



Electoral Period

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**Cairo, Egypt
27/28 February 2020**

Council Meeting No. 6

Present:

Dr Hassan MOUSTAFA (EGY)	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
Dr 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
Charles OMBOUMAHOU (CGO)	Africa's Representative
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
Invited:	
Mario GARCIA DE LA TORRE (MEX)	President of North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation
Marcel MANCILLA BRAVO (CHI)	President of South and Central America Handball Confederation
Excused:	
Joël DELPLANQUE (FRA)	1 st Vice-President (hip operation)

MEETING TIME: 09:00-15:30 (27 February) / 09:00-11:30 (28 February)

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.

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President Moustafa opened the meeting, welcoming the Council members to the meeting in Cairo.

President Moustafa welcomed the President of Egyptian Handball Federation, Eng. Hisham Nasr, who addressed some words to the Council members, stating that it is a great pleasure to welcome the Council members to Egypt, and wishing them a successful and constructive meeting. Referring to the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship taking place in Egypt, he pointed out the great efforts exerted by the Organising Committee in the preparation to ensure a successful championship which will be the first Men's World Championship played with 32 participating teams.

1. Minutes

1.1. Council Meeting No. 5, 1 July 2019 in Gothenburg, SWE

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 5th Council Meeting, which was held in Gothenburg, SWE, on 1 July 2019.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Council Meeting No. 5 held in Gothenburg on 1 July 2019.

1.2. Executive Committee Meeting No. 7, 30 June 2019 in Gothenburg, SWE

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 7th Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Gothenburg, SWE, on 30 June 2019.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 7 held in Gothenburg on 30 June 2019.

1.3. Executive Committee Meeting No. 8, 28 August 2019 in Dammam, KSA

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 8th Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Dammam, KSA, on 28 August 2019.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 8 held in Dammam on 28 August 2019.

1.4. Executive Committee Meeting No. 9, 10 December 2019 in Kumamoto, JPN

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 9th Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Kumamoto, JPN, on 10 December 2019.

Decision.

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The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 9 held in Kumamoto on 10 December 2019.

2. President's activities

2.1. Overview of activities

President Moustafa presented an overview of his activities between the last Council meeting in Gothenburg in July 2019 and the present meeting in Cairo, including but not limited to the following:

Date	Meeting/event	Place
22-29 July	2019 IHF Men's Junior (U21) World Championship	Vigo/Pontevedra, ESP
15-19 Aug	2019 IHF Men's Youth (U19) World Championship	Skopje, MKD
26 Aug - 1 Sep	2019 IHF Men's Super Globe	Dammam, KSA
14 Sep	Opening of new Sports and Games Complex	Minsk, BLR
17 Sep	Meeting with German Bundestag Sports Committee	Basel, SUI
23 Sep	Meeting with European Handball Federation President and European Handball Players Union	Basel, SUI
24 Sep	Meeting with Handball Federation of Russia President	Basel, SUI
26 Sep	Meeting with Lagardère Sports	Basel, SUI
27-30 Sep	Meeting with President of the Republic of Senegal	Dakar, SEN
2-14 Oct	Several meetings with top state officials in Egypt	Cairo, EGY
15-19 Oct	ANOC World Beach Games & XXIV ANOC General Assembly	Doha, QAT
21 Oct	Meeting with Turkish Handball Federation President	Basel, SUI
24-29 Oct	Visit to the United States of America / Opening of offices of North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC)	Colorado Springs/ Chicago/New York, USA
5 Nov	Meeting with Molten	Basel, SUI
5 Nov	Meeting with Chairs of IHF Commissions & Working Groups	Basel, SUI
8 Nov/28 Nov	Meeting with IOC President	Lausanne, SUI
10 Nov	Meeting with Mediterranean Handball Confederation President	Basel, SUI
11 Nov	Meeting with Dutch Handball Federation President	Basel, SUI
15 Nov	Meeting with Swedish Handball Federation President	Basel, SUI
27 Nov	Meeting with Italian Handball Federation Representatives	Basel, SUI
30 Nov-16 Dec	24 th IHF Women's Handball World Championship	Kumamoto, JPN
1 Jan	Signing of Handball@School protocol with Egypt	Cairo, EGY
2 Jan	Visit to Egypt 2021 construction site	Cairo, EGY
9-13 Jan	IOC Session and Winter Youth Olympic Games	Lausanne, SUI
14-15 Jan	Meeting with European Handball Federation and Austrian Handball Federation Presidents	Vienna, AUT
16 Jan	Meeting with Panam Sports President	Basel, SUI
17 Jan	Meeting with Central American and Caribbean Sports Organisation President	Basel, SUI
24-27 Jan	EHF EURO final weekend and EHF Extraordinary Congress	Stockholm, SWE
5 Feb	Meeting with Serbian Handball Federation President	Basel, SUI
13 Feb	Meeting with Polish Handball Federation President	Basel, SUI

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14 Feb	Meeting with Event Knowledge Services	Basel, SUI
16-19 Feb	17 th Mediterranean Handball Confederation Men's Championship	Athens, GRE

Decision.

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

2.2. Meeting with IOC President in Lausanne

President Moustafa informed the Council about his meetings with IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell held in Lausanne on 8 November and 28 November 2019, upon invitation of IOC President Bach, during which the possible inclusion of beach handball in the programme of the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris was discussed. President Moustafa pointed out that despite the IOC's approval, in principle, on the inclusion of beach handball in the programme of the 2024 OG, the IHF is facing two problems that are currently hindering the inclusion of beach handball in the programme of the 2024 OG, namely the OG players' quota and the venue construction.

President Moustafa sought in the beginning to include 12 teams per gender, however after discussions and concerns about the number of additional players, the proposal was to reduce the number of teams to 8 per gender. It was also decided that the number of players per team shall be 8 instead of 10 responding to the first proposal. President Moustafa added that the reduced two players of each team could be accommodated outside the Olympic Village and, if possible, receive a P accreditation (replacement). The outcome of the meeting shall be discussed between the IOC Sports Director and the President of the Organising Committee for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Mr Tony Estanguet. The IOC Sports Director will report to the IHF after his meeting with Mr Tony Estanguet on the potential of beach handball being included in the programme of Paris 2024.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided by President Moustafa regarding his meetings with the IOC President, including the two problems currently hindering the inclusion of beach handball in the programme of the 2024 Olympic Games. The Council appreciated President Moustafa's efforts to seek the inclusion of beach handball in the programme of Paris 2024.

3. Competitions

3.1. 2019 ANOC World Beach Games in QAT – Review

The report prepared by IHF Beach Handball Working Group Chairman Giampiero Masi on the first edition of the ANOC World Beach Games held in Doha, Qatar from 11 to 16 October 2019 was presented to the Council. The technical level of the multi-sports event was at the highest standard. A total of twelve men's and twelve women's teams competed in the beach handball competitions which were played in Al-Gharafa and Katara Beach (only finals). Some organisational problems which occurred at the beginning were solved within a very short period thanks to the excellent cooperation with the local organiser. Some complaints were received from the teams, as the Organising

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Committee did not hand out video copies of the matches to the teams and only some of the matches were broadcast. Several problems occurred in terms of the size and quality of the official balls from Rasan. Therefore, the BHWG Chairman suggested to find a new supplier for the balls for the future. The equipment provided by hummel was very good while the equipment offered by the local organiser was not sufficient in view of the length of the tournament and the high temperature. The BHWG Chairman also reported about problems regarding technical facilities, stating that the scouting provider Bornan was too slow and not able to solve all problems during the competition. Referring to the competition, he informed that the development of the weaker teams over the past few years is visible but there is still a gap to the top teams. Nine referee couples (8 IHF, 1 from QAT) took part in the event and their performance was in general very good. The BHWG Chairman concluded that the competition was a great success and the IHF showed once again that beach handball deserves to be an Olympic sport.

President Moustafa who attended the event confirmed that the beach handball competitions were among the best competitions of the 2019 ANOC World Beach Games.

Decision:

The Council took note of the report prepared by IHF Beach Handball Working Group Chairman Giampiero Masi on the 2019 ANOC World Beach Games in QAT.

3.2. 2019 Women's World Championship in JPN – Evaluation

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who presented the evaluation of the 2019 Women's World Championship which was held in Kumamoto, Japan from 30 November to 15 December 2019, stating that a questionnaire had been sent to federations, coaches, players and IHF nominees involved in the championship who in turn submitted their feedback.

Most of the federations praised the excellent team guides and volunteers of the championship and highly welcomed the launch of the Players' Management Platform while they considered the low number of rest days and the long distances between the hotel and the venues (Yamaga and Yatsushiro) as main negative aspects. They recommended to have a warm-up space for teams outside the field of play at the venue and to involve the IHF experts in the voting for the Player of the Match (not only public votes).

Several coaches appreciated the initiative of organising a rules interpretation meeting for coaches while they questioned the necessity of the placement matches unless they serve as qualification for the Olympic Qualification Tournaments. They recommended to hold a joint meeting between the delegates, referees and the participating teams' coaches.

Apart from the excellent team guides and volunteers, the majority of players praised the Japanese hospitality as well as the concept of throwing balls to the spectators while they considered the low number of rest days and the unsatisfactory changing room and warm-up space as main negative aspects. They recommended not to play back-to-back matches and to provide photos of the matches to the players.

Most of the IHF nominees welcomed the idea of bringing students/school kids to several matches and praised the new IHF Competitions website as well as the widely spread advertising of the event around the city of Kumamoto. They also appreciated the presence of the IHF fitness coaches and one IHF physiotherapist throughout the competition. They considered the temperature at Park Dome hall, the poor English level of the Local Organising Committee and the short preparatory days in

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conjunction with jetlag issues as main negative aspects. They recommended to have a unified and definitive IHF scorekeeper/timekeeper/referees/officials entry procedure and to involve more delegates at this high level of World Championship.

The Competitions Director pointed out that all feedback received as usual will be taken into consideration in the preparation of future IHF events. Referring to the comments regarding the low number of rest days, he stressed that the new match schedule of IHF Senior World Championships as of 2021 will no longer allow for back-to-back matches. In this context, President Moustafa asked the IHF Head Office to inform all participating teams of the 2021 Senior World Championships about the new match schedule and the new definition of rest days well in advance.

Decision.

The Council took note of the evaluation of the 2019 Women's World Championship in JPN and conveyed its appreciation to the Japan Handball Association for the time and money invested to deliver the best IHF Women's World Championship ever.

3.3. Overview of qualifications for 2020 Olympic Games

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who provided the Council with an overview of qualifications for the Men's and Women's Olympic Handball Tournaments of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo:

Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments
(17-19 April 2020, 3 tournaments with 4 teams each / 1st and 2nd qualify)

Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
NOR	FRA	GER
BRA	CRO	SWE
CHI	TUN	SLO
KOR	POR	ALG

Teams qualified to OG: JPN, DEN, ARG, BRN, EGY, ESP

Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments*
(20-22 March 2020, 3 tournaments with 4 teams each / 1st and 2nd qualify)

Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
ESP	RUS	NOR
SWE	SRB	MNE
SEN	KAZ	ROU
ARG	HUN	THA

Teams qualified to OG: JPN, FRA, BRA, ANG, KOR, NED

*PRK (unable to participate due to dissolution of team) replaced by KAZ

*CHN (unable to participate due to Coronavirus) replaced by THA

Decision.

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The Council took note of the overview of qualifications for the Men's and Women's Olympic Handball Tournaments of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

3.4. IHF Beach Handball Global Tour

President Moustafa presented to the Council the concept of the IHF Beach Handball Global Tour, which shall be launched as of 2020 to increase the popularity and reach of beach handball. Four beach handball tournaments per year shall be played worldwide, taking into consideration that the number of tournaments is planned to be increased to eight tournaments per year by 2024. Eight to twelve teams (men and women in total) shall participate in each tournament. The IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 2020 shall consist of the following tournaments:

- ✚ Wrocław, POL – 12-14 June 2020
- ✚ Dusseldorf, GER – 26-28 June 2020
- ✚ Valencia, ESP – 13-15 August 2020
- ✚ Pattaya, THA – 6-8 November 2020

Europe's Vice-President praised the idea of launching the IHF Beach Handball Global Tour which will be beneficial to the further development of beach handball worldwide. President Moustafa informed that the participating teams will be selected based on their quality following a corresponding invitation to be sent by the IHF. He added that the IHF Beach Handball Working Group will carry out an evaluation of the event after the first year to further improve the editions of the next years. The proposed two budget scenarios (in case IHF is covering all related expenses, and in case the participating teams are covering their expenses with the exception of some countries) were presented to the Council.

