



**Electoral Period**

**2017 - 2021**

## Council Meeting

### No. 3

**Doha, Qatar  
18 October 2018**

**Present:**

Dr Hassan MOUSTAFA (EGY)	President
Joël DELPLANQUE (FRA)	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President
Mansourou AREMOU (BEN)	Africa's Vice-President
Bader AL-THEYAB (KUW)	Asia's Vice-President
Michael WIEDERER (AUT)	Europe's Vice-President
Anna RAPP (SWE)	Treasurer
Narcisa LECUSANU (ROU)	Executive Committee Member
Frantisek TABORSKY (CZE)	Executive Committee Member
Per BERTELSEN (DEN)	COC Chairman
Ramón GALLEGO (ESP)	PRC Chairman
Dietrich SPÄTE (GER)	CCM Chairman
Dr François GNAMIAN (CIV)	MC Chairman
Yoshihide WATANABE (JPN)	Asia's Representative
Predrag BOSKOVIC (MNE)	Europe's Representative
Ricardo BLAS (GUM)	Oceania's Representative
Amal KHALIFA (EGY)	General Director
Patric STRUB (GER)	Competitions Director
Marisa STERLY (GER)	IHF Head Office
<b>Partly present:</b>	
Jean BRIHAULT (FRA)	IHF Adviser
Mario GARCIA DE LA TORRE (MEX)	President of MEX NF
Marcel MANCILLA BRAVO (CHI)	President of CHI NF
Ricardo SOUZA (BRA)	President of BRA NF
<b>Not present:</b>	
Charles OMBOUMAHOU (CGO)	Africa's Representative
Raquel PEDERCINI (CAN)	CD Chairwoman (suspended as per IHF Ethics Commission decision)

**MEETING TIME: 10:00 - 15:00**

**Notes:** 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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At 10:00 President Moustafa opened the meeting, welcoming the Council members to the meeting in Doha which was held on the fringes of the 2018 IHF Super Globe.

President Moustafa welcomed the President of Qatar Handball Association, Mr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Shaabi, who addressed some words to the Council members, stating that it is a great pleasure to welcome the Council members to Qatar, and wishing them a successful and constructive meeting.

President Moustafa also welcomed Mr Jean Brihault, IHF Adviser for the New Markets' Project in USA, Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre, President of Mexican Handball Federation, Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo, President of Chilean Handball Federation, and Mr Ricardo Souza, President of Brazilian Handball Federation.

President Moustafa asked the Council members to rise for a minute's silence to honour the memory of Mr Patrick Baumann, Secretary General of International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and Member of the International Olympic Committee, who passed away on 14 October 2018 during the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

## *1. Minutes*

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### **1.1. Council Meeting No. 2, 14 January 2018 in Zagreb, CRO**

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting, which was held in Zagreb, CRO, on 14 January 2018.

#### *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Council Meeting No. 2 held in Zagreb on 14 January 2018.*

### **1.2. Executive Committee Meeting No. 2, 6 April 2018 in Basel, SUI**

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Basel, SUI, on 6 April 2018.

#### *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 2 held in Basel on 6 April 2018.*

### **1.3. Executive Committee Meeting No. 3, 12 July 2018 in Debrecen, HUN**

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Debrecen, HUN, on 12 July 2018.

#### *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 3 held in Debrecen on 12 July 2018.*

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## 2. *President's activities*

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President Moustafa presented an overview of his activities between the last Council meeting in Zagreb in January 2018 and the present meeting in Doha (detailed overview was included in the working documents for the present Council meeting). He briefly reported on the different meetings and events which he attended, for example the Men's African Championship in Gabon from 25 to 29 January 2018, the meeting with the Member Federations from North America and the Caribbean in Mexico City on 27 February 2018, the SportAccord Convention in Bangkok, Thailand from 13 to 21 April 2018 and the 14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary EHF Congress in Glasgow, Scotland on 19/20 June 2018. He also partially attended the IHF Women's Junior (U20) WCh in Debrecen, Hungary from 8 to 14 July 2018 and was present at the men's and women's beach handball tournaments of the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires from 3 to 15 October 2018, stressing that IOC President Dr Thomas Bach attended the men's and women's semi-finals and finals of the beach handball competition and congratulated President Moustafa on the success of the event.

In addition, he briefly reported on his travel to USA from 1 to 12 March 2018 to meet with representatives of the US Olympic Committee and USA Team Handball and attend the Pan-American Beach Handball Championships in Oceanside. Furthermore, he travelled to the Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia from 16 to 22 August 2018 and met with Gou Zhongwen, Minister of Sports of China and President of Chinese National Olympic Committee, and Wang Tao, President of Chinese Handball Association, adding that a six-year agreement on the handball development in China was signed by the parties concerned on that occasion. He also reported on his different visits to Cairo, Egypt in March/April and July/August 2018 with regard to the situation of the Olympic Movement in Egypt as well as the 2021 Men's World Championship in Egypt, which included meetings with Egyptian Prime Minister and Minister of Housing Dr Moustafa Madbouli and Minister of Youth and Sports Dr Ashraf Sobhy, who was a handball player.

He also provided brief information on the different meetings which were held at the IHF Head Office, for example the IHF-EHF Mutual Meetings on 6 April and 12 September 2018, the meetings with Lagardère Sports on 3 and 13 September 2018 and the meetings with the Organising Committees of the 2019 Women's WCh (JPN) and 2019 Men's WCh (DEN/GER) on 1 October and 2 October 2018, respectively.

### *Decision.*

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

## 3. *Competitions*

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### **3.1. 2018 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in HUN**

#### **3.1.1. Report**

The report of the Competitions Director on the 2018 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship held in Debrecen, Hungary from 1 to 14 July 2018 was presented to the Council. Hungary won the gold

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medal, while Norway achieved silver and Korea bronze. The COC Chairman took the floor, stating that the World Championship concerned was an all-around successful event, including very satisfied teams, good handball, good conditions for the IHF, good spectators' interest, especially at the home team matches, impressive media and TV figures for a Junior World Championship, and a very well-prepared and experienced Organising Committee which solved any problem that might have occurred. Referring to the match schedule which was planned in accordance with the IHF regulations, he commented that five matchdays had six matches per day resulting in exhausting working days (12-14 hours) for some IHF nominees, which might affect the performance level of the persons concerned.

