive incentives as a method to increase the gender balance in the international perspective. As we stated in 2013, we still believe that rather courageous incentives are necessary to obtain progression towards the goals we are striving for. And we will also argue that although perfect or ideal steps are not identified, we should be willing to implement and test conditions that in fact may stimulate to change. Reference is also made to the 2016 EHF Congress, which decided to implement gender equality as principle for all EHF elections and appointments. We hereby submit a motion aiming towards gender equality in all IHF bodies. The motion shall be valid from the next Congress were elections take part. The assessment of where to correct place the new article in the Statutes of the IHF, we leave to the IHF to decide.</p>	

President Moustafa referred to the difficulties of implementing gender equality in other continents than Europe and asked the Council to vote on the aforementioned motion from NOR:

Yes: 2
No: 12

Decision:

The Council was not in favour of the motion from NOR related to gender equality. The motion shall be submitted to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Antalya, TUR on 11/12 November 2017.

The Managing Director informed the Council about the following motion from Norwegian Handball Federation regarding the IHF Statutes, which was received on 4 June 2017 and shall be submitted to the IHF Congress as per Article 12.3.6 of the IHF Statutes:

Current Version	Motion
20. Rules of the Game 1. All IHF Member Federations shall be obliged to play handball according to the Rules of the Game approved by the Council. With the PRC's agreement, a Member Federation may, for a	To be changed as follows: 1. All IHF Member Federations shall be obliged to play handball according to the Rules of the Game approved by the Council. With the PRC's agreement, a minimum of three Member Federations of different sports level

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<p>limited period, play according to modified rules in order to try them out.</p> <p>2. Once they have been passed by the Council, changes to the Rules of the Game shall be announced at the Congress taking place the year of the Men's World Championship, and reported to all Member Federations by the Head Office. They shall be published by 1 March of the following year and come into force on 1 July of the same year.</p> <p>3. IHF Member Federations shall be responsible for quickly making the changes known within their federation. They shall be entitled to declare that changes to the Rules of the Game already announced shall immediately become valid within their federation.</p>	<p>shall, for a limited period of at least one season, play according to modified rules in order to try them out.</p> <p>2. Once they have been passed by the Council, changes to the Rules of the Game shall be announced at the Congress taking place the year of the Men's World Championship, and reported to all Member Federations by the Head Office. They shall be published by 1 March of the following year and come into force on 1 July of the same year.</p> <p>3. IHF Member Federations shall be responsible for quickly making the changes known within their federation. They shall be entitled to declare that changes to the Rules of the Game already announced shall immediately become valid within their federation.</p>
<p>Justification:</p> <p>The intention of the motion is to strengthen point 1 in Article 20 in the IHF Statutes. It is our opinion that any new rules should be tried out over a period of at least one season before they come into force. This in order to make sure that the proposed rule has reached the consequence and effect that originally was intended, as well as to increase the interest and popularity for our beloved sport of handball. When a rule has been thoroughly tried out, we are convinced that a change can be highly appreciated among the players, media, sponsors and spectators.</p>	

Referring to the new Rules of the Game which came into effect in 2016, the PRC Chairman remarked that the new rules concerned were tested in more than 200 matches, which should be sufficient.

The CCM Caretaker Chairman stressed the necessity of rule tests; the IHF should be careful with changes that affect the structure of the game. He mentioned the good experience in the past with rule tests by Member Federations.

Europe's Vice-President commented that the motion gives the chance to test new rules worldwide, taking into consideration that Rules of the Game are relevant worldwide.

President Moustafa asked the Council to vote on the aforementioned motion from NOR:

Yes: 5

No: 9

Decision.

The Council was not in favour of the motion from NOR related to the Rules of the Game. The motion shall be submitted to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Antalya, TUR on 11/12 November 2017.

4.3.4. Motions from MNE

The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council that the IHF received four motions regarding the IHF Statutes from the Handball Federation of Montenegro by email on 12 June 2017 (at 09:11 AM Basel time), i.e. one day after the deadline as per Article 12.3.8, point a) of the IHF Statutes.

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The Handball Federation of Montenegro, however, claimed that they sent the email concerned to the IHF on 10 June 2017 (at 16:57 Basel time).

During the period concerned the computers at the IHF Head Office were changed and related system updates were carried out by the IHF contracted IT company Itris.