Decision.

The Council took note of and unanimously approved the IHF Beach Handball Global Tour to be launched as of 2020 and its two budget scenarios, taking into consideration that the participating teams of the 2020 edition are yet to be determined. The Council authorised the Executive Committee to decide on the final budget of the Tours.

3.5. World Masters Games 2021 in Kansai JPN

President Moustafa gave the floor to Executive Committee Member Dr Frantisek Taborsky who informed the Council that the IHF, further to the request from the Japan Handball Association, accepted that the Organising Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 in Kansai will hold their International Handball Event in Kyoto, Japan from 15 to 22 May 2021 according to the related Sports Information Guide.

The Handball Event shall be played at Tanabe Central Gymnasium and Kyoto Prefectural Yamashiro Sports Park Gymnasium, taking into consideration that four competitive tournaments (both genders for age categories 30+ and 45+) and six recreational tournaments (both genders for age categories 40+, 50+ and 60+) shall take place.

Europe's Vice-President reported that the European Handball Federation has been organising Masters European Championships for 17 years, stating that they have an agreement with the World Masters Games Association to play a championship every four years within their European Masters Games. He recommended to clearly define the conditions of the handball event at the World

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Masters Games 2021, considering that Masters Games activities mostly need to be paid by the individuals themselves. EHF is at the IHF's disposal in case any further information is needed.

President Moustafa asked the IHF Head Office to inform all National Federations about the planned handball event at the World Masters Games 2021 and to publish corresponding information on the IHF website.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the World Masters Games 2021 in Kansai JPN, approved the inclusion of handball in the programme of the 2021 World Masters Games and authorised Executive Committee Member Dr Frantisek Taborsky to be in contact with the International Masters Games Association and coordinate the conditions for the inclusion of handball in the programme of the World Masters Games.

3.6. Championships in South and Central America – Coordination with IHF and championship modalities / strategic plan

President Moustafa gave the floor to the President of South and Central America Handball Confederation (SCAHC), Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo, who presented the strategic plan of SCAHC which has been recognised as a Continental Confederation by the IHF since the Extraordinary IHF Congress held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 3 July 2019. Mr Mancilla Bravo briefly presented the organisational chart of SCAHC and outlined that the planning for the future includes a business overview, market analysis, marketing plan, development plan, operating plan as well as a financial plan. He stated that the core business of SCAHC shall be handball as a sport product, a service that is designed to provide benefits to players, spectators and sponsors. Therefore, a sport marketing strategy must be developed with a defined sport product on a sport market where streaming services and website play an important role. He reported on the current handball situation of the individual Member Federations of SCAHC, stating that only four to five federations are organised on a high level. He stressed the importance of strengthening the leagues and focusing on younger age categories to increase the number of youth and junior players who are advancing to the senior level. He also informed about the financial problems of many Member Federations hindering them from participating in championships. Therefore, support is needed from the IHF to continue the handball development in South and Central America.

Referring to the 2019 IHF Congress decision of dividing the Pan-American continent into two new Continental Confederations, President Moustafa underlined once more the positive results accomplished until now in both NACHC and SCAHC. He asked the chairpersons of COC, PRC and CCM to prepare a five-year plan for both NACHC and SCAHC in terms of competitions, refereeing and coaching matters in coordination with NACHC and SCAHC.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the handball development in South and Central America and asked the chairpersons of COC, PRC and CCM to prepare a five-year plan for both NACHC and SCAHC in terms of competitions, refereeing and coaching matters in coordination with NACHC and SCAHC.

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3.7. Regulations for IHF Competitions

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who referred to the IHF Council decisions dated 18 October 2018 (increase of number of teams at Senior, Junior & Youth World Championships of both genders from 24 to 32 teams starting from 2021) and 1 July 2019 (increase of number of players per team on definitive list from 16 to 18 players; obligatory rest day after matchday; etc.). He informed that the Regulations for IHF Competitions will be updated accordingly, stating that some other articles will be affected by the aforementioned decisions as follows:

Updating article regarding minimum number of teams at qualification

Chapter 2 – Men’s and Women’s World Championships
Article 2.3 Compulsory and performance places

Further definitions regarding compulsory and performance places:

Men’s Senior World Championships:

The following conditions apply to receive the compulsory places

- a) At least
 - four teams must take part in the qualification on the continents which have one or two compulsory places.
 - six teams must take part in the qualification on the continents which have three compulsory places.
 - eight teams must take part in the qualification on the continents ~~in order to receive the which have three~~ four compulsory places.
- b) If the total number of teams is higher than ~~three~~ four due to possible performance places, the minimum number of participating teams in the qualification round must be at least twice the number of places.
- c) If this condition is not fulfilled, the number of places is reduced by one.
- d) In this case, the open place is awarded to the continent of the reigning champion

~~For Women’s World Championships, paragraph a) shall be as follows:~~

- ~~a) At least eight teams must take part in the qualification on the continents in order to receive the three compulsory places. In case of less teams participating, at least twice the number of entitled compulsory places (see above) must take part in the qualification on the continents in order to receive the three compulsory places.~~

Including the new match evaluation for the different rounds of the events

Chapter 2 – Men’s and Women’s World Championships
Article 3.3 Match scheme

Main Round

The top three teams each of preliminary round groups A/B, ~~and~~ C/D, E/F and G/H are put together in groups MRI, ~~and~~ MRII, MRIII and MRIV of the main round, respectively. The results of the teams having played in the same preliminary round group are taken into consideration. **The match evaluation is the same as in the preliminary round (please refer to Article 3.4.1).**

3.4.1. Preliminary/*Main* round

3.4.2. Placement matches, ~~eightth-finals~~, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals

After completion of the ~~preliminary main~~ round, the placement matches, ~~eightth-finals~~, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals shall be played in accordance with the knock-out system.

[...]

Increasing the number of officials at the FOP

Chapter 2 – Men’s and Women’s World Championships

Article 3.13 Rules of the Game

[...]

16 ‘out of 18’ players per match / number of officials on bench

16 players may be put in per match at World Championships and related qualifying rounds **who have to be selected from the definitive registration list consisting of 18 players at the latest one hour before the start of the match. In total up to five (5) officials registered in the official team list are entitled to be seated on the field of play. No other federation/team representative than the ones indicated in the official team lists are allowed to be on the field of play from one (1) hour before the start of the match.**

He remarked that all further amendments resulting from the above-mentioned IHF Council decisions shall be incorporated accordingly. At the same time, the aforementioned amendments shall be incorporated into all relevant articles throughout the regulations.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the amendments to the Regulations for IHF Competitions resulting from the IHF Council decisions dated 18 October 2018 and 1 July 2019.

4. Continents

4.1. Provisional confirmation of continental representatives in the IHF Council

4.1.1. North America and the Caribbean

4.1.2. South and Central America

The letters from North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC) and South and Central America Handball Confederation (SCAHC), nominating Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre and Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo, respectively, as continental representatives in the IHF Council, were presented to the Council.

The Council members unanimously confirmed Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre as representative of North America and the Caribbean as well as Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo as representative of South and Central America in the IHF Council until the next IHF Congress in 2021 according to Article 11.2.4 of the IHF Statutes.

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President Moustafa conveyed his congratulations to Mr Garcia de la Torre and Mr Mancilla Bravo and wished them good luck and every success with their activities. He expressed his hopes for a fruitful collaboration for the benefit of the further development of handball. A copy of the oath was distributed to Mr Garcia de la Torre and Mr Mancilla Bravo who signed the document and returned it to the IHF.

Decision.

Further to the nominations by North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation and South and Central America Handball Confederation, the Council unanimously confirmed the following continental representatives in the IHF Council until the next IHF Congress in 2021 according to Article 11.2.4 of the IHF Statutes.

Representative of North America and the Caribbean: Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre

Representative of South and Central America: Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo

4.2. Reports Continental Confederations

President Moustafa gave the floor to Europe's Vice-President who presented to the Council an activity report of the European Handball Federation. He provided some brief information and figures about the Men's EHF EURO 2020 which was held in Sweden, Austria and Norway with 24 teams, considering that a total of 48 teams took part in the respective qualification. For the first time, an extensive preparation programme was organised for the nominated referees and several technical measures prior to and during the matches were introduced to support the decision-making processes. The event was attended by over 500,000 spectators and achieved impressive figures on the digital channels. He added that at the 15th EHF Conference of Presidents and the 13th Extraordinary EHF Congress held on the fringes of the Men's EHF EURO 2020, a master plan for the next seven years was presented. Referring to club competitions, he stressed that each individual Champions League match (men) has about 20-30 broadcast takers while Women's Champions League matches have approximately 15-20 broadcast takers. He also provided a brief overview of the upcoming EHF events, including but not limited to the 2020 Final4 club events and seven younger-age category competitions in summer. He also mentioned the activities on the field of the Competence Academy & Network, which target courses for managers, coaches, and other specialists.

Decision.

The Council took note of the activity report of the European Handball Federation presented by Europe's Vice-President.

4.3. Motion from European Handball Federation regarding IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations (Education compensation)

President Moustafa gave the floor to Europe's Vice-President who presented the motion from the European Handball Federation regarding the adaptation of the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations:

Article 11: Education Compensation

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§1.3. The clubs(s) with which a player was an amateur player before the transfer is/are entitled to demand compensation if the player is transferred to become professional. Releasing clubs are entitled to a maximum compensation per amateur player and season as follow:

- CHF 1,500 ~~for a releasing club of~~ if the receiving club belongs to a top National Federation
- CHF 1,000 ~~for a releasing club of~~ if the receiving club belongs to a developed National Federation
- CHF 500 ~~for a releasing club of~~ if the receiving club belongs to an emerging National Federation

The IHF shall issue, for the purpose of international transfers, the list with the classification of National Federations at the beginning of every new season. The list shall be published within the Appendix of this regulation. Education compensation shall not be demanded later than 12 months after the signing of the first employment contract for a player transferred as an amateur.

Each continent, for the purpose of continental transfers only, may either use the classification of the IHF or prepare a list with a classification of its own Members Federations that will be based on the points reached at the respective Continental Championships.

Justification:

- *The fact that the education compensation will be based on the receiving club of a National Federation will help developed and emerging National Federations to get a better reward for their players who are leaving for a higher-ranked club/federation.*
- *The possibility for continents to take into account the points earned at Continental Championships in a classification to be used for continental transfers will help to have a better overview of the role of each National Federation within their continent.*

The provision shall be applied as from the beginning of the 2020/2021 season.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the motion from the European Handball Federation regarding the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations (education compensation). The provision shall be applied as from the beginning of the 2020/2021 season.

4.4. NACHC Four Year Activity Programme 2019-2023

President Moustafa gave the floor to the President of North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation, Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre, who presented the four-year activity programme (2019-2023) of NACHC which has been recognised as a Continental Confederation by the IHF since the Extraordinary IHF Congress held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 3 July 2019. Mr Garcia de la Torre pointed out that within a timeframe of no longer than four years (2019-2023), handball shall be a basic sport known to all the young people starting the practice of an organised sport, adding that the implementation of the IHF Four-Year Plan needs to be intensified in those countries where handball is in its initial development stage. He then outlined the goals in terms of competitions, stating that in 2020 and 2021 NACHC shall take advantage of the IHF Trophy in order to qualify for Youth and Junior WChs while as from 2022, NACHC shall be able to organise all youth, junior and senior competitions on its own. In addition, continental club championships shall be organised yearly in different countries. Referring to the preparation of referees, he informed that referee courses are planned to be organised in all continental competitions while at least one coaches' seminar shall be held per year in one of the NACHC competitions to enhance the knowledge and education of coaches. In

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order to develop beach handball throughout the continent, NACHC shall stage at least one International Beach Handball Festival in different countries apart from the official beach handball qualifying competitions for IHF events. Furthermore, at least four Handball@School projects shall be established in four different NACHC countries while educational seminars shall be held for the new leaders of the National Federations to enable them to learn the most recent administrative approaches.