## *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the information provided on the 2018 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in HUN.*

### **3.1.2. Withdrawal of CIV**

The Competitions Director took the floor, informing the Council about the withdrawal of CIV from the 2018 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in HUN due to visa issues. He stated that CIV had the clear intention to participate in the event due to the fact that they had booked their flights and paid the participation fee, the registration fee and the fixed deposit. As there is no Hungarian embassy in Côte d'Ivoire, CIV was in contact with the French embassy, taking into account that the host as well as the IHF provided CIV with all possible support. The French embassy however left the impression that they were not willing to issue the visas. He reported that the IHF Executive Committee discussed the issue in its meeting in Doha, Qatar on 17 October 2018 and, considering that there was no clear intention of CIV to withdraw from the championship, unanimously agreed on the following punishments to avoid damaging the progress of handball in Côte d'Ivoire:

- Loss of fixed deposit
- Loss of registration fee
- Loss of paid participation fee for the event to the IHF, which shall be used to reimburse the host country for their costs

President Moustafa commented that the Executive Committee also decided that a deadline for obtaining visas prior to the draw of the respective competition shall be included in the announcement of the World Championships. In case of failure of the participating teams to confirm that they have obtained their visas by the deadline, the National Federation concerned will be substituted.

## *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the information provided regarding the withdrawal of CIV from the 2018 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in HUN due to visa issues and unanimously confirmed the punishments imposed on CIV by the IHF Executive Committee.*

### **3.2. 2018 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in POL**

The report of the Competitions Director on the 2018 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship held in Kielce, Poland from 7 to 19 August 2018 was presented to the Council. Russia won the gold medal, while Hungary achieved silver and Korea bronze. The COC Chairman took the floor, stating that the World Championship was well organised without any major negative incidents. The Organising



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Committee and the Polish Handball Federation did a good job and were present with many people on-site. During the event preparation, the IHF faced some difficulties in terms of organisation and communication, but as the competition got closer, communication improved. The spectators' interest was as expected, with nice surprises and full halls at the Poland matches as well as at the finals. He reported that one of the biggest issues was the cancellation of participation of Brazil, the strongest team from South and Central America, ten days prior to the event due to financial issues. On the fringes of the competition, an educational course related to anti-doping matters took place.

President Moustafa underlined the necessity of making evaluations after each IHF World Championship in order to take the negative feedback into consideration for future events. He asked to place importance on the younger age category events, as the players concerned are the future of handball. He stated that every team has talented players, but sometimes financial problems hinder them to rise. He requested to support talented players, referees and coaches from emerging federations. He praised the cooperation between the IHF Commission of Organising and Competition (COC), Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC) and Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)

Referring to the cancellation of participation of Brazil, Europe's Vice-President remarked that he is missing a decision in this regard. President Moustafa responded that he had a meeting with the President of the Brazilian Handball Federation in Doha on 17 October 2018, during which the President of BRA reported on the difficult financial situation of the federation at the moment. President Moustafa stressed that the IHF shall not take a strong decision against BRA in order not to harm handball in Brazil, especially the players.

As the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President asked about the situation of Brazil, the President of Brazilian Handball Federation replied that elections of the head of state are currently ongoing, and the country is split due to two different candidates, which affects the economic situation of the country. After the elections stability is expected and the situation will hopefully improve. As for the Brazilian Handball Federation, he reported that the federation has lost its sponsorship, adding that the headquarters are in the process of being moved and new employees will be hired. Hopefully, as from 2019 they will have the chance to promote handball in Brazil again.

## *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the information provided on the 2018 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in POL. In addition, the Council agreed on avoiding any action that might harm the handball players in Brazil and welcomed President Moustafa's proposal to focus on levelling up the performance of talented players of the younger age categories.*

### **3.3. 2018 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in RUS**

The report of the Chairman of the IHF Beach Handball Working Group (BHWG), Mr Giampiero Masi, on the 2018 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships held in Kazan, Russia from 24 to 29 July 2018 was presented to the Council. In the men's competition, Brazil won the gold medal, while Croatia achieved silver and Hungary bronze. In the women's competition, Greece won the gold medal, while Norway claimed silver and Brazil bronze. In his report, the BHWG Chairman stated that the event was one of the best championships in the history of beach handball. The infrastructure and organisation were at the highest level and IHF had an excellent cooperation with the local organizers. Any organisational problems which occurred before and during the event were solved in a very good way. A remarkable global improvement of beach handball could be observed. The new format with 16

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teams per gender brings more excitement and competition to the World Championships. The technical capacity of all teams, the perfect handling and behaviour shown by all IHF nominees, professional management of the venue and all relevant issues as well as great spectators' interest showed once again that beach handball deserves to be an Olympic sport. He pointed out that the non-existence of African teams can be considered as the weakest point of the championship.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President who was present during the event confirmed the outstanding organisation by the Handball Federation of Russia, praising also the BHWG Chairman for doing an excellent job. He referred to the weak beach handball culture in France, stating that a special programme has been launched to have competitive national teams at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

## *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the report of the Chairman of the IHF Beach Handball Working Group on the 2018 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in RUS.*

### **3.4. 2021 Men's World Championship in EGY**

The Competitions Director took the floor, referring briefly to the bid presentation by Egyptian Handball Federation for the organisation of the 2021 Men's World Championship, which was made during the IHF Council meeting in Sochi, Russia on 6 November 2015. The following concept in terms of venues and seating capacities had been approved by the Council in the aforementioned meeting:

- Cairo – Cairo Stadium Complex - Main Hall (capacity: 20,000) and Cairo Stadium Complex - Middle Hall (capacity: 5,000)
- Alexandria – Al Ittihad Alexandria Club Hall (capacity: 5,000)
- Hurghada – International Center for Sports Development (capacity: 5,000)
- Sharm El-Sheikh – Sharm El-Sheikh Sports Hall (capacity: 5,000)
- Luxor – Luxor Sports Hall (capacity: 5,000)

On 15 August 2018, the IHF received a letter from Egyptian Handball Federation, requesting to accept the following halls as playing venues for the 2021 Men's World Championship:

- Handball Hall in the New Capital (capacity: 7,000) – brand-new
- Handball Hall in Borg El Arab, Alexandria (capacity: 5,000) – brand-new
- Handball Hall in 6th of October, Giza (capacity: 4,500) – brand-new
- Cairo Stadium Indoor Halls Complex, Cairo (capacity: 16,200) – completely renovated

The Competitions Director pointed out that detailed plans and presentations for the venues of Cairo, New Capital and Giza were provided by Egyptian Handball Federation, taking into account that the venue in Alexandria will be exactly the same as the one in Giza. According to the information received by Egyptian Handball Federation, the venues of New Capital, Alexandria and Giza will be delivered by 30 June 2020.