President Moustafa asked the Council to vote first on hearing the motions from MNE which were received after the deadline. With one vote against, the Council approved to hear the motions (Europe's Representative was excluded from voting due to his nationality).

Current Version	Motion
<p>12.4 Congress Agenda</p> <p>17. Awarding of events which are not subject to a Council decision 18. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress 19. Miscellaneous 20. Close of the Congress</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>17. Awarding of events which are not subject to a Council decision 17. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress 18. Miscellaneous 19. Close of the Congress</p>
<p>Justification: The motion of the Handball Federation of Montenegro is based on a regulation that the IHF Council awards the organization of the championships, women's and men's, in all age categories, so the concerned point should be excluded from the Congress Agenda.</p>	

Current Version	Motion
<p>13.3 Council Duties</p> <p>19. Awarding Men's and Women's World Championships</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>19. Awarding Men's and Women's World Championships in all age categories (seniors and younger age)</p>
<p>Justification: According to the valid IHF Statutes, the IHF Council awards the organization of senior men's and women's championship. Due to it, we consider it justified that the awarding of World championships for Younger age categories should be also given to the IHF Council. The awarding of IHF Championships for Younger age categories doesn't represent the strategic decision which is usually under the Congress authority, but the operational one. The passing of this decision should be left to the IHF Council because the IHF Council can examine the bid conditions and the course of the preparations for the championship organization in a higher quality way. The IHF Council can, in case of a need correct more efficiently its already passed decisions related to the championships awarding.</p>	

Current Version	Motion
<p>13.3 Council Duties</p> <p>21. Deciding in case of discrepancies which might occur after the awarding of World Championships or Congresses by the Congress</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>21. Deciding in case of discrepancies which might occur after the awarding of World Championships or Congresses by the Congress</p>
<p>Justification: In case IHF Congress adopts the Motion 2 of the Handball Federation of Montenegro, then from the Article 13.3 point 21 the wording "World championships or" should be deleted because the awarding of the World championships for all age categories will be given to the IHF Council.</p>	

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Current Version	Motion
<p>18.3 Awarding Events</p> <p>5. The Council with help from the staff in the Head Office shall examine carefully and completely the applicants' bidding proposal in order to decide whether the application fulfils the quality standards and levels. If this is the case the Council shall choose two candidates to continue the bidding process in the Congress. The Council shall inform the Congress, without any ranking, of the two applicants at least six weeks before the start of the awarding Congress. The Congress shall make the final decision.</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>5. The Council with help from the staff in the Head Office shall examine carefully and completely the applicants' bidding proposal in order to decide whether the application fulfils the quality standards and levels. If this is the case, and if the bidding proposal is for the organization for the World championships for all age categories, men's and women's, the Council passes the final decision related to the awarding of these Championships. In other cases, the Council shall choose two candidates to continue the bidding process in the Congress. The Council shall inform the Congress, without any ranking, of the two applicants at least six weeks before the start of the awarding Congress. The Congress shall make the final decision.</p>
<p>Justification: In case the Motion 2 of Handball Federation of Montenegro is adopted this motion is logical and technical change and amendment of Article 18.3 point 5 which is necessary to be done.</p>	

President Moustafa asked the Council to vote on the aforementioned motions from MNE (Europe's Representative was excluded from voting due to his nationality):

Yes: 12

No: 1

Decision.

With one vote against, the Council approved to hear the motions from MNE which were received after the deadline. With one vote against, the Council was in favour of the motions from MNE regarding the IHF Statutes. The motions shall be submitted to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Antalya, TUR on 11/12 November 2017.

4.4. Membership fees 2018-2019

The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council about the necessity of updating Article 1 of the IHF Financial Regulations ("Annual membership fee including fees for international matches") to ensure a fair and correct allocation of the Member Federations to the categories A, B, C and D.

President Moustafa proposed to form a working group, composed of the 1st Vice-President, the Managing Director and the Competitions Director, which shall revise the allocation of the Member Federations to the membership fees' categories A-D. He also proposed that Member Federations of categories A and B shall pay membership fees to be used for the development of handball, while Member Federations of categories C and D shall be exempted from paying membership fees.

Decision.