He stressed that many Member Federations of NACHC including USA lack financial resources to further develop handball in the long term. Therefore, support is needed from the IHF to continue the handball development in North America and the Caribbean.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the handball development in North America and the Caribbean. As decided under agenda item 3.6, the chairpersons of COC, PRC and CCM shall prepare a five-year plan for NACHC in terms of competitions, refereeing and coaching matters in coordination with NACHC.

5. IHF bodies

5.1. 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress

President Moustafa gave the floor to the General Director who referred to the decision of the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress, according to which the IHF Council was authorised to award the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress. She presented to the Council the bidding concept received from the only bidder, the Turkish Handball Federation (THF). Following a meeting between IHF and THF at the IHF Head Office in Basel on 21 October 2019, THF reduced the proposed participation fee for Congress delegates from EUR 275 to EUR 255 per person per day. The proposed Congress hotel shall be the Granada Luxury Belek Hotel (same as for the 2017 IHF Congress). THF confirmed that they will comply with all terms stipulated in the IHF Congress bidding conditions. THF also confirmed that they will provide the same voting system used at the 2019 IHF Congress in Sweden. THF was asked to propose the best period for hosting the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress in compliance with all requirements of the mentioned bidding conditions.

Decision.

The Council took note of the bidding concept from Turkish Handball Federation for the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress and unanimously decided to award the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress to Turkish Handball Federation.

5.2. PRC

5.2.1. Requirements to be Continental Referee Chief

President Moustafa gave the floor to the PRC Chairman who presented to the Council the requirements to be Continental Referee Chief as defined by the PRC:

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Abilities:

- Leadership capacity well known/shown; modern leader
- Able to create a strong group around him which is working as a real team, dividing tasks and sharing responsibilities
- Understanding the PRC line/criteria and later to be able to transmit the only referee line in the world
- Excellent knowledge of the Rules of the Game and IHF Regulations
- Updated in terms of Rules of the Game, criteria, clarifications, guidelines and interpretations of the Rules
- Good management of political relations
- Able to prepare and fulfil a general planning for each period of four years (targets, goals, ideas, development, etc.)

Experience:

- Former IHF referee (recently); continental referees might be eligible provided that other qualities and capacities are at the highest level
- Long experience as Referee Chief/Lecturer/Commission Member of a Continental Confederation and/or National Federation
- Well-known by IHF PRC

Skills:

- Good English knowledge in speech and writing
- Capacity to teach the PRC criteria, abilities to manage presentations and good control of software of videos and computers in general
- Good communication skills in public and private meetings
- Capacity to deal with conflicts
- Possibility to be away from home for a long time

President Moustafa asked the PRC Chairman to be in contact with the referee chief of each continent to detect talented referees in the National Federations concerned and prepare a strategy for their development.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the requirements to be Continental Referee Chief as defined by the PRC.

5.2.2. Requirements to be PRC Lecturer and Referees' Observer

The PRC Chairman presented to the Council the requirements to be PRC Lecturer and Referees' Observer as defined by the PRC:

Abilities:

- Understanding the PRC line/criteria and later to be able to transmit the only referee line in the world
- Excellent knowledge of the Rules of the Game and IHF Regulations
- Updated in terms of Rules of the Game, criteria, clarifications, guidelines and interpretations of the Rules

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Experience:

- Former IHF referee (recently); continental or national referees might be eligible provided that other qualities and capacities are at the highest level
- Experience as Instructor/Lecturer of a Continental Confederation and/or National Federation
- Well-known by IHF PRC

Skills:

- Good English knowledge in speech and writing
- Capacity to teach the PRC criteria, abilities to manage presentations and good control of software of videos and computers in general
- Good communication skills in public and private meetings
- Capacity to deal with conflicts
- Availability to work from home and to travel to PRC events

Current position in handball:

- Related with PRC on national and/or continental level

Profile of the Referee Observer:

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| - Former top referee | - Positive and calm approach |
| - Respected | - Good listener |
| - Available | - Understanding |
| - Knowledgeable (Rules of the Game) | - Diplomatic but strong |
| - Well prepared | - Fair and honest |
| - Offers guidance / coaching | - Trustworthy |

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the requirements to be PRC Lecturer and Referees' Observer as defined by the PRC.

5.3. Athletes' Commission – Acting Chairperson

President Moustafa gave the floor to the General Director who referred to the resignation of Mrs Gro Hammerseng-Edin from her position as IHF Athletes' Commission Chairwoman as accepted by the IHF Council in its meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden on 1 July 2019. She informed the Council that further to the enquiry of the IHF, IHF Athletes' Commission Member Mr Igor Vori confirmed his availability to lead the IHF Athletes' Commission as Acting Chairman until the next elections of the IHF Athletes' Commission to be held at the 2020 Olympic Handball Tournaments in Tokyo.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the appointment of IHF Athletes' Commission Member Mr Igor Vori as Acting Chairman of the IHF Athletes' Commission until the next elections taking place at the 2020 Olympic Handball Tournaments in Tokyo.

5.4. Wheelchair Handball Working Group

5.4.1. Minutes of first meeting

5.4.2. 2020 and 2021 IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championships in cooperation with EHF

5.4.3. Next steps in continents and NFs

President Moustafa gave the floor to Executive Committee Member and IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group Chairman Dr Frantisek Taborsky who briefly reported on the first meeting of the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group held in Basel on 26 October 2019. The working group discussed several important issues including the classification of athletes and decided that the current EHF system shall be also used for IHF events.

Furthermore, the working group discussed the requirements of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for inclusion of wheelchair handball in the programme of the 2028 Paralympic Games. The minimum condition for a sport to be accepted on the Paralympic Games programme is to be practised on a regular basis in at least three continents and in 24 countries. Moreover, two Wheelchair Handball World Championships need to be organised until 2022. The IHF Executive Committee, in its meeting in Kumamoto, Japan on 10 December 2019, agreed to organise the 1st IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championship in Sweden in November 2020 followed by the 2nd World Championship in December 2021 on the fringes of the IHF Women's World Championship in Spain, considering that the first World Championship shall be organised in collaboration with the European Handball Federation. Europe's Vice-President informed that the host of the 2020 European Wheelchair Handball Championship, Swedish Handball Federation, was approached about the possibility to expand the tournament to host a common World/European Championship after communication between IHF and EHF.

In addition, Wheelchair Handball Working Group Chairman Dr Frantisek Taborsky stressed the necessity of activating the National Federations, by sending a letter to all Member Federations, informing them on the current activities of wheelchair handball as well as recommending a cooperation with the National Paralympic Committee. In this context, an exchange between already active and interested Member Federations/clubs is of vital importance. He added that promotional and methodical material for wheelchair handball needs to be created and a system for wheelchair handball referees and delegates shall be defined.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the first IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group meeting held in Basel on 26 October 2019 and agreed to organise the 1st IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championship in Sweden in November 2020 in collaboration with EHF followed by the 2nd World Championship in Spain in December 2021 as a step forward to fulfil the requirements of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for inclusion of wheelchair handball in the programme of the 2028 Paralympic Games.

5.4.4. Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball

The Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball elaborated by the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group in coordination with the IHF Head Office were presented to the Council. Wheelchair Handball Working Group Chairman Dr Frantisek Taborsky explained that the Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball basically follow the Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball, stating that no special rules shall apply despite having mixed teams.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball elaborated by the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group.

5.4.5. Competition Manual

The Competition Manual for IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championships elaborated by the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group in coordination with the IHF Head Office were presented to the Council. Wheelchair Handball Working Group Chairman Dr Frantisek Taborsky remarked that the Competition Manual governs the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championships and shall apply in connection with all other pertinent regulations.

He outlined that the number of participants at IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championship shall be between 8 and 16 teams, taking into consideration that the allocation of compulsory places will be determined based on the first IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championship.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the Competition Manual for IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championships elaborated by the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group.

5.4.6. Including wheelchair handball in IHF Statutes

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council that due to the necessity of including wheelchair handball in the IHF Statutes, the following motion has been prepared:

Article 3 – Purpose and Objectives

2. It shall ensure

2.5. the organisation and execution of all IHF competitions (Olympic Games, World Championships, qualifications, Intercontinental Cup, Super Globe, ~~beach handball competitions~~) and the related tasks (regulations, lists of duties), with exclusive responsibility for media work, marketing and sponsorship.

Article 19.1 – International Events - Rights

1. The IHF is the original owner of all the rights emanating from competitions (World Championships and Olympic Handball Tournaments including all relevant qualifications, World Cup, Intercontinental Cup, Super Globe, ~~beach handball competitions~~) and other events (Congresses, symposia, courses) coming under its respective authority, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law.

Justification:

The term “World Championships” refers to IHF World Championships of all age categories, genders and variations. Therefore, World Championships of beach handball (and wheelchair handball) are included and do not need to be listed separately. Furthermore, it is not necessary to list any additional competitions in the future.

Decision.

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The Council unanimously approved the motion regarding the IHF Statutes which shall be submitted to the next IHF Congress for decision.

5.5. IHF Rules Working Group

President Moustafa gave the floor to the PRC Chairman who briefly reported on the last meeting of the IHF Rules Working Group which was held on 1/2 February 2020.

He informed that during the meeting the participants discussed, among other topics, the planned new structure of the Rules of the Game (three books in total), the new rule book for children, the catalogue of questions for referees and delegates and related online tests, the meeting with coaches at the African, Asian and South American Continental Championships in January 2020 as well as several rule tests which shall be conducted at the 2020 IHF Men's and Women's Super Globe, for example the increase of the number of referees from two to three.

President Moustafa referred to match situations in which incorrect decisions have been taken by the referees, for example in case of a red card incorrectly given (or not given when it should have been). President Moustafa proposed to amend the IHF Rules of the Game to the effect that in specific situations an action may be taken after the match based on the video proof. He asked the PRC Chairman to elaborate a corresponding proposal which shall be submitted to the Council for approval.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the last meeting of the IHF Rules Working Group.

5.6. Inspection Working Group

Following the information provided on the IHF Inspection Working Group – initiated by President Moustafa – during the last IHF Council meeting in Gothenburg on 1 July 2019, the concept of the IHF Inspection Working Group was presented to the Council, including the organisational structure, missions, the inspection timeline before and after the awarding of the event, and requirements for working group members. This concept had been approved by the IHF Executive Committee in its last meeting in Kumamoto, Japan on 10 December 2019.

President Moustafa explained the fundamental concept of his idea of the new Inspection Working Group, stressing the importance of professionalising the work related to inspections. In this context, he pointed out the necessity of having a neutral working group headed by a civil engineer. The Inspection Working Group shall be composed of a chairperson and three members, taking into consideration that the Inspection Working Group may ask experts in case of need. The experts of the IHF Partners shall also give education courses to the members of the Inspection Working Group and the organiser's representative. The financial obligations of the Inspection Working Group shall be covered by the organiser.

He stated that the vision of the Inspection Working Group is to make handball more attractive, to better present the sport and improve the standards of the event venues and services provided to all participants and spectators by using professional experts in different aspects of organisation and benefiting from the capacities of the IHF Partners. The objectives of the working group include but are not limited to the elaboration of the new venue construction manual and the improvement of

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standards in terms of competition areas (floor, balls, goals, nets, tables, scoreboard, etc.), media, TV, IT, ticketing, accreditations, VIP areas, spectator areas, accommodation, transportation, security, visas, medical services, entertainment and catering. The inspected areas and services during the whole process should be handed over to the chairperson of COC and event delegates assigned to the IHF events in the last two visits of the inspection work.