The Competitions Director confirmed that all four halls fulfil the requirements of the IHF Bid and Event Manual related to technical infrastructure. He added that on-site inspections are yet to be carried out.

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*The Council unanimously approved the new venue concept for the 2021 Men's World Championship in EGY further to the request by Egyptian Handball Federation, taking into consideration that on-site inspections shall be carried out by the IHF.*

### **3.5. 2024 Olympic Games in Paris**

The letter received from the Mayor of Paris, Ms Anne Hidalgo, dated 15 December 2017 following the letter of President Moustafa regarding the inclusion of beach handball in the programme of the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris was presented to the Council. The Mayor of Paris stated in her letter that she welcomes the evolving practice of beach handball and celebrates the progress since it shows the attractiveness and growing popularity of the sport. She promised that the possibility to integrate beach handball in the new Olympic sporting disciplines will be carefully studied.

Europe's Vice-President remarked that the Mayor of Paris shall be invited to the Final Weekend of the Women's EHF EURO 2018 in Paris, France on 15/16 December 2018. For this purpose, the Council members agreed that a joint letter of invitation signed by the IHF President, the EHF President and the President of French Handball Federation shall be sent to the Mayor of Paris.

President Moustafa proposed to send a complete file, including videos, regarding the men's and women's beach handball tournaments of the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires to the Organising Committee of the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris as well as the Mayor of Paris for information.

#### **Decision.**

*The Council took note of the information provided regarding the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.*

### **3.6. Wild card attribution for World Championships**

Mr Jean Brihault, IHF Adviser for the New Markets' Project in USA, took the floor, presenting to the Council his proposal on the attribution of wild cards for IHF Senior World Championships. Apart from the procedure previously applied to award the first non-qualified nation(s) of the best continent(s) with the right to participate, he stated that another potentially interesting perspective for this awarding can be based on the concept of development. He proposed to use the wild card as a lever to contribute to the development of handball in the country organising the next Olympic Games when this country shows a limited level of handball development. The wild card should be awarded for the World Championships taking place three years and one year prior to the Olympic Games concerned (one complete Olympic cycle). He pointed out that this awarding should be linked to a specific development programme jointly designed by the National Federation concerned, its Continental Confederation and the IHF, focusing on the national team's performance, but also considering grassroots development, coach and referee education, aiming to create a significant handball legacy in the country concerned. In view of the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, he proposed to award a wild card to the USA for the 2025 and 2027 Men's World Championships, taking into account that the same should apply for the 2025 and 2027 Women's World Championships provided that the USA women's national team has reached a certain performance level.

Europe's Vice-President underlined the necessity of having a master plan to achieve a sustainable handball development in the country concerned. The IHF Adviser pointed out that the wild cards shall be just one major element of a global development project.



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President Moustafa stated that the IHF aims for the future to have World Champions from countries that have not been World Champions before, adding that the international handball family should continuously grow. In order to reach this aim, the IHF is keen to help and support its Member Federations in need.

As the President of Chilean Handball Federation asked about the possibility of a wild card for South and Central America for IHF World Championships, Europe's Vice-President commented that the quality of the competitions should take centre stage, stating that additional wild cards for IHF World Championships might have a negative impact on the quality.

## *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the proposal on the attribution of wild cards for IHF Senior World Championships presented by the IHF Adviser for the New Markets' Project in USA and unanimously approved to award wild cards to the USA for the 2025 and 2027 Men's and Women's World Championships provided that the USA national teams have reached a certain performance level.*

### **3.7. 2019 Men's Junior (U21) WCh in ESP**

The COC Chairman took the floor, referring to the 2019 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship which was awarded to the Spanish Handball Federation as per the decision of the Ordinary IHF Congress in Sochi, RUS on 7 November 2015. In the bid presentation, Spain presented a concept with two host cities (León and Oviedo) and two arenas (Palacio de los Deportes de León (capacity: 5,200) and Palacio de los Deportes de Oviedo (capacity: 3,800)). The COC Chairman reported that the Spanish Handball Federation, by letter of 2 January 2018, requested to change the venues, since there is a delay in the construction of the high-speed train in the zone of León and Oviedo. Therefore and in order to have the venue cities as close as possible, they requested to organise the event in Vigo and Pontevedra (Galicia).

The COC Chairman briefly reported about the on-site inspection carried out together with Event Delegate Marco Tosi Brandi from 23 to 25 April 2018. He confirmed that the new proposal fulfils the IHF requirements in terms of Junior World Championships if the two corresponding remarks of the inspectors are solved (air conditioning in the hall of Vigo, one missing hotel in Pontevedra). The Organising Committee and the Spanish Handball Federation have already confirmed that the two remarks will be solved, and proposals for the solutions have been provided partly (hotel). The next inspection shall take place in February 2019.

President Moustafa proposed to form a working group composed of highly professional people who shall carry out inspections for IHF World Championships and report accordingly, adding that the IHF Executive Committee shall be asked to select qualified working group members.

## *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved the request of Spanish Handball Federation to organise the 2019 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in Vigo and Pontevedra (ESP), provided that the two pending issues (air conditioning in the hall of Vigo, one missing hotel in Pontevedra) can be confirmed during the next inspection in February 2019. In addition, the Council unanimously agreed on the formation of the IHF inspection working group for IHF World Championships.*

## 4. *IHF World Championships*

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### 4.1. Increase of number of teams at Junior & Youth WChs from 24 to 32 teams

The COC Chairman took the floor, informing the Council that the COC in its last meeting discussed the general idea of increasing the number of participating teams from 24 to 32 in the younger age category (YAC) events. He outlined that this approach would guarantee more teams participating and thus gaining international experience while at the same time increasing the handball world's involvement in the event. In many cases, the approach would also have an economic effect, since in many countries the participation in World Championships is supported by different authorities such as the Ministry of Sport or the National Olympic Committee. For Continental Confederations, it would also send a clear signal to continue working on their qualification and put positive pressure on their National Federations to increase the handball activities. The COC Chairman suggested to prepare a detailed proposal, including a competition system and distribution of places, after a corresponding basic decision has been taken.