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The Council unanimously decided to form a working group, composed of the 1st Vice-President, the Managing Director and the Competitions Director, to revise the allocation of the Member Federations to the membership fees' categories A-D as per Article 1 of the IHF Financial Regulations. In addition, the Council unanimously agreed that Member Federations of categories A and B shall pay membership fees to be used for the development of handball, while Member Federations of categories C and D shall be exempted from paying membership fees.

4.5. IHF President's Development Award

President Moustafa gave the floor to Executive Committee Member Frantisek Taborsky who informed the Council that according to Article 2 of the new version of the IHF Regulations for Awards (approved by the IHF Council in its meeting in Paris, FRA on 28 January 2017), the IHF President's Development Award (formerly called Hans Baumann Trophy) is granted to two IHF Member Federations every two years at the Ordinary Congress of the IHF. It is awarded for particular services to the development and spread of handball in the Member Federations' own countries and/or throughout the world. The IHF President's Development Award is granted to two applicants on two levels:

1. Handball developed countries
2. Emerging federations

He reported that further to the invitation of the IHF to apply for the IHF President's Development Award, the IHF received applications from the following 14 National Federations:

CRC, GRE, HAI, KGZ, KOS, LBR, MGL, NOR, ROU, RUS, SRB, TRI, UKR, ZIM

Executive Committee Member Frantisek Taborsky provided brief information on each applicant. With regard to category 1 "Handball developed countries", he proposed to grant the IHF President's Development Award to the Handball Federation of Russia. With regard to category 2 "Emerging federations", he proposed to grant the IHF President's Development Award to the Mongolian Handball Federation.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the IHF President's Development Awards as follows.

+ Handball developed countries. RUS

+ Emerging federations. MGL

The IHF President's Development Awards shall be awarded at the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress in Antalya, TUR.

4.6. Bidders of championships which are subject to a Congress decision

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who informed the Council about the bidders for the following championships which shall be awarded by the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress in Antalya, TUR, unless the motions from MNE discussed under agenda item 4.3.4 will be approved by the Congress (in such case the events concerned shall be awarded by the Council):

2020 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship

No bidder → proposal to the Congress to authorise the Council to award the event

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2020 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship

🇷🇴 ROU

The COC Caretaker Chairman confirmed that the bid of ROU is in compliance with IHF requirements.

2021 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship

🇬🇷 GRE, HUN

The COC Caretaker Chairman confirmed that the bids of GRE and HUN are in compliance with IHF requirements.

2021 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship

🇬🇷 GRE, HUN, ROU

The COC Caretaker Chairman confirmed that the bids of GRE, HUN and ROU are in compliance with IHF requirements.

2022 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship

No bidder → proposal to the Congress to authorise the Council to award the event

2022 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship

No bidder → proposal to the Congress to authorise the Council to award the event

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved to forward the following biddings to the Congress for decision, unless the motions from MNE discussed under agenda item 4.3.4 will be approved by the Congress.

🇷🇴 2020 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship. ROU

🇬🇷 2021 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship. GRE, HUN

🇬🇷 2021 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship. GRE, HUN, ROU

The Council unanimously decided to ask the Congress for authorisation to award the 2020 Women's Youth WCh, the 2022 Women's Youth WCh and the 2022 Women's Junior WCh.

4.7. Bidders of the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress

The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council that the IHF put out to tender the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress, which shall be awarded during the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress in Antalya, TUR. National Federations interested in organising the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress were asked to submit their complete bid, including detailed information about Congress venue, accommodation, transportation, meeting rooms' layout, proposal for the Congress date, etc. She pointed out that one bid from the Handball Federation of Russia was received within the deadline. They proposed to host the Congress in Moscow at the Crowne Plaza Moscow World Trade Centre hotel during the period from 15 to 20 September 2019 or from 7 to 11 November 2019. The proposed meeting place is the Congress Center of World Trade Center Moscow which offers a multi-functional Congress Hall (1,345

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m²) and 24 conference halls and meeting rooms of different sizes and capacities. The proposed accommodation fees (for the period 15-20 September 2019) are:

- 300 business rooms with the rate **330 CHF**
- 50 club rooms with the rate **460 CHF**

President Moustafa asked the Managing Director to carry out an inspection visit to Moscow to inspect all relevant facilities and discuss all IHF requirements, in particular the electronic voting system, and to report to the Council accordingly.