President Moustafa then gave the floor to Eng. Alaa Elsayed, IHF COC Member, former national player and event manager of the 2015 Men's World Championship in Qatar, who had been provisionally approved as Chairman of the Inspection Working Group by the IHF Executive Committee on 10 December 2019, to provide further details on the Inspection Working Group concept to the Council.

The COC Chairman took the floor, confirming his support with the new concept of the Inspection Working Group proposed by President Moustafa. At the same time, he expressed his wishes that inspections be still under the leadership of the COC.

As Europe's Vice-President asked for a clarification to which IHF body the Inspection Working Group shall report, President Moustafa pointed out that the inspection of the events is not in the COC's area of competence according to the Duties of IHF Permanent Commissions. He added that the proposed chairperson of the Inspection Working Group is at the same time COC Member and may report to the COC during the meetings, but the main body to which the working group shall report is the Executive Committee.

Decision:

The Council approved the concept of the IHF Inspection Working Group elaborated by President Moustafa and confirmed the composition of the Inspection Working Group as well as Eng. Alaa Elsayed as Chairman of the Inspection Working Group.

5.7. Decision of Ethics Commission in Kim Rasmussen case

The General Director took the floor, informing the Council about the official request dated 15 December 2019 signed by the IHF Executive Committee to submit the case related to the behaviour of Mr Kim Rasmussen, Hungarian women's national team coach at that time, to the IHF Ethics Commission as per Article 4 of the IHF Ethics Code. After the preliminary round match between ROU and HUN at the 2019 IHF Women's World Championship in Kumamoto, Japan on 6 December 2019, a press conference was held during which Mr Rasmussen showed unsportsmanlike behaviour and used inappropriate language.

The General Director then presented the corresponding decision issued by the IHF Ethics Commission on 10 February 2020 after having thoroughly studied the case. As the IHF Ethics Commission considered the behaviour of Mr Rasmussen a violation of the IHF Ethics Code, particularly Article 5 (integrity), the IHF Ethics Commission decided to impose on Mr Rasmussen in accordance with Article 9 of the IHF Ethics Code:

a).- a three-month suspension counted from 10 December 2019 from any coaching handball activities in any official international event organised, endorsed or approved by the IHF and at any national level, taking into consideration that the named suspension shall be reduced to two months due to the apology expressed by Mr Kim Rasmussen, and

b).- a fine of CHF 5,000.

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Further the IHF Ethics Commission urged Mr Rasmussen not to repeat the conduct in the future, thus leaving without effect any other sanction imposed against him by any other IHF body, to avoid duplicity or confusion.

The General Director explained that the IHF Ethics Commission decided to notify Mr Kim Rasmussen, the Hungarian Handball Federation as well as the IHF Council of their decision.

Europe's Vice-President remarked that the Ethics Commission decision should include the wording used by Mr Rasmussen, which led to the IHF Ethics Commission decision concerned, in order to have a legal ground and be able to measure the seriousness of his behaviour in case of similar cases in the future.

Decision.

The Council took note of the decision of the IHF Ethics Commission dated 10 February 2020 related to the behaviour of Hungarian women's national team coach Mr Kim Rasmussen.

6. Finances

6.1. Host fee for Men's World Championships

President Moustafa referred to the IHF Council decision dated 1 July 2019 to increase the host fee for Women's World Championships by CHF 100,000 (to a total amount of CHF 1,600,000 per event) starting from 2021 in view of the increase of the number of teams at Senior, Junior & Youth World Championships of both genders from 24 to 32.

He pointed out that the same approach shall be applied to the host fee for Men's World Championships. Therefore, the proposal is to increase the host fee for Men's World Championships by CHF 80,000 to a total amount of CHF 980,000 starting from 2021.

Decision.

The Council unanimously agreed to increase the host fee for Men's World Championships to a total amount of CHF 980,000 per event starting from 2021.

6.2. Status of allocated IHF sponsorship to former PATHF (USD 1,000,000)

The General Director informed the Council about the status of the allocated IHF sponsorship to the amount of USD 1,000,000 granted to the former Pan-American Team Handball Federation (PATHF) in 2014, aiming to further develop handball throughout the continent. According to the decision of the IHF Council dated 9 November 2017, the IHF had asked the PATHF several times about the relevant expenses documentation which prove the correct spending of the USD 1,000,000, however the IHF did not receive detailed information from PATHF. The 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress asked the Presidents of North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC) and South and Central America Handball Confederation (SCAHC), Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre and Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo, respectively, to study the status of the USD 1,000,000 with the former PATHF and report to the IHF accordingly, taking into consideration that any remainder of the USD 1,000,000 shall be shared equally by NACHC and SCAHC. Following the Congress decision, the Presidents of NACHC and

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SCAHC officially contacted the PATHF to receive the requested information related to the USD 1,000,000. Mr Garcia de la Torre remarked that he has so far not received any official reply from PATHF, but that according to information he received from former leaders of PATHF, the remainder of the USD 1,000,000 amounts to approx. USD 20,000.

Mr Mancilla Bravo added that the Pan-American Team Handball Federation is a registered corporation in Puerto Rico, which continues to exist even if it does not have any members. He stressed the necessity of consulting an IHF lawyer to resolve the situation, taking into consideration that PATHF does not answer any letters or phone calls.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information regarding the status of the allocated IHF sponsorship to the former PATHF amounting to USD 1,000,000, agreed to contact the IHF lawyer to provide advice on the PATHF's registration in Puerto Rico and approved the decision taken by the IHF Executive Committee dated 10 December 2019 to financially support NACHC and SCAHC for any legal action to receive the detailed expenses documentations as well as any remainder of the USD 1,000,000 which shall be shared equally by NACHC and SCAHC.

6.3. Financial support for IHF newly formed Continental Confederations

President Moustafa referred to the newly established Continental Confederations recognised by the IHF, which have so far no financial resources:

1. Oceania Continent Handball Federation (OCHF)
2. North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC)
3. South and Central America Handball Confederation (SCAHC)

As the IHF has to support the newly formed Continental Confederations not only technically, but also financially to enable the confederations in question to have proper management facilities, he proposed to allocate a financial support of CHF 200,000 each to NACHC and SCAHC and a financial support of CHF 100,000 to OCHF. The IHF Financial Department shall be responsible for receiving the expenses documentation related to the allocated amount from each confederation. The allocated amount shall be spent only on handball activities.

At the same time, he asked the Continental Confederations concerned to look for sponsorships, which should help them to finance their activities. The IHF shall evaluate the financial situation of the confederations in question at the end of 2020 and report to the IHF Council.

President Moustafa asked the chairpersons of COC, PRC, CCM and Beach Handball Working Group to prepare a five-year plan for OCHF in terms of competitions, refereeing and coaching matters in coordination with OCHF, with a special focus on beach handball.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved President Moustafa's proposal to allocate a financial support of CHF 200,000 each to NACHC and SCAHC and a financial support of CHF 100,000 to OCHF. The allocated amount shall be spent only on handball activities. The financial situation of the confederations concerned shall be evaluated by IHF at the end of 2020 to be reported to the Council.

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The Council also asked the chairpersons of COC, PRC, CCM and Beach Handball Working Group to prepare a five-year plan for OCHF in terms of competitions, refereeing and coaching matters in coordination with OCHF, with a special focus on beach handball.

6.4. Financial support for participating teams of IHF Men's and Women's Junior and Youth World Championships that have to cross continents

President Moustafa referred to the financial support amounting to CHF 10,000 granted for a long time by the IHF to the non-well-off National Federations that need to cross continents to participate in IHF Men's and Women's Junior and Youth World Championships. Due to the IHF Council decision dated 29 November 2019, the IHF retained an amount, which was supposed to be used to cover the travel costs of the teams taking part in the IHF Olympic Qualification Tournaments. In addition, the IHF has collected an amount in the Solidarity Fund as a result of the solidarity fee received from the teams taking part in IHF Senior World Championships.

He proposed that as of 2020, the IHF shall provide a yearly budget of CHF 1.5 million, including the savings of the travel costs of the teams taking part in the IHF OQTs as well as the income from the Solidarity Fund, to be allocated to financing the travels or accommodation of the non-well-off National Federations that need to cross continents to participate in the IHF Men's and Women's Junior and Youth World Championships. The IHF Head Office shall study the situation of the participating National Federations on a case-by-case basis to allocate the grant.

Furthermore, he proposed that as of 2021, the IHF shall increase the solidarity fee paid by those teams taking part in IHF Senior World Championships:

- a. From CHF 10 to CHF 25 per person per matchday (Men's World Championships)
- b. From CHF 5 to CHF 15 per person per matchday (Women's World Championships)
- c. To decide on any exemptions from payment of the solidarity fee depending on the financial situation of the participating National Federations.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved President Moustafa's proposal that the IHF shall provide a yearly budget of CHF 1.5 million (as of 2020), including the savings of the travel costs of the teams taking part in the IHF OQTs as well as the income from the Solidarity Fund, to be allocated to financing the travels or accommodation of the non-well-off National Federations that need to cross continents to participate in the IHF Men's and Women's Junior and Youth World Championships. The IHF Head Office shall study the situation of the participating National Federations on a case-by-case basis to allocate the grant.

In addition, the Council unanimously approved President Moustafa's proposal to increase the solidarity fee paid by those teams taking part in IHF Senior World Championships (as of 2021) from CHF 10 to CHF 25 per person per matchday (Men's World Championships) and from CHF 5 to CHF 15 per person per matchday (Women's World Championships). The IHF shall decide on any exemptions from payment of the solidarity fee depending on the financial situation of the participating National Federations.

6.5. IHF Handball Players Support

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Competitions Director who referred to Article 7.3.2 of the IHF Player Eligibility Code, according to which the IHF shall compensate the losses encountered by the handball clubs due to accidents or sickness of a handball player suffered during the release period for the National Federation at IHF Senior World Championships and IHF Olympic Games Qualification Tournaments.

According to the procedure applied in the past years, the IHF asked the insurance broker *Himmelseher Sportversicherungen* (GER) to place the insurance request on *Lloyd's of London* insurance market where members join hands as syndicates to insure and spread risks of different businesses, organisations and individuals in order to receive more favourable offers.

Due to the fact that the claims at the 2019 Men's World Championship have tremendously increased due to injuries of top players with high salaries, the market was from the very beginning restrained in terms of offers. Furthermore, the increase of the number of participating teams at IHF World Championships to 32 as from 2021 needs to be taken into consideration.

He presented the best offer which was received from *Markel/Dale Underwriting Partners* amounting in total to EUR 557,525.00 + 5% stamp duty, covering the 2020 Olympic Qualification Tournaments as well as the 2021 Men's and Women's World Championships. He added that this offer was also recommended by *Himmelseher Sportversicherungen*.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the offer related to the IHF Handball Players Support received from Markel/Dale Underwriting Partners amounting in total to EUR 557,525.00 + 5% stamp duty, covering the 2020 Olympic Qualification Tournaments as well as the 2021 Men's and Women's World Championships.

7. IHF New Markets' Project

7.1. USA

President Moustafa briefly reported on his last visit to USA and the different meetings held during his stay, for example the USA Team Handball (USATH) Development Meeting on 28 October 2019 in New York to discuss the next phase of the development project. The meeting was attended among others by USATH President Michael Wall, USATH CEO Barry Siff, USATH High Performance Director Staffan Olsson as well as Hans Vestberg, CEO of Verizon, Peter Diamond from NBC Sports, Xavier O'Callaghan from FC Barcelona and IHF Adviser Jean Brihault. In addition, President Moustafa attended the opening of the offices of North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC) as well as the first NACHC Executive Committee Meeting which took place in Colorado Springs on 25 October 2019. President Moustafa added that a fruitful meeting was also held with the CEO of the USA NOC, Mrs Sarah Hirshland, in Colorado Springs.