#### *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously agreed in principle to increase the number of participating teams from 24 to 32 in the younger age category (YAC) events. A detailed proposal, including a competition system and distribution of places, shall be prepared by the COC and presented to the Council for decision.*

### 4.2. Men's World Championship with 32 teams

Europe's Vice-President took the floor, presenting the EHF's proposal regarding Men's World Championships with 32 teams starting from the 2021 Men's WCh in Egypt, which had been communicated to the IHF President on 6 July 2018. He explained that the EHF's proposal, which includes a competition system and a match schedule, is rather neutral regarding costs, timetable, etc. and offers advantages in respect to the participating teams and especially the players, as well as the outside world. The proposal provides for eight preliminary round groups of four teams each and four main round groups of six teams each, considering that the number of preliminary round matches is slightly reduced (48 instead of 60), while the number of quality main round matches is increased (36 instead of 18). The main round phase is followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. He pointed out that this proposal allows the continents to have more places in a World Championship while not increasing the burden on the shoulders of the players. He stressed that the proposal also offers a much better marketing potential and ensures not to lose the most valuable TV markets. Referring to the distribution of the eight additional places, he emphasised the importance of bringing in qualitative teams.

President Moustafa remarked that the increase of the number of teams should not only apply for Men's World Championships but also for Women's World Championships. He proposed to decide in principle on increasing the number of teams at Senior, Junior & Youth WChs of both genders from 24 to 32 teams starting from 2021. He asked the COC Chairman to elaborate, in consultation with Europe's Vice-President, a detailed proposal, including a competition system and distribution of places, which shall be submitted to the Council for decision.

## *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously agreed in principle to increase the number of teams at Senior, Junior & Youth WChs of both genders from 24 to 32 teams starting from 2021. A detailed proposal, including a competition system and distribution of places, shall be prepared by the COC in consultation with Europe's Vice-President and presented to the Council for decision.*

### **4.3. Qualification events in North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America**

*Note: The decision of increasing the number of teams at Senior, Junior & Youth WChs of both genders from 24 to 32 teams (agenda items 4.1. and 4.2.) will have a positive impact on the corresponding qualification of teams from North America and the Caribbean as well as South and Central America.*

## **5. *IHF bodies***

### **5.1. Appointment of Medical Commission (MC) members**

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council that the IHF Executive Committee, in its meeting in Debrecen, Hungary on 12 July 2018, further to the authorisation by the IHF Council, unanimously proposed the following candidates to the IHF Medical Commission (MC):

Dr Yannick Mossus (CMR) - African MC representative, Dr Shizuo Sakamoto (JPN) - Asian MC representative, Dr Marina Gillard (RUS) - European MC representative, Dr Luis G. Cruz (GUM) - Oceania MC representative, Dr Llew Harper (BAR) - MC Member, Dr Cristobal Saez (CHI) - MC Member, Dr Juan José Muñoz Benito (ESP) - MC Member

The MC Chairman confirmed that he agrees to the proposal of the IHF Executive Committee.

## *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved to appoint the following members to the MC until 2021:*

<i>Dr Yannick Mossus (CMR)</i>	<i>African MC representative</i>
<i>Dr Shizuo Sakamoto (JPN)</i>	<i>Asian MC representative</i>
<i>Dr Marina Gillard (RUS)</i>	<i>European MC representative</i>
<i>Dr Luis G. Cruz (GUM)</i>	<i>Oceania MC representative</i>
<i>Dr Llew Harper (BAR)</i>	<i>MC Member</i>
<i>Dr Cristobal Saez (CHI)</i>	<i>MC Member</i>
<i>Dr Juan José Muñoz Benito (ESP)</i>	<i>MC Member</i>

### **5.2. Appointment of Commission for Development (CD) members**

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council that the IHF Executive Committee, in its meeting in Debrecen, Hungary on 12 July 2018, further to the authorisation by the IHF Council, unanimously proposed the following candidates to the IHF Commission for Development (CD):

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Yazid Souadi (MAR) - African CD representative, Dr Sari Hamdan (JOR) - Asian CD representative, Helmut Höritsch (AUT) - European CD representative, Makiroa Mitchell-John (COK) - Oceania CD representative, Carline Choute (HAI) - CD Member, Edgar Hubner (BRA) - CD Member, Stefan Albrechtson (SWE) - CD Member

In view of the decision of the IHF Ethics Commission related to the IHF CD Chairwoman (agenda item 5.3.1.), President Moustafa proposed to appoint Mr Stefan Albrechtson (SWE) as acting Chairman of the IHF Commission for Development.

## *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved to appoint the following members to the CD until 2021.*

<i>Yazid Souadi (MAR)</i>	<i>African CD representative</i>
<i>Dr Sari Hamdan (JOR)</i>	<i>Asian CD representative</i>
<i>Helmut Höritsch (AUT)</i>	<i>European CD representative</i>
<i>Makiroa Mitchell-John (COK)</i>	<i>Oceania CD representative</i>
<i>Carline Choute (HAI)</i>	<i>CD Member</i>
<i>Edgar Hubner (BRA)</i>	<i>CD Member</i>
<i>Stefan Albrechtson (SWE)</i>	<i>CD Member</i>

*In view of the decision of the IHF Ethics Commission related to the IHF CD Chairwoman (agenda item 5.3.1.), the Council unanimously approved to appoint CD Member Mr Stefan Albrechtson (SWE) as acting Chairman of the IHF Commission for Development.*

## **5.3. IHF Ethics Commission**

### **5.3.1. Behaviour of CD Chairwoman – Decision**

*Note: This agenda item was treated at the beginning of the present meeting.*

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council about the official request dated 18 July 2018 signed by the IHF Executive Committee to submit the case related to the behaviour of the Chairwoman of IHF Commission for Development (CD), Mrs Raquel Pedercini, during and after the last IHF Council Meeting held in Zagreb, Croatia on 14 January 2018 to the IHF Ethics Commission as per Article 4 of the IHF Ethics Code.