Decision.

The Council took note of the bid of the Handball Federation of Russia for the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress. An inspection visit to Moscow shall be carried out, and a corresponding report shall be presented to the Council.

5. Finances

5.1. Internal IHF auditors – Compensation

The Managing Director took the floor, informing that the Council had unanimously decided in its meeting in Herning, Denmark on 19 December 2015 to pay compensation to the amount of CHF 10,000 per year to each internal IHF auditor.

President Moustafa added that due to the resignation of the IHF Treasurer at the Council meeting dated 19 December 2015, the internal IHF auditors came to the IHF Head Office in Basel three times a year (instead of once a year) to control the financial transactions of the IHF. He proposed to continue paying compensation to the internal IHF auditors until the end of 2017.

Decision.

The Council unanimously agreed to continue paying compensation to the internal IHF auditors until the end of 2017.

5.2. Auditors' report 2016

Internal IHF auditors:

The acting Treasurer took the floor, presenting to the Council the report of the internal IHF auditors who verified the bookkeeping and annual accounts (balance sheet and profit and loss accounts) of the IHF for the financial year 2016. The internal auditors confirmed in their report that the bookkeeping and annual accounts are consistent with the provisions of Swiss law and IHF Statutes.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the internal auditors' report 2016 to be presented to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Antalya, TUR on 11/12 November 2017.

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External IHF auditors:

The acting Treasurer presented to the Council the report of the external IHF auditors (Copartner Revision AG) who audited the financial statements of the IHF, comprising the balance sheet as at 31 December 2016, the income statement, the cash flow statement and notes for the year 2016. The external auditors confirmed in their report that the financial statements for the year 2016 comply with Swiss law and the IHF Statutes and Regulations. The acting Treasurer remarked that the IHF achieved to further increase the profit of the year 2016, proving the success of handball.

Decision:

The Council unanimously approved the external auditors' report 2016 to be presented to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Antalya, TUR on 11/12 November 2017.

5.3. IHF Budget 2018 and 2019

President Moustafa gave the floor to the acting Treasurer who presented to the Council the IHF budget proposal for 2018 and 2019, which had been confirmed by the Executive Committee on 17 August 2017. He explained that the income of the TV rights is estimated at 60 million CHF due to the fact that the current contract with beIN Sports is expiring at the end of December 2017. He also explained that the deficit expected for 2019 is due to the compensation, flights, insurance and prize money of the Senior World Championships.

Referring to the tender procedure for the TV rights which is ongoing until 30 September 2017, President Moustafa proposed to form a working group, composed of the 1st Vice-President, Executive Committee Member Joel Delplanque, the Managing Director, and representatives of the external IHF auditor and the IHF Marketing Department, which shall study the offers received and present their corresponding report to the Council.

Decision:

The Council unanimously approved the budget proposal for 2018 and 2019 to be presented to the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Antalya, TUR on 11/12 November 2017.

In addition, the Council unanimously agreed to form a working group, composed of the 1st Vice-President, Executive Committee Member Joel Delplanque, the Managing Director, and representatives of the external IHF auditor and the IHF Marketing Department, to study the TV rights offers received within the deadline and report to the Council accordingly.

5.4. IHF investment

The acting Treasurer Mr Miguel Roca Mas took the floor, presenting to the Council the update of the IHF investment with Julius Bär, which still has a positive income of 0.57% instead of 0.37% foreseen according to the portfolio presented by Julius Bär and approved by the Council in its meeting in Bratislava, SVK on 23 July 2016. The acting Treasurer reported on the problems currently faced with Raiffeisenbank which manages the IHF daily business. Due to the fact that Raiffeisenbank reached the negative interest limit, the bank has to impose a negative interest on the IHF cash money. Raiffeisenbank proposed an investment concept which was refused, as there is no return of the

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investment of the CHF. IHF adviser Mr Robert Nef proposed to prepare a portfolio for the cash money of the IHF in Raiffeisenbank as well as a proposal for reducing the management fee in Julius Bär.

Decision:

The Council took note of the report of the acting IHF Treasurer and asked to be in close contact with Julius Bär and Raiffeisenbank to guarantee paying no negative interest on the cash money of the IHF.