The 2019 report on the development project from IHF Adviser Jean Brihault was presented to the Council. In his report, he provided information on the successful exchange programme supported by Forum Club Handball (FCH), stating that FCH has increased its financial support to European clubs

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(FCH members) welcoming US players. The participation of US teams in 2019 international events resulted in giving handball more visibility in the US, establishing handball as an international partner in the eye of the US Olympic Committee and other partners and assessing the level of various teams and age groups. Special attention will have to be paid to the development of women's handball in 2020 bearing in mind that FCH is willing to implement the same system for women as currently applies to men. As for the development of grassroots handball, he proposed to endow a specific US grassroots project with a global amount of CHF 40,000, involving four regional leaders such as the clubs of San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and Chicago. At the end of the first season, a report should be provided by the regional leaders on the basis of which the funding could be renewed for a second season. Referring to the collegiate programme, which should constitute an interface between elite handball and grassroots development, he stressed the importance of setting up a competition urgently. He also briefly reported on the remarkable progress in terms of TV, informing that NBC Sport, Olympic Channel and beIN Sports have been involved in making handball available to TV viewers in the US, and USATH has produced major efforts (through its website and social media) to make the public aware of the opportunity they were offered to watch handball.

Decision.

The Council took note of the progress of the IHF New Markets' Project in USA.

7.2. China

President Moustafa briefly reported on the meeting between IHF and Chinese Handball Association (CHA) held in Kumamoto, Japan on 3 December 2019 to discuss the progress of the IHF New Markets' Project in China and the future challenges in the implementation of the signed agreement. During the meeting, the CHA President thanked the IHF for the support offered to CHA, stating that the agreement signed on 21 August 2018 between IHF, CHA and the Chinese Sports Minister on the further development of handball in China is being implemented. She informed that CHA shall not be funded during the period from April to August 2020, therefore the women's national team programme shall be halted. She appreciated the idea of President Moustafa, pointing out that it would be very helpful if IHF could contact the Chinese Sports Minister/Chinese Olympic Committee to report to them on the progress of the project to ensure the implementation of the entire agreement. President Moustafa offered to help even further by visiting China and/or organising a meeting with the Chinese Sports Minister at any place, if necessary. Referring to the current Coronavirus outbreak worldwide, President Moustafa added that he will contact the Chinese Sports Minister as soon as the situation has eased.

The CCM Chairman informed about a recent meeting with CHA Sport Director Assem Elsaadany in Cairo to discuss the current situation of the IHF New Markets' Project in China. He explained that all handball activities in China have been stopped, which resulted in the cancellation of participation of the women's national team in the IHF Olympic Qualification Tournament. During the meeting the participants discussed the preparation for the restart of handball activities in China which needs to be well organised. He pointed out that meanwhile many talented Chinese players (men's youth/junior) have been detected, taking into consideration that some of them shall be involved in European clubs.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided regarding the IHF New Markets' Project in China.

8. Awarding of IHF events

8.1. Senior World Championships

The Competitions Director informed the Council that after the Men's and Women's Senior World Championships 2025/2027 were announced by the IHF, letters of intent from several National Federations were received. As the IHF requested detailed bidding concepts from all interested National Federations, only those federations which have submitted the requested documents are considered while the remaining federations have been excluded. Each bidder has the right to hold a 20-minute presentation and to be available for questions for 10 minutes.

President Moustafa informed that every Senior World Championship to be awarded during the present meeting only has one bidder (composed of either one, two or three National Federations). Therefore, he asked the Council members if they agree on taking the related decisions by raising hands, which was confirmed by the Council. All members of the IHF Council will vote, except Council members from the respective bidding nations. The President has the right to vote but as usual will be neutral and will abstain from voting.

8.1.1. 2025 Men's World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Croatia/Denmark/Norway compete for the right to organise the 2025 Men's World Championship.

President Moustafa welcomed the representatives of the Croatian Handball Federation/Danish Handball Federation/Norwegian Handball Federation and opened the floor for the presentation.

The Croatian, Danish and Norwegian delegations:

CRO

- ✚ Tomislav Grahovac, President of Croatian Handball Federation
- ✚ Damir Poljak, Secretary General of Croatian Handball Federation
- ✚ Silvijo Njiric, Marketing Director of Croatian Handball Federation
- ✚ Anita Sikic, 2025 Men's WCh organisers coordinator of Croatian Handball Federation
- ✚ Sinisa Ostoic, CEO of SEHA Gazprom League
- ✚ Tomica Madjeric, Katal Agency/Media & Marketing
- ✚ Jozo Cabraja, Katal Agency/Media
- ✚ Antonija Markulin, Katal Agency/Media
- ✚ Drago Cosic, Katal Agency/Media
- ✚ Frano Ridjan, Katal Agency/Presenter

DEN

- ✚ Anker Nielsen, Finance Manager and Board Member of Danish Handball Federation
- ✚ Morten Stig Christensen, Secretary General of Danish Handball Federation
- ✚ Frederik Munk, Senior Event Consultant of Sport Event Denmark

NOR

- ✚ Ingrid Blindheim, 2nd Vice-President of Norwegian Handball Federation

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The bid includes the following 11 host cities/venues:

- Zagreb (CRO) – Arena Zagreb (capacity: 15,200)
- Split (CRO) – Spaladium Arena (capacity: 11,000)
- Varazdin (CRO) – Varazdin Arena (capacity: 5,200)
- Porec (CRO) – Zatika Sport Centre (capacity: 3,700)
- Dubrovnik (CRO) – Arena Dubrovnik (under construction, capacity: 5,000-5,200)
- Copenhagen (DEN) – Copenhagen Royal Arena (capacity: 12,500)
- Herning (DEN) – Jyske Bank Boxen (capacity: 15,000)
- Trondheim (NOR) – Trondheim Spektrum (capacity: 8,960)
- Stavanger (NOR) – Stavanger Idrettshall (capacity: 8,700)
- Drammen (NOR) – Drammen Arena (under construction, capacity: 4,000)
- Oslo (NOR) – Telenor Arena (capacity: 15,000)

After stressing the long handball tradition in all three countries, including their experience in hosting several major international events, the Croatian, Danish and Norwegian delegations promised that fans and spectators will experience an incredible handball atmosphere in the European hearts of handball during the World Championship. They provided brief information on the arenas, accommodation (top first class hotels located in or very close to each of the proposed venue cities) and transportation (by car, bus, minivan or charter flights depending on the distances). Referring to the match schedule, they informed that the Preliminary Round, Main Round and Quarter-Finals are planned to be played in Croatia, Denmark and Norway while the Semi-Finals will be held in Croatia and Norway followed by the Finals in Norway. The marketing plan includes, for example, the attraction of strong, global brands, the organisation of grassroots event before, during and after the World Championship and the engagement with digital communities. They also informed about their plans of launching a Handball Promotional Campaign on local, national and international level as of 2021 to make the World Championship a truly global event and secure a long-lasting legacy for the sport by showcasing handball as a modern, inclusive and entertaining sport.

The Croatian, Danish and Norwegian delegations confirmed that their bid is supported by partners from the three nations, including but not limited to the Croatian Ministry of Sport, the Danish Ministry of Sport and the Norwegian Ministry of Culture.

As Europe's Representative expressed his concerns about the logistical arrangements between the Semi-Final played in Croatia and the Finals played in Norway, the Competitions Director informed that the match schedule will be based on the Regulations for IHF Competitions and, if necessary, include one travel and rest day between Semi-Finals and Finals in accordance with the IHF Council decision dated 1 July 2019.

President Moustafa asked the Croatian, Danish and Norwegian delegations if they are available to cooperate with the IHF in terms of the Handball@School programme, which was confirmed by the delegations. He asked them to prepare a corresponding concept, including a long-term strategy to promote handball also after the World Championship concerned. In this context, the Croatian, Danish and Norwegian delegations stated that the first-ever World Handball Youth Inspiration Cup is planned to be organised on the fringes of the World Championship, which shall serve as a platform for young handball athletes from around the world to meet in order to play together and inspire young generations to take part in handball.

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Following the request of the PRC Chairman, the Croatian, Danish and Norwegian delegations confirmed that they will involve as many young referees as possible in order to increase the number of top level referees in the long term.

Following the question of the MC Chairman regarding visas for all participants, President Moustafa referred to the Regulations for IHF Competitions stipulating that all teams have the right to be guaranteed trouble free entry into the hosting country and that visa assistance shall be provided by the Organising Committee.

President Moustafa asked the Croatian, Danish and Norwegian delegations if they will comply with all IHF requirements for organising an IHF Men's World Championship provided for in the IHF Bid and Event Manual, which was confirmed by the delegations. He added that the contract of the World Championship concerned shall be signed within two months from the date of the present Council meeting.

Decision.

Excluding the COC Chairman due to his Danish nationality and with one abstention, the Council decided to award the 2025 Men's World Championship to Croatia/Denmark/Norway. The contract of the World Championship concerned shall be signed within two months from the date of the present Council meeting.

8.1.2. 2025 Women's World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Germany/Netherlands compete for the right to organise the 2025 Women's World Championship.

President Moustafa welcomed the representatives of the German Handball Federation/Dutch Handball Federation and opened the floor for the presentation.

The German and Dutch delegations:

GER

- ✚ Andreas Michelmann, President of German Handball Federation
- ✚ Bob Hanning, Vice-President of German Handball Federation
- ✚ Mark Schober, Secretary General of German Handball Federation
- ✚ Thomas Freyer, Head of international events of German Handball Federation
- ✚ Daniel Battistel, Bidding consultant
- ✚ Dominik Klein, Presenter
- ✚ Isabel Klein, Presenter

NED

- ✚ Tjark de Lange, President of Dutch Handball Federation
- ✚ Norman Uhlenbusch, Managing Director of Dutch Handball Federation
- ✚ Saskia Mulder, Presenter

The bid includes the following 11 host cities/venues:

- Stuttgart (GER) – Porsche Arena (capacity: 6,200)
- Bietigheim-Bissingen (GER) - EgeTrans Arena (capacity: 4,494)

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- Trier (GER) – Arena Trier (capacity: 3,391)
- Heidelberg (GER) – ARENA Heidelberg (under construction, capacity: 4,134)
- Dusseldorf (GER) – ISS DOME (capacity: tbc)
- Krefeld (GER) – Yayla Arena (capacity: 7,714)
- Oberhausen (GER) – König-Pilsener-ARENA (capacity: 10,300)
- Eindhoven (NED) – Indoor-Sportcentrum Eindhoven (capacity: 6,500)
- Rotterdam (NED) – Ahoy Arena (capacity: 10,500)
- Maastricht (NED) – MECC Maastricht (capacity: 12,000)
- Amsterdam (NED) – Sporthallen Zuid (capacity: 3,000)

After highlighting the long handball tradition in both countries, the German and Dutch delegations stressed that their aim to strengthen handball around the globe does not only include the 2025 Women's World Championship. They provided brief information on the arenas, accommodation (great hotel infrastructure for the needs of all participants in close proximity to the halls) and transportation (nationwide infrastructure systems providing time-efficient, environmentally friendly, comfortable and dependable travel; high class shuttle services for VIP guests). Referring to the host cities and match schedule, they informed that the final selection of host cities is yet to be made, taking into consideration that all cities will be selected in such a way that easy travelling between the venues will be guaranteed, especially between the preliminary and main round venues as well as between the main and final round cities. They pointed out the huge handball interest and high number of fans in both countries, the commercial opportunities the 2025 Women's World Championship offers as well as the short distances between the venues resulting in short travel times. They emphasised that development programmes for the clubs are planned to be launched to increase the number of women's handball players in both countries. They underlined their willingness to prove that the unity between Germany and the Netherlands can create an outstanding handball experience for all participants of the World Championship.

The German and Dutch delegations confirmed that their bid is supported by partners from both nations, including but not limited to the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany as well as the leagues' associations and regional associations of German Handball Federation and Dutch Handball Federation.

President Moustafa asked the German and Dutch delegations if they are available to cooperate with the IHF in terms of the Handball@School programme, which was confirmed by the delegations. He asked them to prepare a corresponding concept, including a long-term strategy to promote handball also after the World Championship concerned.

Following the request of the PRC Chairman, the German and Dutch delegations confirmed that they will involve as many young referees as possible in order to increase the number of top level (female) referees in the long term.

President Moustafa asked the German and Dutch delegations if they will comply with all IHF requirements for organising an IHF Women's World Championship provided for in the IHF Bid and Event Manual, which was confirmed by the delegations. He added that the contract of the World Championship concerned shall be signed within two months from the date of the present Council meeting.