She then presented the corresponding decision issued by the IHF Ethics Commission on 5 October 2018 after having thoroughly studied the case. As the IHF Ethics Commission considered the behaviour of the IHF CD Chairwoman a violation of the IHF Ethics Code, particularly Article 5, the IHF Ethics Commission decided to suspend her right to participate in three continuous official meetings of the IHF Council in accordance with Article 9 of the IHF Ethics Code.

She explained that the IHF Ethics Commission decided to notify the IHF CD Chairwoman as well as the IHF Council of their decision, which is why the item is on the agenda of the present meeting. She added that the IHF Council is not entitled to object to the decision of the IHF Ethics Commission. According to Article 12 of the IHF Ethics Code, Ethics Commission decision shall be subject to appeal to the IHF Arbitration Tribunal within 21 days from the receipt of the decision.



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Oceania's Representative pointed out that in order to safeguard the integrity of the IHF Council meeting, no contents of the present meeting shall be disclosed before the approval of the present meeting's minutes in the next Council meeting.

President Moustafa informed that the President of the suspended Pan-American Team Handball Federation (PATHF), Mr Mario Moccia, invited Mrs Raquel Pedercini to work as timekeeper during the beach handball tournaments of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, which has never happened before considering her IHF position. The Chairman of the IHF Beach Handball Working Group, Mr Giampiero Masi, decided that she shall not be allowed to work as timekeeper during the mentioned event.

The General Director informed that the CD Chairwoman failed to reply to the IHF regarding three matters, which were communicated to the IHF Council electronically (since 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress) and which required an answer from the IHF Council members.

Referring to the behaviour of the IHF CD Chairwoman, Asia's Vice-President stressed the importance of avoiding such situations in the future.

Oceania's Representative emphasised that the IHF Council meetings must not be used as a platform to address any personal grievance or to make any allegations against the IHF, adding that the integrity of the organisation as a whole must be preserved.

Due to her serious violation of the IHF Ethics Code, the Council members unanimously decided to ask the IHF CD Chairwoman to resign from her position as IHF CD Chairwoman. The entire matter shall be submitted to the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Gothenburg, SWE on 3/4 July 2019.

## *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the decision of the IHF Ethics Commission dated 5 October 2018 to suspend the right of the Chairwoman of IHF Commission for Development (CD), Mrs Raquel Pedercini, to participate in three continuous official meetings of the IHF Council in accordance with Article 9 of the IHF Ethics Code due to the fact that her behaviour during and after the last IHF Council Meeting held in Zagreb, Croatia on 14 January 2018 is considered a violation of the IHF Ethics Code, particularly Article 5.*

*The Council unanimously decided to ask the IHF CD Chairwoman to resign from her position as IHF CD Chairwoman. The entire matter shall be submitted to the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Gothenburg, SWE on 3/4 July 2019.*

## **5.4. Decision of CAS case PATHF v. IHF**

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council about the decision issued by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on 13 September 2018 following the PATHF appeal dated 15 May 2018 against the IHF Arbitration Tribunal decision of 1 May 2018 regarding the 2017 IHF Congress decision related to the Pan-American motion.

CAS ruled that the IHF Arbitration Tribunal decision of 1 May 2018 is annulled, and that the IHF Congress decision of 11 November 2017 to delegate its authority to the IHF Council to discuss, evaluate and take a decision on the motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to the Pan-American continent



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and consequently on the relevant IHF Statutes changes is declared null and void. In addition, CAS decided that the costs of the arbitration shall be borne for 10% by PATHF and for 90% by IHF.

She explained that the full reasoned Award is yet to be issued by CAS. She briefly reported on the hearing which was held in Lausanne, Switzerland on 28 August 2018, stating that the panel handling this case was composed of Prof Dr Martin Schimke (GER) as President, Mr Diego Ferrari (ARG) as Arbitrator chosen by PATHF and Mr Pierre Muller (SUI) as Arbitrator chosen by IHF. The main problem, according to the IHF lawyers, was the changed concept of the motion presented to the 2017 IHF Congress, considering that the Congress did not vote on the division of the Pan-American continent itself, but on the delegation of its authority to the IHF Council to take a decision on the division of the Pan-American continent and consequently on the relevant IHF Statutes changes. She mentioned that the Swiss law has two different interpretations on the question of delegation of the matter from the IHF Congress to the IHF Council, whereas it is not provided for in German law. Consequently, according to the IHF lawyers, the IHF Congress decision dated 11 November 2017 was declared null and void by CAS due to formal issues only.

The General Director also informed the Council that PATHF appealed to CAS on 25 September 2018 (Supplementary Appeal Brief following first Appeal Brief to CAS dated 17 August 2018) against the IHF Council decision of 14 January 2018 to suspend PATHF due to PATHF's violation of the IHF Statutes for failing to invite the IHF President to the PATHF Extraordinary Congress held on 7 October 2017. She stated that the IHF lawyers argued that PATHF has no right at this point of time to challenge the decision of suspension imposed by the IHF Council, taking into account that in the initial appeal to the IHF Arbitration Commission dated 14 March 2018 and the second instance appeal to the IHF Arbitration Tribunal dated 13 June 2018, PATHF did not challenge the suspension as they focused on the issue of division. The decisions of the IHF Council dated 14 January 2018 on the suspension and on the division were made through two different votes.

Europe's Vice-President stressed the importance of protecting the IHF Council which took the decision on 14 January 2018, pointing out that he had focused several times on having a legal expertise being the basis for the Council decision. He quoted from the minutes of the last IHF Council meeting dated 14 January 2018. Europe's Vice-President added that the legal expertise of IHF lawyer Dr Carrard has obviously been voted down by the CAS panel. In his opinion, the legal expertise is safeguarding the Council's position in this matter.

The full reasoned Award shall be communicated to the IHF Council members as soon as it has been issued by CAS.