5.5. 2017 Women's WCh in GER – 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 Women's World Championship, including the compensation fee, prize money, qualification bonus, travel costs, host fee and salary loss insurance, amounting to approx. CHF 2,809,760.- in total.

Decision:

The Council unanimously approved the compensation for the participating teams of the 2017 Women's World Championship amounting to approx. CHF 2,809,760.- in total.

5.6. IHF floor provider 2018-2021

The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council that the contract with the current IHF floor provider Gerflor is expiring at the end of 2017. She reported that in addition to the new offer received from Gerflor who aim to extend the partnership with IHF, another offer was submitted by the Chinese company Enlio. The following comparison of the offers was presented to the Council:

	Gerflor (current contract)	Gerflor (new offer)	Enlio (offer from 1 June 2017)
Events included in partnership/offer	Gerflor partnership includes all IHF indoor events also the Olympic Games as a sole supplier.	Same as the current contract	The offer from Enlio is only for 4 senior events, 2 men's and 2 women's in 2019 and 2021, and for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. For Tokyo to supply and negotiate directly regarding floor to supply with LOC/IOC as a sole supplier, no other IHF event is included.
Amount in cash	EUR 625,000	EUR 825,000	EUR 772,000 (offer received in USD: 900,000) according to exchange rate of 21/07/17
Number of floors in VIK	13 8 floors of 7 mm and 5 floors of 6 mm Not to be used for IHF events, for development purpose only	13 6 floors of 7 mm 6 floors of 6 mm 1 outdoor sport court Same use	12 standard handball courts (according to Enlio the floor is for professional handball matches) (they have different thicknesses between 4.5 and 8 mm, the floor tested had a thickness of 7.5 mm) Use to be defined but shall be for IHF events as well
Delivery and installation	According to the contract IHF organises and covers the	Same as the current contract	Enlio would be responsible for transportation and installation.

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	shipment cost, the customs clearance costs and all installation accessories for removable floors (games lines, double sided adhesives tapes, tapes dispenser).		Local tax would be covered by the local federation.
Other services	Technical supports	Same as the current contract; in addition a permanent event department of the 2 experts to anticipate and assist every organiser of IHF events	
Other points in the offer			Invest to develop flooring with non-slippery surface Help to promote handball sports on Chinese market
Rights received from IHF	* (see below)	Same rights of the current contract	For senior events only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right for one floor sticker by each goal • Right for 2 minutes on the LED system for each match • Right to 15 VIP tickets per session • Right for the logo on the media backdrops
<p>* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets: 10 VIP (+15 for senior events when the host team plays) per session for all events organised by the IHF (including 5 best category tickets per session for the Olympic Games) • Logo and name on all IHF letters, promotional supports and publications (letter head, media backdrops, roll-ups, etc.) • One full page in all IHF publications • One full page in official programmes (if available) • Logo on the IHF website + hyperlink to their website. • Official flooring sponsor of the IHF and for all tournaments organised by the IHF • Right to present the range of products at all IHF meetings, seminars, symposiums, tournaments, etc. • Right to have a booth at IHF events • Right for Gerflor representatives to participate as a guest in each IHF Ordinary Congress • Use of IHF logo, also on floors and to print “official floor of the IHF” on floors • 2 floor stickers, each next to the goals, per floor at each IHF event excluding OG • 2 minutes on the LED system for each match of the senior events • Right to have the presence of an IHF official during at least 4 internal events organised by Gerflor • Right to receive a TV and sponsorship report of each senior event • Right to display a welcome board stating “Gerflor/Taraflex handball floors as exclusive IHF floor supplier” in the entrance hall at the IHF Head Office in Basel during the full term of the contract • Right to organise public relations events involving local authorities and other guests during IHF competitions and/or Ordinary Congresses </p>			

Decision:

The Council unanimously decided to accept the offer from Gerflor as IHF floor provider for the period from 2018-2021.

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5.7. Debts of National Federations

The acting Treasurer took the floor, presenting to the Council the current situation of the debts of some of the IHF Member Federations. The list includes the debt of Canadian Handball Federation which has not been settled since 2006 (resulting from the 2006 Women's Youth World Championship in CAN) amounting to CHF 66,603.70, while the rest of the NF debts vary in the amounts. The IHF Executive Committee discussed the NF debts in its meeting in Tbilisi, GEO on 17 August 2017 and unanimously agreed to waive the debts which are less than CHF 10,000.-, taking into consideration that this money shall be used for the development of handball in the countries concerned. The rest of the debts shall be paid by the NFs concerned. The Canadian Handball Federation shall be invited to a meeting on the fringes of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress to discuss the method of payment.