Decision.

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Excluding the CCM Chairman due to his German nationality, the Council decided to award the 2025 Women's World Championship to Germany/Netherlands. The contract of the World Championship concerned shall be signed within two months from the date of the present Council meeting.

8.1.3. 2027 Men's World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Germany competes for the right to organise the 2027 Men's World Championship after Croatia/Denmark/Norway withdrew their bid.

President Moustafa welcomed the representatives of the German Handball Federation and opened the floor for the presentation.

The German delegation:

- ✚ Andreas Michelmann, President of German Handball Federation
- ✚ Bob Hanning, Vice-President of German Handball Federation
- ✚ Mark Schober, Secretary General of German Handball Federation
- ✚ Thomas Freyer, Head of international events of German Handball Federation
- ✚ Daniel Battistel, Bidding consultant
- ✚ Dominik Klein, Presenter
- ✚ Isabel Klein, Presenter

The bid includes the following eight host cities/venues:

- Berlin – Mercedes-Benz Arena (capacity: 13,260)
- Mannheim – SAP Arena (capacity: 13,200)
- Hamburg – Barclaycard Arena (capacity: 12,354)
- Munich – Olympic Hall (capacity: 12,200)
- Cologne – LANXESS arena (capacity: 18,500)
- Hanover – TUI Arena (capacity: 10,000)
- Frankfurt – in planning phase, capacity: tbd
- Leipzig – in planning phase, capacity: tbd

The German delegation provided brief information on the arenas, accommodation (wide range of 4- and 5-star hotels with a sufficient number of hotel rooms; tailor-made solutions that cater exactly to the needs of all participating parties in close proximity to the halls) and transportation (one of the best developed transportation networks in Europe). Referring to the host cities and match schedule, they informed that the selection of host cities is yet to be made and depends heavily on the availability of the halls. In addition, a full service handball promotional campaign shall be elaborated to strengthen the IHF's position for negotiations with broadcasters and the acquisition of partners. Referring to the great spectators' interest (over 900,000 spectators) at the successful 2019 Men's World Championship jointly organised by Denmark and Germany, the German delegation underlined their goal to have 1,000,000 spectators in the halls during the 2027 Men's World Championship. Their vision is to strengthen handball not only in Germany but worldwide and to bring handball to millions of people around the world. They pointed out their plans to invest in the development of the Emerging Nations in handball, for example through exchange programmes for the sports industry to work together for the professionalisation for handball or through the preparation of sports teams. Referring to the bids of the German Handball Federation for hosting the 2025 Women's WCh (together with Dutch Handball Federation) as well as the 2023 Men's Junior (U21) WCh, they stressed their willingness to turn the upcoming decade into the decade of handball, which offers the

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unique possibility to present handball to national and international audiences with a long-term strategy.

The German delegation confirmed that their bid is supported by several partners, including but not limited to the German Olympic Sports Confederation.

Europe's Vice-President remarked that the German Handball Federation is an excellent host which is capable of organising a World Championship with 32 participating teams in one country only.

President Moustafa asked the German delegation if they will comply with all IHF requirements for organising an IHF Men's World Championship provided for in the IHF Bid and Event Manual, which was confirmed by the delegation. He added that the contract of the World Championship concerned shall be signed within two months from the date of the present Council meeting.

Decision.

Excluding the CCM Chairman due to his German nationality, the Council decided to award the 2027 Men's World Championship to Germany. The contract of the World Championship concerned shall be signed within two months from the date of the present Council meeting.

8.1.4. 2027 Women's World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Hungary competes for the right to organise the 2027 Women's World Championship.

President Moustafa welcomed the representatives of the Hungarian Handball Federation and opened the floor for the presentation.

The Hungarian delegation:

- + Máté Kocsis, President of Hungarian Handball Federation
- + László Nagy, Vice-President of Hungarian Handball Federation
- + András Novák, Operative Director and President of Board of Directors of Hungarian Handball Federation
- + Gabriella Horváth, Secretary General and Board of Directors member of Hungarian Handball Federation
- + Balázs Soós, Director of International Affairs and Board of Directors member of Hungarian Handball Federation
- + Attila Ballai, Advisor and Board of Directors member of Hungarian Handball Federation
- + Edit Szalay, Presenter

The bid includes the following four host cities/venues:

- Budapest – under construction, capacity: 20,000 / another venue available in Budapest – Papp László Aréna (capacity: 12,000)
- Debrecen – Főnix Hall (capacity: 7,000)
- Győr – Győr Audi Arena (capacity: 5,500)
- Tatabánya – Tatabánya Arena (under construction, capacity: 6,000)

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After mentioning several successful IHF events which have been held in Hungary in the past, including the 2016 Beach Handball World Championships in Budapest, the Hungarian delegation provided brief information on the arenas, accommodation (serving the individual needs as extensively as possible) and transportation (four major airports nearby, team buses, a fleet of branded cars). Referring to the match schedule, they informed that the Preliminary Round is planned to be played in Budapest, Debrecen, Győr and Tatabánya, while the Main Round and President's Cup will be held in Budapest, Debrecen and Győr followed by the Quarter-Finals, Placement Matches, Semi-Finals and Finals in Budapest. They pointed out the widespread services for media representatives as well as the marketing concept, and presented the global handball promotion concept, including the use of social media and special activities for spectators such as fan zones.

As Executive Committee Member Dr Frantisek Taborsky asked about the two different venues in Budapest, the Hungarian delegation informed that in a few years Budapest will have for the first time two arenas. In view of the time gap until the 2027 Women's World Championship, both arenas in Budapest have been presented. However, during the 2027 Women's World Championship only one arena in Budapest is planned to be used, preferably the new arena with a capacity of 20,000 spectators.

Europe's Vice-President confirmed that the European Handball Federation is regularly organising successful big events with Hungarian Handball Federation on both national team and club level.

President Moustafa asked the Hungarian delegation if they are available to cooperate with the IHF in terms of the Handball@School programme, which was confirmed by the delegation. He asked them to prepare a corresponding concept, including a long-term strategy to promote handball also after the World Championship concerned.

President Moustafa asked the Hungarian delegation if they will comply with all IHF requirements for organising an IHF Women's World Championship provided for in the Bid and Event Manual, which was confirmed by the delegation. He added that the contract of the World Championship concerned shall be signed within two months from the date of the present Council meeting.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to award the 2027 Women's World Championship to Hungary. The contract of the World Championship concerned shall be signed within two months from the date of the present Council meeting.

8.2. Junior World Championships

The Competitions Director informed the Council that after the Junior World Championships 2022-2025 were announced by the IHF, letters of intent from several National Federations were received. As the IHF requested detailed bidding concepts from all interested National Federations, only those federations which have submitted the requested documents are considered while the remaining federations have been excluded.

President Moustafa informed that every Junior World Championship to be awarded during the present meeting only has one bidder. Therefore, he asked the Council members if they agree on taking the related decisions by raising hands, which was confirmed by the Council. All members of

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the IHF Council will vote, except Council members from the respective bidding nations. The President has the right to vote but as usual will be neutral and will abstain from voting.

8.2.1. 2022 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Slovenia competes for the right to organise the 2022 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship after North Macedonia withdrew their bid:

Hotels	3* and 4* hotels in Celje, 4*hotels in Velenje and Lasko, IHF hotel ok but better solution to be found.
Halls	Celje Arena Zlatorog – 5,800, Celje Arena Golovec – 2,800, Velenje – 2,000, Lasko – 1,500
Support from authorities	No letters included
Budget presented	No
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Some venues do not fulfil the current seating capacities, however the presented concept gives very good options for hosting the event.
Daily fee proposed	CHF 140
Remarks	The three host cities are quite close (Celje-Lasko 12.5 km, Celje-Velenje 26 km)
Inspection	Alaa Elsayed – 02.2020
Fulfilling the conditions to host an IHF event confirmed by the IHF Inspection Working Group Chairman	Yes

All remarks of the corresponding inspection report must be complied with by Slovenia. The Inspection Working Group shall conduct a further inspection and report to the Council.

Decision:

The Council unanimously decided to award the 2022 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship to Slovenia on condition that the daily participation fee will be reduced to max. EUR 120.- per person. All remarks of the inspection report must be complied with by SLO. The Inspection Working Group shall conduct a further inspection and report to the Council.

8.2.2. 2023 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Germany competes for the right to organise the 2023 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship after Croatia withdrew their bid:

Hotels	All cities have at least 4* hotels
Halls	Magdeburg – 5,340, Hanover – 4,540, Lemgo – 4,102, Hamburg – 3,800, Rostock – 4,600, Berlin – 8,553, Dresden – 2,552, Dusseldorf

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	- 2,634, Leipzig – 6,500
Support from authorities	Letter from Federal Minister of Interior
Budget presented	No
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Seating capacity in Dresden and Dusseldorf to be confirmed, otherwise requirements fulfilled – several options presented, but detailed decision to be made only after awarding.
Daily fee proposed	EUR 130
Remarks	- Some venues already used for IHF competitions - No information regarding the allocation of competition phases in the venues
Inspection	Alaa Elsayed – 02.2020
Fulfilling the conditions to host an IHF event confirmed by the IHF Inspection Working Group Chairman	Yes

All remarks of the corresponding inspection report must be complied with by Germany, if applicable.

Decision:

Excluding the CCM Chairman due to his German nationality, the Council decided to award the 2023 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship to Germany on condition that the daily participation fee will be reduced to max. EUR 120.- per person. All remarks of the inspection report must be complied with by GER, if applicable.

8.2.3. 2024 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that North Macedonia competes for the right to organise the 2024 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship after Slovenia withdrew their bid:

Hotels	4* hotels in Ohrid and Strumica, also 5* hotels in Skopje.
Halls	Ohrid Sport Hall Biljanini Izvori – 3,500, Skopje Sport Centar Boris Trajkovski – 6,000, Skopje Sport Centar Jane Sandanski – 5,200, Strumica Sport Hall Park – 2,300
Support from authorities	No letters included
Budget presented	No
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Infrastructure (hotels, halls, etc.) fulfils IHF requirements based on earlier IHF events
Daily fee proposed	EUR 130
Remarks	The event concept presented is not really detailed.
Inspection	Yet to be conducted
Fulfilling the conditions to	Yes

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host an IHF event confirmed by the IHF Inspection Working Group Chairman	
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The Inspection Working Group shall conduct an inspection in North Macedonia to confirm whether all information submitted by MKD reflects the actual situation on site and fulfils the IHF requirements. A corresponding report shall be presented to the Council.

Decision:

Based on the information submitted by MKD, the Council unanimously decided to award the 2024 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship to North Macedonia on condition that the Inspection Working Group confirms that all information submitted by MKD reflects the actual situation on site and fulfils the IHF requirements and on condition that the daily participation fee will be reduced to max. EUR 120.- per person.

8.2.4. 2025 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Poland competes for the right to organise the 2025 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship after North Macedonia and Slovenia withdrew their bids:

Hotels	All hotels are located in Katowice. Two 3* hotels for media, four 4* hotels for teams and one 4* and one 5* hotel for IHF are proposed.
Halls	Bedzin – 2,500 (under construction) Dabrowa Gornicza, The Sports and Entertainment Hall „Centrum“ – 3,000; Katowice, “Spodek“ Sports and Entertainment Arena – 11,000; Katowice, “Sport's Complex Szopienice” – 1,500; Sosnowiec, The Sports and Entertainment Hall – 1,200; Sosnowiec – 3,052 (under construction)
Support from authorities	No letters included
Budget presented	No
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Some venues do not fulfil the current seating capacities, however the concept presented gives very good options for hosting the event.
Daily fee proposed	EUR 135
Remarks	All venues are close: 13km Bedzin-Katowice, 18km Dabrowa Gornicza-Katowice, 7km Sosnowiec-Katowice. Biggest venue in Katowice used for 2016 Men's European Championship, smallest one used as a training hall for this competition.
Inspection	Yet to be conducted
Fulfilling the conditions to host an IHF event	Yes

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confirmed by the IHF Inspection Working Group Chairman	
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The Inspection Working Group shall conduct an inspection in Poland to confirm whether all information submitted by POL reflects the actual situation on site and fulfils the IHF requirements. A corresponding report shall be presented to the Council.