### *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the CAS decision of 13 September 2018 in the case PATHF v. IHF and its consequences. The Council unanimously agreed to maintain the implementation of the IHF handball development project in North America and the Caribbean and in South and Central America, which requires a decision of the IHF Congress. The whole project will be presented to the next IHF Congress.*

## 6. *Finances and marketing*

### 6.1. New IHF TV Partner for Men's & Women's WChs 2019-2025

#### 6.1.1. Awarding procedures

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council briefly about the different steps taken by the IHF since the expiry of the contract with beIN Sports for global media/TV rights of Men's and Women's World Championships on 31 December 2017, and in particular since the termination of the contract with MP & Silva on 25 July 2018 due to MP & Silva's failure to pay the instalment/invoice due on 15 July 2018. She stated that according to the memorandum prepared by the IHF Marketing Department included in the working documents for the present Council meeting, the IHF spontaneously received offers from Infront, Lagardère and Pitch, and on 17 August 2018, following the agreement of the IHF Executive Committee, the IHF Council unanimously approved the recommendation of IHF Marketing Department to choose the offer from Lagardère in order for the IHF to start negotiations for concluding a contract with the new IHF TV Partner.

#### *Decision.*

*The Council took note of and unanimously confirmed the awarding procedures applied with regard to the new IHF TV Partner for Men's & Women's WChs 2019-2025.*

#### 6.1.2. Meeting IHF-Lagardère in Basel on 3 September 2018 – Minutes

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council briefly about the meeting between IHF and Lagardère in Basel on 3 September 2018. The aim of the meeting was to review the draft contract on the global media/TV rights of Men's and Women's World Championships 2019-2025 and to discuss other IHF projects and events as well as marketing rights when Germany plays at Men's and Women's WChs. She explained that the remuneration part of the new contract was discussed during the meeting, stating that Lagardère asked to reduce the offer sent to the IHF, but the IHF insisted on keeping the same amount, taking into consideration that the IHF Council had unanimously agreed on the offer presented by Lagardère. IHF and Lagardère agreed that first the contract for the global media/TV rights of the Men's and Women's World Championships from 2019 to 2025 shall be signed, and afterwards the Olympic Qualification Tournaments as well as the rest of the events may be discussed and decided by the IHF Executive Committee. Lagardère promised to broadcast the IHF World Championships at the same standard of the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio and the 2017 Men's World Championship in France, or even better. In addition, Lagardère was asked to produce a trailer for the Men's and Women's World Championships in order to promote handball on a permanent basis, and in particular for new markets such as China and USA. The parties agreed during the meeting to work hand in hand to develop and promote handball on a global basis.

The General Director added that another meeting between IHF and Lagardère was held in Basel on 13 September 2018 to discuss several amendments to the contract and finalise the deal. The parties agreed that lawyers shall review the final version of the contract to be signed electronically.

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*The Council took note of the information provided regarding the meeting between IHF and Lagardère held in Basel on 3 September 2018 and unanimously reconfirmed the Council decision related to awarding the TV rights to the company that submitted the best offer, which is Lagardère.*

## **6.2. Debts of National Federations**

### **6.2.1. CAN**

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council briefly about the steps taken since the IHF Council decision of 14 January 2018 regarding the debts of the Canadian Team Handball Federation (CTHF) to the amount of CHF 66,603.70, resulting from the 2006 Women's Youth World Championship in Canada. The IHF asked CTHF by letter of 5 February 2018 to repay the amount of CHF 15,000 to the IHF account by 14 February 2018 in order to waive the remaining debt to be used for the development of handball in Canada, adding that in case CTHF fails to repay the reduced amount of CHF 15,000 to the IHF within the deadline decided by the Council, the IHF will charge the full amount of the debt again, i.e. CHF 66,603.70. On 14 February 2018, CTHF replied that they intend to pay the amount of CHF 15,000 by 31 July 2018, but they are unable to do months before the intended date and therefore request an extension from IHF to settle this matter. Due to CTHF's non-compliance with the IHF Council decision, the matter was submitted to the IHF Executive Committee in its meeting in Basel on 6 April 2018, which agreed to apply the related provisions of the IHF Statutes to the case in question. On 31 August 2018, IHF addressed CTHF again, pointing out that CTHF failed to comply with the IHF Council decision by the deadline defined by the Council (14 February 2018) and even by the deadline initially stated by the CTHF President (31 July 2018) and requesting CTHF to repay the outstanding debt of CHF 66,603.70 to the IHF account by 7 September 2018. On 7 September 2018, CTHF answered that the statute of limitations under both Canadian and Swiss Law has clearly run on the debt, as more than 10 years have lapsed since the World Championship in Canada. They also stated that at the 2011, 2013 and 2015 IHF Congresses, the Canadian representatives were assured by former IHF Council members that the debt would be waived. They proposed that the outstanding compensation due from IHF to Raquel Pedercini in her capacity as Chairwoman of the IHF Commission for Development amounting to CHF 15,000 be used to cover the claim made by IHF against CTHF in order to definitely settle the claim.

The General Director reported that the IHF consulted its lawyer who stated that the IHF, according to the IHF Legal Provisions, could file a petition for mediation with the IHF Arbitration Commission, adding that the CTHF might be motivated to make a payment if sanctions under association law are threatened. She added that several payment reminders were sent to CTHF by IHF and discussions took place with CTHF related to this debt, but no final decision on paying off the debt was reached.

The Treasurer recommended not to use the compensation for the IHF CD Chairwoman to settle the CTHF debt. Europe's Vice-President underlined that the debt repayment is an issue between IHF and CTHF and has nothing to do with the issue related to the behaviour of the IHF CD Chairwoman. Therefore, the two matters should not be mixed.

In order not to harm handball in Canada in general and the players in particular, President Moustafa proposed to waive the debts of the Canadian Team Handball Federation towards IHF amounting to CHF 66,603.70, taking into consideration that the amount should be used for the development of handball in Canada. The issue shall be reported to the Canadian Olympic Committee.

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## *Decision.*

*In order not to harm handball in Canada in general and the players in particular, the Council unanimously agreed to waive the debts of the Canadian Team Handball Federation towards IHF amounting to CHF 66,603.70, taking into consideration that the amount should be used for the development of handball in Canada. The issue shall be reported to the Canadian Olympic Committee.*

## **6.2.2. MRI**

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council about the situation regarding the debts of the Mauritius Handball Association (MHA) to the amount of CHF 173,619.27, resulting from the 2017 Men's and Women's U17 Beach Handball World Championships in Mauritius. The IHF received a letter from MHA dated 23 July 2018, in which they request a 50% discount as Mauritius is a small country with relatively and significantly less means than many other countries/members of IHF. In addition, MHA proposed to cover the expenses at upcoming competitions at which IHF would have funded the participation of Mauritian players. Furthermore, they proposed to host the 2020 and 2022 IHF Trophy tournaments and bear the expenses of the mentioned competitions excluding flight tickets. They stated that the responsible Ministry or sponsors will not agree to pay IHF's claim, but will agree to fund the participation of Mauritian players in an international event, which will at the same time enable their players to take part in such competitions. Once the debt has been reduced based on the above-mentioned steps, they request a payment plan on a five-year basis.