Referring to the debts of the Brazilian Handball Federation, the acting Treasurer informed that the total amount due to be paid by Brazilian Handball Federation to the IHF is CHF 630,444.72, adding that the IHF has so far received an approximate amount of CHF 2,400,000 from Brazil. According to the decision of the IHF Executive Committee dated 17 August 2017, the President of Brazilian Handball Federation shall be asked to prepare a repayment concept to be presented to the next IHF Council meeting in Antalya on 9 November 2017.

Decision.

Following the decision of the Executive Committee, the Council reconfirmed to waive the debts which are less than CHF 10,000.-, while the rest of the debts shall be paid by the NFs concerned.

The Canadian Handball Federation shall be invited to a meeting on the fringes of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress to discuss the method of payment. The President of Brazilian Handball Federation shall be asked to prepare a repayment concept to be presented to the next IHF Council meeting in Antalya on 9 November 2017.

6. IHF Regulations

6.1. Player Eligibility Code

The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council about the following motions from Handball Federation of Montenegro regarding the IHF Player Eligibility Code, which were received on 10 June 2017, pointing out that changes to the Player Eligibility Code are subject to a decision of the IHF Council:

Current Version	Motion
6. National Players 6.1 National team players shall meet the following conditions: a) Citizenship of the country concerned. 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.	To be changed as follows: 6.1 National team players shall meet the following conditions: a) Citizenship of the country concerned. b) They shall not have played in any national team of another country in any official match in senior level.

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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	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
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Justification:

The Managing Board of the Montenegrin federation, on its last meeting, passed the decision to propose the changes of the IHF's Player Eligibility Code, more precisely its Article 6.1, point "b" and Article 6.2 to be added by point "d", which define the eligibility of the national teams players.

We were forced to take this step because, in the last 7 years, nine of our excellent players stopped performing for the Montenegrin national team and chose the foreign ones.

The last occurrences have stirred up the sporting community and the whole public in Montenegro and region, because 3 our supreme players (apart from 9 players previously mentioned) initially have refused to play for our national team. According to their words, they had offers from another federations.

In male category, we have only 760 players registered (in all age categories) and it is simply impossible, with this drain of players, to achieve some significant results on international level, regardless the efforts and resources we invest in their education and training.

Due to it, we need an assistance in the changing of IHF transfer rules, because this situation is simply unsustainable for our federation. Through the communication with significant number of other handball federations, we discovered about the similar problems they have.

Furthermore, we are informing you, that on 02.06.2017, we sent to EHF Executive Committee the letter of similar content asking for its support in our intention to protect the integrity and further development of handball, especially in federations of modest size and resources.

Aiming to protect handball and fair play, as well as to make a right balance between "rich" and "poor" federations, we are appealing on your understanding and expecting your full support to our proposal.

Current Version	Motion
<p>6. National Players</p> <p>6.2 Player eligibility in case of multiple nationalities</p> <p>A player who holds more than one nationality and who complies with 6.1, is eligible to officially represent one of those countries if:</p> <p>a) he was born in the territory of the federation concerned or</p> <p>b) his biological mother or biological father were born in the territory of the federation concerned or</p> <p>c) he has been living in the territory of the federation concerned for more than 24 months in any period of his life.</p>	<p>To add point d):</p> <p>6.2 Player eligibility in case of multiple nationalities</p> <p>A player who holds more than one nationality and who complies with 6.1, is eligible to officially represent one of those countries if:</p> <p>a) he was born in the territory of the federation concerned or</p> <p>b) his biological mother or biological father were born in the territory of the federation concerned or</p> <p>c) he has been living in the territory of the federation concerned for more than 24 months in any period of his life.</p> <p>d) he has not been previously playing any official match in senior level for any other national team.</p>
<p>Justification: see above</p>	

The Council members discussed the benefits and difficulties of the motions submitted by the Handball Federation of Montenegro.