Decision.

Based on the information submitted by POL, the Council unanimously decided to award the 2025 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship to Poland on condition that the Inspection Working Group confirms that all information submitted by POL reflects the actual situation on site and fulfils the IHF requirements and on condition that the daily participation fee will be reduced to max. EUR 120.- per person.

8.3. Youth World Championships

The Competitions Director informed the Council that after the Youth World Championships 2022-2025 were announced by the IHF, letters of intent from several National Federations were received. As the IHF requested detailed bidding concepts from all interested National Federations, only those federations which have submitted the requested documents are considered while the remaining federations have been excluded.

President Moustafa informed that every Youth World Championship to be awarded during the present meeting only has one bidder. Therefore, he asked the Council members if they agree on taking the related decisions by raising hands, which was confirmed by the Council. All members of the IHF Council will vote, except Council members from the respective bidding nations. The President has the right to vote but as usual will be neutral and will abstain from voting.

8.3.1. 2020 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship

The Competitions Director referred to the decision dated 7 February 2020 made by the IHF, together with Chinese Handball Association, that the 2020 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship will no longer take place in China due to the recent coronavirus outbreak in China. He informed that the IHF has been in contact with several National Federations, including Slovakia, stating that an inspection was carried out by Mr Marek Góralczyk in Slovakia; however the IHF requirements were not fulfilled and additionally financial support was requested. He pointed out that Croatia, shortly before the present meeting, expressed their interest in organising the 2020 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship:

Hotels	IHF Hotels 3* for Bjelovar, Cakovec and Koprivnica, 4* for Varazdin. In Bjelovar, team hotel is a former student dormitory, in Varazdin it is a university campus, 3* and 4* hotels otherwise.
Halls	Bjelovar – 1,290, Cakovec – 1,500, Koprivnica – 2,200, Varazdin – 5,200

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	Alternatively, a concept was proposed considering only venues in Zagreb
Support from authorities	Letters from Croatia Central State Office for Sport, Croatian Olympic Committee, City of Bjelovar, City of Cakovec, City of Koprivnica and City of Varazdin
Budget presented	Yes
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Some venues do not fulfil the current seating capacities (Bjelovar, Cakovec, Koprivnica) as well as the requirements for lightings (Bjelovar, Cakovec), and some information is missing (height in Cakovec and Koprivnica). Bjelovar cannot be accepted after inspection. Campus accommodation below standards. In general, presented concept does not fulfil requirements.
Daily fee proposed	CHF 120
Remarks	Varazdin and Cakovec are really close (15 km)
Inspection	Predrag Pavicevic – 02.2020 However, not all facilities have been checked due to time limit and as some of the venues have been used before for IHF events: team hotel(s) in Cakovec, playing hall in Varazdin, all facilities in Koprivnica.
Fulfilling the conditions to host an IHF event confirmed by the IHF Inspection Working Group Chairman	Yes

Croatia shall provide a detailed event concept to the IHF by the end of March 2020, since the aforementioned conditions are a possible scenario, but an alternative option (considering only venues in Zagreb) is possible. The IHF COC shall conduct a further inspection and report to the Council on whether the conditions fulfil the IHF requirements.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to re-award the 2020 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship to Croatia. The daily participation fee will be CHF 120.- per person. CRO shall provide a detailed event concept to the IHF by the end of March 2020, since the aforementioned conditions are a possible scenario, but an alternative option (only venues in Zagreb) is possible. The IHF COC shall conduct a further inspection and report to the Council on whether the conditions fulfil the IHF requirements.

8.3.2. 2022 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Georgia competes for the right to organise the 2022 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship:

Hotels	Five team hotels proposed in Tbilisi (3* and 4*), one 5* hotel for IHF. One 4* hotel for teams and one 5* hotel for IHF in Batumi.
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Halls	Tbilisi Olympic Sport Palace, hall 1 – 3,000, Tbilisi Olympic Sport Palace, hall 2 – 500, Tbilisi Sport Palace – 8,700, Tbilisi Volleyball Halls 1 and 2 – 800 each, Batumi Sport Palace, hall 1 – 2,500, Batumi Sport Palace, hall 2 – 500, Batumi (under construction) – 2,500
Support from authorities	No letters of support presented
Budget presented	No
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	With the information provided, it seems that requirements are fulfilled. Different options are possible. After inspection it is confirmed that GEO has good options to host an event with 32 teams.
Daily fee proposed	CHF 115
Remarks	2017 Men's Youth World Championship held in Tbilisi.
Inspection	Marek Góralczyk – 02.2020
Fulfilling the conditions to host an IHF event confirmed by the IHF Inspection Working Group Chairman	Yes

All remarks of the corresponding inspection report must be complied with by Georgia, if applicable.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to award the 2022 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship to Georgia. The daily participation fee will be CHF 115.- per person. All remarks of the inspection report must be complied with by GEO, if applicable.

8.3.3. 2023 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Croatia competes for the right to organise the 2023 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship after Slovenia withdrew their bid:

Hotels	IHF Hotels 3* for Bjelovar, Cakovec and Koprivnica, 4* for Varazdin. In Bjelovar, team hotel is a former student dormitory, in Varazdin it is a university campus, 3* and 4* hotels otherwise.
Halls	Bjelovar – 1,290, Cakovec – 1,500, Koprivnica – 2,200, Varazdin – 5,200
Support from authorities	Letters from Croatia Central State Office for Sport, Croatian Olympic Committee, City of Bjelovar, City of Cakovec, City of Koprivnica and City of Varazdin
Budget presented	Yes but with 24 teams
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Some venues do not fulfil the current seating capacities (Bjelovar, Cakovec, Koprivnica) as well as the requirements for lightings (Bjelovar, Cakovec), and some information is missing (height in

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	Cakovec and Koprivnica). Bjelovar cannot be accepted after inspection. Campus accommodation below standards. In general, presented concept does not fulfil requirements.
Daily fee proposed	CHF 125
Remarks	- Bid for 24 teams - Varazdin and Cakovec are really close (15 km)
Inspection	Predrag Pavicevic – 02.2020 However, not all facilities have been checked due to time limit and as some of the venues have been used before for IHF events: team hotel(s) in Cakovec, playing hall in Varazdin, all facilities in Koprivnica.
Fulfilling the conditions to host an IHF event confirmed by the IHF Inspection Working Group Chairman	Yes

All remarks of the corresponding inspection report must be complied with by Croatia. The Inspection Working Group shall conduct a further inspection and report to the Council.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to award the 2023 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship to Croatia. The daily participation fee will be CHF 125.- per person. All remarks of the inspection report must be complied with by CRO. The Inspection Working Group shall conduct a further inspection and report to the Council.

8.3.4. 2024 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that only MKD and SLO have applied for organising the 2024 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship. Due to the fact that SLO has been awarded the 2022 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship while MKD has been awarded the 2024 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship, he proposed to re-announce the 2024 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship to find new potential host nations in order to spread the events further.

Decision.

The Council unanimously agreed that the 2024 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship shall be re-announced to find new potential host nations in order to spread the events further.

8.3.5. 2025 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Slovenia competes for the right to organise the 2025 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship after North Macedonia and Poland withdrew their bids:

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Hotels	3* and 4* hotels in Celje, 4* hotels in Velenje and Lasko, IHF hotel ok but better solution to be found.
Halls	Celje Arena Zlatorog – 5,800, Celje Arena Golovec – 2,800, Velenje – 2,000, Lasko – 1,500
Support from authorities	Letter of support from Celje municipality
Budget presented	No
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Some venues do not fulfil the current seating capacities, however the presented concept gives very good options for hosting the event.
Daily fee proposed	CHF 130
Remarks	The three host cities are quite close (Celje-Lasko 12.5 km, Celje-Velenje 26 km)
Inspection	Alaa Elsayed – 02.2020
Fulfilling the conditions to host an IHF event confirmed by the IHF Inspection Working Group Chairman	Yes

All remarks of the corresponding inspection report must be complied with by Slovenia. The Inspection Working Group shall conduct a further inspection and report to the Council.

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to award the 2025 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship to Slovenia on condition that the daily participation fee will be reduced to max. EUR 120.- per person. All remarks of the inspection report must be complied with by SLO. The Inspection Working Group shall conduct a further inspection and report to the Council.

8.4. Beach Handball World Championships

8.4.1. 2021 Men's and Women's U17 Beach Handball World Championships

The Competitions Director informed the Council that Portugal competes for the right to organise the 2021 Men's and Women's U17 Beach Handball World Championships:

Hotels	<p>IHF Hotel: Hotel Praia (4*)</p> <p>Team Hotels: Hotel Miramar Sul (4*) Miramar Hotel & Spa (4*) Hotel Mare (3*) Hotel de Nazaré (3*) Hotel Magic-Art Hotel (3*)</p>
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	Hotel Mar Bravo (3*) Apartamentos Turisticos Da Nazaré
Support from authorities	Mayor and Municipality of Nazaré
Budget presented	No
Requirements of Bid & Event Manual fulfilled	Yes, however teams will need to be accommodated in many hotels across the city since all of them are of very limited capacity. Even the biggest hotels have 50-60 rooms. As an illustration, each team needs 14 rooms and there will be 32 teams participating in the event.
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition will take place from 22-27 June - 100 CHF per person per day participation fee - Two arrival airports proposed by Organiser – Benfica and Oporto - Temporary arena with capacity of 2,200 spectators - Big experience in organising beach sports - Since the hotels are generally small in the city (max. 50 rooms), the teams will have to be accommodated in a big number of hotels, which would in turn require good logistical solutions on behalf of the organiser. - According to the inspection report the catering will be in a catering centre next to the venue (as it was in Mauritius in 2017).
Inspection	Giampiero Masi, 06.2019
Fulfilling the conditions to host an IHF event confirmed by the IHF Beach Handball Working Group Chairman	Yes

Decision.

The Council unanimously decided to award the 2021 Men's and Women's U17 Beach Handball World Championships to Portugal. The daily participation fee will be CHF 100.- per person.

9. Miscellaneous

9.1. Meetings

9.1.1. IHF-EHF-European Handball Players Union (EHPU) – Minutes

The minutes of the meeting between IHF, EHF (represented by President Michael Wiederer) and European Handball Players Union (EHPU, represented by President Michael Sahl Hansen, Vice President Marcus Rominger and the players Uwe Gensheimer, Mikael Appelgren and Bo Spellerberg) held in Basel on 23 September 2019 were presented to the Council. During the meeting, several player-related topics were discussed, including the new match schedule of IHF World Championships as from 2021, the revised definition of rest days and the increase of the squad as decided by the IHF Council. In addition, the IHF investment at the 2019 Men's World Championship was presented to EHPU, including the prize money to the NFs, flight costs and accommodation, host fee to the Organising Committee, players' releasing fees to the clubs, qualification bonus to NFs as well as the

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loss of the salary insurance for the clubs due to the high number of injury cases at the championship concerned. IHF, EHF and EHPU agreed during the meeting to be clear and precise with press statements and avoid incorrect information in interviews, and to allow for equal benefits to all national teams in terms of match schedule and rest days. Furthermore, EHPU shall educate the players and work with the IHF in the IHF Former Players' Project while IHF shall inform EHPU about important communications and avoid publishing new rule interpretations shortly before World Championships. In addition, the EHPU President shall be invited to important IHF technical meetings whenever player-related issues are on the agenda.

Decision.

The Council took note of the minutes of the meeting between IHF, EHF and EHPU held in Basel on 23 September 2019.