She added that MHA, after their meeting with President Moustafa during the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, informed the IHF by letter of 9 October 2018 that the Ministry of Youth and Sports has agreed to deduct the first part of the payment of their reimbursement plan from the MHA annual budget, confirming that the Ministry will proceed with the bank transfer to the IHF shortly.

President Moustafa informed the Council about the proposal of the IHF Executive Committee made in its meeting in Doha, Qatar on 17 October 2018 to accept the repayment plan submitted by MHA as well as MHA's request of waiving half of the debt, on condition that an advance payment of at least CHF 10,000 will be made to the IHF.

## *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the information provided regarding the debts of Mauritius Handball Association (MHA) to the amount of CHF 173,619.27 and unanimously accepted the repayment plan proposed by MHA as well as MHA's request of waiving half of the debt, on condition that an advance payment of at least CHF 10,000 will be made to the IHF.*

## **6.3. Auditors' report 2017**

### **Internal IHF auditors:**

The 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 2017. The internal auditors confirmed in their report that the bookkeeping and annual accounts are consistent with the provisions of Swiss law and IHF Statutes as well as IHF Council and Executive Committee decisions.



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## *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved the internal auditors' report 2017 to be presented to the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Gothenburg, SWE on 3/4 July 2019.*

### **External IHF auditors:**

The 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 2017, the income statement, the cash flow statement and notes for the year 2017. The external auditors confirmed in their report that the financial statements for the year 2017 comply with Swiss law and the IHF Statutes and Regulations.

## *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved the external auditors' report 2017 to be presented to the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress to be held in Gothenburg, SWE on 3/4 July 2019.*

## **7. Miscellaneous**

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### **7.1. IHF New Markets' Project in USA – Update**

Mr Jean Brihault, IHF Adviser for the New Markets' Project in USA, took the floor, providing the Council with update information on the IHF New Markets' Project in USA. He reported on his last visit to USA in September 2018 and referred to the three main pillars of the project as approved by the Council, namely grassroots, elite and visibility (top events and media). As for the development on grassroots level, different meetings with a group of handball people were held in San Francisco and New York, stating that they are highly active, interested, motivated and prepared to work with schools. He added that the situation in Chicago needs to be assessed. Referring to financial support, he proposed to receive a clear project, including the names of responsible persons, before the IHF assesses the situation. He also mentioned that St John's University in New York is potentially interested in establishing an IHF Academy.

As for the development on elite level, he pointed out that work is in progress with the French Handball Federation, as the USA women's national team should take part in matches of the 3<sup>rd</sup> division in France from the beginning of the season 2020/2021 (out of competition), followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> division and possibly the 1<sup>st</sup> division if the USA women's national team reached a certain level. As for men, as many top players as possible should come to Europe, and some European clubs have already expressed interest, adding that Forum Club Handball is prepared to financially support those clubs that will welcome American players in their academies or teams. He reported about a meeting with Hans Vestberg, former President of Swedish Olympic Committee and Swedish Handball Federation and current CEO of Verizon, who formed a small group of handball enthusiasts who are working on the production of a top-level national team, possibly with the idea of creating a league. Referring to collegiate handball which concerns both grassroots and elite, he stated that the IHF cannot get into the universities through the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), due to the fact that the requirement of having at least 40 universities active in handball is not fulfilled. However, the IHF could get into the universities through the student clubs. As some universities expressed interest to take part



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in a collegiate league, he explained the idea of having four regional university leagues and possibly a final four tournament between the four champions. He also presented the idea of combining the collegiate final four tournament with an international tournament of the IHF.

Concerning the development of visibility, he reported about a meeting with Peter Diamond, responsible person for Olympic sports at NBC, who stated that he is prepared to show handball on NBC, starting already with the 2019 Men's WCh.

He underlined that all aspects of the IHF New Markets' Project in USA depend on political leadership and administration. USA Team Handball (USATH) is composed of a small number of people and does not have its own offices. The current President is working full-time in another job and the board of directors mostly holds virtual meetings. Due to the limited funds of USATH, he pointed out that the IHF should grant financial support, proposing a maximum of EUR 12,000 per project (grassroots development) based on a clear plan, and a maximum of USD 40,000 per competition to organise the four regional collegiate competitions. In addition, IHF already decided to hire a real CEO whose first mission will be to establish contacts with sponsors. If the IHF wants to progress, a need for financial support is essential. He also stressed the importance of occupying the offices in Colorado Springs provided by the CEO of El Pomar Foundation. An USATH advisory board shall be constituted to connect the USATH with the outside world, composed of Hans Vestberg, Xavier O'Callaghan, Paul Bray, Michael Lenard, and Jean Brihault. In order to proceed with the handball development project in North America and the Caribbean, he recommended that the National Federations of North America and the Caribbean shall convene a founding congress in order to constitute themselves as a confederation.

President Moustafa thanked the IHF Adviser for his continuous efforts in developing and promoting handball in USA.

## *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the information provided by the IHF Adviser on the New Markets' Project in USA and unanimously approved his report, including the financial support. The Council conveyed its gratitude to the IHF Adviser for the progress achieved in developing and promoting handball in USA.*

## **7.2. Development of handball in North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America**

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo, President of Chilean Handball Federation, who reported on the meeting of the Team Task South and Central America (TTSC) held in Santiago de Chile on 5 October 2018 attended by himself, Mr Blas Garcete (PAR) and Mr Salvio Sedrez (BRA). During the named meeting, the participants reviewed the activities of the last period, including all competitions organised in South and Central America in 2018, evaluated the 19 National Federations in South and Central America in terms of handball, management, performance level, etc., and discussed a brief plan for the future of South and Central America including the process of establishing a Continental Confederation.