President Moustafa proposed to form a working group, composed of IHF Executive Committee Members Joel Delplanque and Frantisek Taborsky, the Managing Director, the Competitions Director and an expert from the IHF Head Office, to elaborate a proposal based on the motion from MNE, the input of the Council members made during the present meeting and the reference to the FIFA eligibility

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provisions. The definite proposal, after detailed analysis by legal experts in terms of nationality law, shall be presented to the next IHF Council meeting to be held on 9 November 2017.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to form a working group, composed of IHF Executive Committee Members Joel Delplanque and Frantisek Taborsky, the Managing Director, the Competitions Director and an expert from the IHF Head Office, to elaborate a proposal based on the motion from MNE, the input of the Council members and the reference to the FIFA eligibility provisions. The definite proposal, after detailed analysis by legal experts in terms of nationality law, shall be presented to the next IHF Council meeting to be held on 9 November 2017.

6.2. Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines

The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council that the draft of the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines, which was presented to the last Council meeting in Paris on 28 January 2017, has been updated, taking into account that input from Council members has been incorporated and a lawyer has been consulted. The revised draft of the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines has been communicated to the Council members.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the revised draft of the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines.

6.3. Coaching Education Regulations

President Moustafa gave the floor to Executive Committee Member Frantisek Taborsky who referred to the Council decision made in its meeting in Bratislava, SVK on 23 July 2016, according to which the new IHF coaching education structure including the four licence levels (A-D) was approved. Consequently, the IHF Coaching Education Regulations have been formulated, the draft of which has been communicated to the Council members.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the IHF Coaching Education Regulations.

7. *Continents*

7.1. Nomination of African representatives to IHF Commissions

7.2. Nomination of European representatives to IHF Commissions

7.3. Nominations from Asian Handball Federation to IHF bodies

These matters were treated under agenda item 4.2.

8. *IHF Commissions*

8.1. Situation of IHF Athletes' Commission

Referring to the IHF Athletes' Commission, which was elected at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and confirmed by the IHF Council in November 2016, the Managing Director took the floor and informed the Council about the email received from Ms Cristina Neagu on 27 December 2016, in which she withdrew from her position as Athletes' Commission Member due to personal reasons.

The Managing Director also presented a communication from Athletes' Commission Chairwoman Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin dated 24 March 2017, informing about her plans to end her career as a professional player in June 2017. According to Article 4.2.1, point d), of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, Athletes' Commission members should be active handball players. President Moustafa proposed to the Council to keep Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin involved as Chairwoman of the Athletes' Commission until the end of her term of office (next elections to be held at the 2020 Olympic Handball Tournaments) without the right to be a full member of the IHF Council.

President Moustafa also briefly reported on the first meeting of the IHF Athletes' Commission held at the IHF Head Office in Basel, SUI on 23 May 2017, which was attended by Athletes' Commission Chairwoman Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin and Athletes' Commission Member Ms Mouna Chebbah. During the meeting, the attendees discussed, among other topics, the Athletes' Commission's future plan, the match schedule during championships and the total load during the year, i.e. the amount of matches and championships, as well as the new 7-against-6 rule and players' rights. He stressed that the members of the Athletes' Commission are fully supportive and agreed to be the voice of the players, which will be heard by the IHF. In addition, the IHF will create a hub tool for the Athletes' Commission members to be able to communicate with the players worldwide.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the first meeting of the IHF Athletes' Commission held in Basel, SUI on 23 May 2017.

Due to the fact that Athletes' Commission Chairwoman Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin is no longer an active handball player, which is not in compliance with Article 4.2.1, point d), of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the Council unanimously decided to keep Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin involved as Chairwoman of the Athletes' Commission until the end of her term of office without the right to be a full member of the IHF Council.

8.2. 1st Meeting of IHF Women's Handball Working Group

The Managing Director took the floor, informing the Council members about the first meeting of the IHF Women's Handball Working Group held at the IHF Head Office in Basel, SUI on 14 July 2017 chaired by President Moustafa. The meeting was attended by Working Group Chairwoman Ms Narcisa Lecusanu and the members Ms Bente Aksnes, Ms Liudmila Bodnieva, Ms Alexandra Do Nascimento and Ms Leonor Mallozzi. The Managing Director reported that the focus of the meeting was put on the collaboration to promote women's handball worldwide as well as the involvement of women in handball activities after the athletes end their careers. She stated that the working group discussed the development of a strategy for women, including for instance the creation of a women's handball

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hub through which all handball women worldwide may be invited to join and express their concerns and problems. Referring to the online seminars launched by the IHF, the working group also mentioned the benefits of dedicated online courses for the players adapted to their free time.

Decision:

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the first meeting of the IHF Women's Handball Working Group held in Basel, SUI on 14 July 2017.

9. Miscellaneous

9.1. Behaviour of technical official Hesham Shimmy during the 2016 Beach Handball WChs

Referring to a meeting of the IHF Beach Handball Working Group held on the departure day of the 2016 Beach Handball World Championships in Budapest, President Moustafa reported that the meeting was interrupted by the Qatari referee couple informing the participants that the technical official Mr Hesham Shimmy has been arrested by the police. The Hungarian Handball Federation also informed that the police is in possession of a video in which Mr Shimmy is indecently exposing himself in public and sexually harassing joggers on the Margaret Island. President Moustafa consulted the President and Mrs Gabriella Horvath of the Hungarian Handball Federation and ensured that the matter is treated with the utmost discretion in order to protect the image of the IHF, the HHF and the event itself.

President Moustafa informed the Council that this issue was presented to the IHF Executive Committee in its meeting in Paris, France on 25 January 2017. The Executive Committee recommended the IHF Council to exclude Mr Hesham Shimmy from any handball activities according to Article 13.3.25 of the IHF Statutes.

Decision:

Further to the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council unanimously decided to exclude Mr Hesham Shimmy from any handball activities according to Article 13.3.25 of the IHF Statutes.

9.2. Council decisions made by electronic communication

The Council members confirmed the following via electronic communication:

- **IHF investment with Raiffeisenbank and Julius Bär**

Following the IHF Council decision dated 28 January 2017 regarding the IHF investment, Raiffeisenbank Birsig proposed to invest the amount in several parts amounting to CHF 1 000 000 each to reduce the risk of the penalty of 2% while the interest rate of 0.28% p.a. will remain. In addition, following the input of Mr Robert Nef (Julius Bär) during the last IHF Council meeting on 28 January 2017, Julius Bär proposed to start with buying a first part of USD (5 000 000) which shall be invested in bonds (minimum rating A-). A few weeks later, another part of USD (5 000 000) shall be bought to be invested in bonds

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of the same minimum rating. The average yield to maturity amounts to 2.23% and will clearly compensate for the exchange rate (CHF to USD approx. 0.6%).

Letter sent to Council on 1 March 2017, Council approval received by 6 March 2017

- **Match scheme of IHF World Championships**

Proposal regarding the new match scheme of IHF World Championships, including two different options for the preliminary round, elaborated by the COC Caretaker Chairman according to the IHF Council decision dated 28 January 2017. The Council unanimously decided to change the match scheme of IHF World Championships from knock-out round to main round. In addition, the Council was in favour of the preliminary round system with four groups of six teams. The new match scheme shall be applied as from 1 January 2018 for all senior events.

Letter sent to Council on 24 March 2017, Council approval received by 30 March 2017

- **IHF Women's Handball Working Group**

Proposal of the IHF Women's Handball Working Group Chairwoman Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU) with regard to four additional working group members: Ms Bente Aksnes (NOR), Ms Liudmila Bodnieva (RUS), Ms Alexandra Do Nascimento (BRA), Ms Leonor Mallozzi (POR)

Letter sent to Council on 12 April 2017, Council approval received by 19 April 2017

- **Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions**

Proposal to form a Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions as per Article 13.3.15 of the IHF Statutes, similar to the procedure applied in 2013. The aim of the working group is to study all candidatures for the different IHF positions and report to the Council for confirmation of the candidatures which will be submitted to the Congress for decision. Proposed composition of the working group: Mr Jean Brihault (FRA) as chairman, Mr Jörgen Holmqvist (SWE) and Mr Gerhard Hofbauer (AUT) as additional members.

Letter sent to Council on 27 April 2017, Council approval received by 4 May 2017

The next IHF Council Meeting will take place in Antalya, TUR on 9 November 2017 on the fringes of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress.

President Moustafa thanked the participants for the constructive meeting and closed the session at 17:30.

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