Referring to the evaluation of the 19 National Federations in South and Central America, the President of Chilean Handball Federation pointed out that Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina have the highest impact on the handball development in the region, taking into consideration that most of these countries have been permanently involved in international handball events over the last ten

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years. Consequently, the same countries have the highest performance level in national teams whereas only Argentina and Brazil have a good development level in terms of organisational management and league management.

Afterwards, President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre, President of Mexican Handball Federation, who outlined once again the benefits of dividing the PATHF into two continents. Referring to the large size of the Americas, he emphasised the organisational advantages such as shorter distances and reduced travel costs. Consequently, more tournaments can be staged on a regular basis in all categories and even on club level resulting in increased handball activities on continental level.

Referring to the formation of the two working groups which shall manage the sports affairs, President Moustafa proposed a restructuring of the working groups concerned.

The following composition of the Handball Working Group for North America and the Caribbean was proposed:

Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX)	Chairman
Michael Cavanaugh (USA)	Member
Miguel Rivera (DOM)	Member
Carline Choute (HAI)	Member
Nestor Milete Echevarria (PUR)	Member

The following composition of the Handball Working Group for South and Central America was proposed:

Marcel Mancilla Bravo (CHI)	Chairman
Blas Garcete (PAR)	Member
Salvio Sedrez (BRA)	Member
Ricardo Souza (BRA)	Member

### **Decision:**

*The Council took note of the progress of handball in North America and the Caribbean and in South and Central America and unanimously approved the following composition of the Handball Working Groups for North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America.*

*Handball Working Group for North America and the Caribbean.*

<i>Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX)</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Michael Cavanaugh (USA)</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Miguel Rivera (DOM)</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Carline Choute (HAI)</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Nestor Milete Echevarria (PUR)</i>	<i>Member</i>

*Handball Working Group for South and Central America.*

<i>Marcel Mancilla Bravo (CHI)</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Blas Garcete (PAR)</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Salvio Sedrez (BRA)</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Ricardo Souza (BRA)</i>	<i>Member</i>

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## 7.3. Collaboration IHF-Wady Elneel

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council about the request received from the hospital Wady Elneel in Cairo, Egypt for a collaboration with the IHF in Africa and the Middle East. The partnership will not entail any costs for the IHF. She explained that Wady Elneel will send a draft contract to be reviewed by the IHF Legal Department. She referred to the partnership agreement between the IHF and Aspetar Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital Doha regarding the IHF reference centre for athlete and referee health, which was concluded following the IHF Council decision dated 26 January 2015.

President Moustafa commented that a collaboration between IHF and Wady Elneel would be beneficial to handball, in particular with regard to the 2021 Men's World Championship hosted by the Egyptian Handball Federation.

### *Decision.*

*The Council unanimously approved concluding a collaboration agreement with Wady Elneel, considering that the partnership will not entail any costs for the IHF and will be beneficial to handball in Africa and the Middle East.*

## 7.4. Wheelchair handball

Executive Committee Member Frantisek Taborsky took the floor, informing about the activities in terms of wheelchair handball. He stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Wheelchair Handball World Championship was held in Curitiba, Brazil in 2013, as six countries participated (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and Uruguay). He added that during the mentioned World Championship, the International Wheelchair Handball Federation was created, which is not under the umbrella of IHF.

President Moustafa proposed to form a working group for wheelchair handball composed of five experts in this field to be proposed by the Council. He asked the Head Office to contact the countries that took part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Wheelchair Handball World Championship and ask them for a clarification.

Europe's Vice-President recommended to analyse whether the IHF Statutes cover wheelchair handball.

The General Director added that the IHF is currently recognised by the International Paralympic Committee as an "IPC Recognised International Federation".

### *Decision.*

*The Council took note of the information provided about wheelchair handball and unanimously agreed to form a working group for wheelchair handball. In addition, the Council asked to investigate the existing entity named International Wheelchair Handball Federation.*

## 7.5. Council decisions made by electronic communication

The Council members confirmed the following via electronic communication:

- **Appointment of IHF Arbitration Tribunal Members**

Reference was made to the decision of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress to authorise the Council to fill the seven vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the four-year term 2017-2021.

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IHF received applications of the following five additional candidates for the position of IHF Arbitration Tribunal Member:

- Mr Amatékoé Kangni (TOG)
- Dr Abdulla Musfir Al-Hayyan (KUW)
- Ms Judith Amandine A. Goude-Djessin (BEN)
- Ms Matea Horvat (CRO)
- Ms Roya Rahimi (IRI)

IHF Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, formed by the Council as per Article 14.3.15 of the IHF Statutes, studied the submitted documents and confirmed that all the candidates fulfil 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.

Letter sent to Council on 13 April 2018, Council approval received by 20 April 2018

- **New IHF TV Partner for Men's & Women's WChs 2019-2025**

Reference was made to the global TV/media rights of the IHF Men's and Women's World Championships from 2019 to 2025.

Memorandum from the IHF Marketing Department, providing a brief summary of the MP&Silva case and informing about the different offers which IHF received from interested companies (Infront, Pitch, Lagardère Sports). Recommendation to choose the best offer from Lagardère Sports, a company which used to be an IHF TV Partner before the contract with beIN Sports.

IHF Executive Committee had agreed on the recommendation of the IHF Marketing Department to choose the offer from Lagardère Sports in order for the IHF to start negotiations for concluding a contract with the new IHF TV Partner.

Letter sent to Council on 15 August 2018, Council approval received by 17 August 2018

- **Awarding of 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress**

Reference was made to the unanimous decision of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress, which was held in Antalya, Turkey from 10 to 13 November 2017, to authorise the IHF Council to award the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress 2019.

IHF received a bid from Swedish Handball Federation for the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress, to be held on the fringes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Partille Cup, from 2 to 5 July 2019 in the city of Gothenburg. IHF Executive Committee discussed the bid in its meeting in Debrecen, Hungary on 12 July 2018 and decided to ask Swedish Handball Federation to reduce the accommodation fee from EUR 295 to EUR 235 per person/day in single room, which was confirmed by Swedish Handball Federation. Hence, the accommodation fee amounts to EUR 235 per person/day in single room and EUR 235 per person/day in double room.

Letter sent to Council on 27 September 2018, Council approval received by 2 October 2018


The date and place of the next IHF Council meeting will be communicated by email.

President Moustafa thanked the participants for the constructive meeting and closed the session at 15:00.

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INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

  
Dr Hassan Moustafa  
President