9.1.2. IHF-Central American and Caribbean Sports Organisation (CACSO) – Minutes

The minutes of the meeting between IHF and Central American and Caribbean Sports Organisation (CACSO, represented by President Luis Mejía Oviedo) held in Basel on 17 January 2020 were presented to the Council. During the meeting, a presentation of the IHF projects was made which also highlighted the positive outcome achieved so far in the newly founded North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC) and South and Central America Handball Confederation (SCAHC). The CACSO President reported during the meeting that handball is among the seven sports supported by CACSO as part of a four-year plan. Out of the 20 Caribbean countries, six to eight countries should be focused on at the beginning by creating a special project for them to develop handball in their countries. The CACSO President offered to support the federations concerned, while further support from the IHF is needed. The federations to be supported shall be jointly agreed on with the IHF. In this context, IHF and CACSO agreed to join efforts in conducting a Handball@School project in the selected countries. Furthermore, IHF shall grant to the Dominican Republic NOC a weekly handball highlight to be televised in the Dominican Republic to help extend the handball exposure in the country. In addition, IHF shall discuss with its TV rights holder Lagardère Sports the possibility of granting the image of IHF World Championships to those countries in which the rights are not sold. Moreover, IHF shall provide lecturers for coaches' and referees' courses prior to the 2022 Central American and Caribbean Games in Panama (beach handball and indoor handball).

Decision.

The Council took note of the minutes of the meeting between IHF and CACSO held in Basel on 17 January 2020.

9.1.3. IHF-Panam Sports – Minutes / New concept of IHF Trophy in the Americas

The minutes of the meeting between IHF and Panam Sports (represented by President Neven Ilic) held in Basel on 16 January 2020 were presented to the Council. During the meeting, a presentation of the IHF projects was made, in particular the IHF Trophy which is considered as pathway to continental championships as well as World Championships for younger age categories (youth and junior). Referring to the 2021 Junior Pan American Games which will be another great event to

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engage the young generation in sports and serve as pathway to the Senior Pan American Games, the Panam Sports President asked the IHF about the IHF's help in the qualification pathway to the Junior Pan American Games. The Panam Sports President confirmed that Panam Sports is ready to financially support the National Federations taking part in the IHF Trophy to organise training camps prior to the tournaments which shall serve as preparation of the teams. During the meeting, the IHF raised the idea, which was greatly welcomed by the Panam Sports President, to consider the IHF Trophy (junior category) as a pathway to the Junior Pan American Games. The complete concept of the new structure includes the following:

- + IHF Trophy (junior category) shall serve as qualification pathway to the Junior Pan American Games
- + IHF Trophy (both junior and youth) shall serve as qualification pathway to World Championships – applicable only for NACHC and SCAHC

Different stages of IHF Trophy in NACHC and SCAHC:

- Both continents to be divided into two zones each.
- The teams of each zone will compete in a zone tournament.
- The two best-ranked teams of the zone tournaments will be qualified for the Continental Phase of the IHF Trophy.
- The Continental Phase will serve as:
 - Qualification for the Intercontinental Phase
 - Qualification for the Junior Pan American Games
 - Continental qualification championships for YAC World Championships.

All National Federations (excluding beach handball nations) shall be engaged to compete in the IHF Trophy on different levels. The invited top National Federations shall cover their own expenses while the rest is being covered by the IHF.

Top ranked nations from SCAHC in both categories will be directly qualified for the IHF Junior or Youth World Championship in accordance with the number of compulsory places available at the corresponding World Championship.

The winner (junior category) of SCAHC IHF Trophy Continental Phase (serving as continental championship) will be qualified for the Junior Pan American Games.

Teams to be invited for Continental Phase: ARG, BRA, CHI, URU + PAR (women's team)

Event-related details:

- + IHF Trophy Intercontinental Phase has to be played no later than three months before the Junior and Youth World Championships; Continental Phases of the IHF Trophy to be played no later than December the year before
- + Continental Phase to be organised in one of the qualified nations
- + Each team allowed to nominate 14 players
- + Due to the fact that the Continental Phases will also be the qualification tournaments for the Junior and Youth World Championships, teams may nominate two additional players at the federations' expenses
- + Three team officials allowed (two coaches and one head of delegation) – for Continental Phase, teams may nominate two additional officials at the federations' expenses
- + Minimum age: 16 for male and female junior teams, 15 for male and female youth teams

Justification:

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The aim is to maintain the integrity of the IHF Trophy tournament and to expand the Continental Phase to a tournament with more teams at the same time. A corresponding competition structure for the Continental Phase shall be created to find the right balance related to seeding and group strength. National Federations that qualified via the zone phase will benefit from a bigger tournament with more matches and better learning opportunities while still being the only teams able to qualify for the Intercontinental Phase. Invited federations will be able to benefit from an already existing tournament structure, more matches and an opportunity for the coaches to attend courses. All National Federations will compete to earn spots in the Junior and Youth World Championships and Junior Pan American Games.

Decision.

The Council took note of the minutes of the meeting between IHF and Panam Sports held in Basel on 16 January 2020 and unanimously approved the proposed new concept of the IHF Trophy (junior category) as pathway to Junior Pan American Games and IHF Trophy (younger age categories) as pathway to World Championships applicable only for NACHC and SCAHC. The Regulations for IHF Competitions as well as the IHF Trophy Regulations shall be amended accordingly.

9.2. Handball@School campaign

President Moustafa presented his concept which had been passed to the IHF Handball@School Working Group Chairwoman Dr Ilona Hapkova during the meeting held at the IHF Head Office on 5 November 2019. He pointed out the IHF's ambition to expand the grassroots worldwide, which cannot be accomplished without playing handball at schools. Then the proposed brief general concept for the planned Handball@School campaign prepared by the H@S WG Chairwoman was presented to the Council. The aim of the campaign is the participation of more than 50 million children in handball events during the next 4-6 years. President Moustafa asked the Continental Confederations for their support in order to reach this target. In the prepared concept, the H@S WG Chairwoman stressed the importance of increasing the popularity of handball for children by means of social media as well as of increasing the number of handball events for children. In addition, local authorities shall be involved in the organisation of handball events for children. The organisation of events (festivals, tournaments, NF leagues, continental tournaments) and the publication of materials (H@S brochures, booklets and posters, referee kits, H@S balls and goals, give-away material) shall be linked with the education of children, teachers/coaches, referees, table officials, etc.

President Moustafa added that the proposed concept for the campaign had been presented to the IHF Executive Committee in its meeting in Kumamoto, Japan on 10 December 2019, which agreed on the production of the H@S kits and the necessary publications.

He also briefly informed about the signing of a Handball@School protocol with the Egyptian Minister of Youth and Sports, Dr Ashraf Sobhy, as well as the Egyptian Minister of Education, Dr Tarek Shawky, on 1 January 2020, aiming to involve one million Egyptian school children in handball.

Decision.

The Council took note of President Moustafa's initiative of launching the IHF Handball@School campaign aiming to reach 50 million children and of the proposed brief general concept for the campaign prepared by H@S Working Group Chairwoman Dr Ilona Hapkova.

9.3. Snow handball

President Moustafa informed the Council about the IHF's plans to launch snow handball which shall have a big potential to join the Winter Olympic Games.

He reported that the IHF Executive Committee, in its meeting in Kumamoto, Japan on 10 December 2019, agreed to assign the promotion of snow handball and the elaboration of the related Rules of the Game to the IHF Beach Handball Working Group due to the fact that snow handball is similar to beach handball. The Rules of the Game for snow handball shall be presented to the IHF Council in its next meeting.

Decision.

The Council took note of the information provided regarding snow handball.

9.4. IHF Nominations – Information

Europe's Vice-President requested that the nominations of officials for upcoming IHF events, in addition to the notification usually sent to the Continental Confederations, shall be shared with the IHF Council members directly after the confirmation of the IHF Executive Committee.

Decision.

The Council agreed that the nominations of delegates for upcoming IHF events shall be shared with the IHF Council members in addition to the Continental Confederations directly after the confirmation of the IHF Executive Committee.

9.5. Council decisions made by electronic communication

The Council members confirmed the following via electronic communication:

- **IHF Player Eligibility Code – Application of IHF New Markets' Project**

Reference was made to the amendments of the IHF Player Eligibility Code, which were unanimously approved by the IHF Council in its meeting held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 1 July 2019, and in particular to Article 6.3.2 (*Change eligibility to play for a National Federation – Limitation per national team*):

A national team playing in an official match of the International Handball Federation may have only two players on its team who changed their sporting nationality based on Article 6.3.1.

The aim of this limitation is to encourage the developing and top National Federations to further involve their national players. However, in the case of the emerging National Federations being part of the IHF New Markets' Project, this provision will hinder the promotion of the sport due to the lack of handball players and resources in the target countries.

The main objectives of the IHF New Markets' Project are to develop and promote handball as well as to help building up competitive national teams in the countries concerned. Therefore, it was

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proposed that those nations engaged in the IHF New Markets' Project be exempted from the aforementioned provision until the IHF technical experts report to the IHF Council that the respective nation has reached the required handball level.

The list of the following National Federations engaged in the IHF New Markets' Project shall be reviewed every year to measure the development of these federations:

- China
- USA
- Canada
- Australia
- India

The IHF Council shall decide annually on the list of National Federations to be exempted from Article 6.3.2 of the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

Letter sent to Council on 17 September 2019, Council approval received on 24 September 2019

- **Awarding of 2020 Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments**

Overview of bidders which applied within the deadline for hosting the 2020 Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments and the remarks of the IHF Competitions Director on each of the bidders.

Mr Joël Delplanque, Mr Ramón Gallego and Mr Dietrich Späte were not entitled to cast their votes due to conflict of interest.

FRA, GER and NOR (in alphabetical order) have obtained the highest number of votes and shall thus be awarded the right of hosting the 2020 Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments. CRO was selected as substitute nation and shall be awarded the right of hosting the respective 2020 Men's Olympic Qualification Tournament on condition that one of the three above-mentioned nations qualifies directly for the Olympic Games at the 2020 European Championship or in case any difficulties occur in the preparation phase.

Letter sent to Council on 25 October 2019, Council approval received on 30 October 2019

- **IHF Player Eligibility Code – Classification of NFs**

Reference was made to the amendments of the IHF Player Eligibility Code, which were unanimously approved by the IHF Council in its meeting held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 1 July 2019, and in particular to Article 6.3.3 (*Change eligibility to play for a National Federation – Special case*):

Players who have played with a senior national team (see Article 6.1.b) may not play for a national team of another country if they do not comply with Article 6.3.1. However, under exceptional circumstances, the IHF Executive Committee may authorise, case by case, such players to play for the national team of an "emerging National Federation" (listed in the Appendix) if they have not played in the last three years with their former national team and if this is in the interest of the development of handball in this country. Such players shall come from a "top National Federation" national team and their former National Federation shall be consulted during the process, before the decision of the Executive Committee.

The proposed list of Top, Developed and Emerging National Federations to be included in the Appendix of the IHF Player Eligibility Code as well as the criteria used to establish the list were

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attached to the letter. The proposed list of Top, Developed and Emerging National Federations shall only be applicable for Article 6.3.3 of the IHF Player Eligibility Code.

Letter sent to Council on 14 November 2019, Council approval received on 21 November 2019

- **Cancelling IHF financial support for participating teams of OQTs - Travel costs**

Reference was made to the financial support which is granted by the IHF to the participating teams of the IHF Men's and Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments in terms of their travel costs. The IHF Olympic Qualification Tournaments are considered as part of the NOCs' preparation for the Olympic Games.

It was proposed to cancel the aforementioned IHF financial support (in terms of travel costs), which instead should be allocated to the participating teams of the IHF Men's and Women's Junior and Youth World Championships in order to give all qualified teams the chance to take part in the World Championship concerned. This proposal shall be applicable as from 2020.

Letter sent to Council on 22 November 2019, Council approval received on 29 November 2019

- **Awarding of 2020 Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments**

Overview of bidders which applied within the deadline for hosting the 2020 Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments and the remarks of the IHF Competitions Director on each of the bidders.

Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu, Mr Ramón Gallego and Mr Predrag Boskovic were not entitled to cast their votes due to conflict of interest.


ESP, HUN and MNE (in alphabetical order) have obtained the highest number of votes and shall thus be awarded the right of hosting the 2020 Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments. In case any difficulties occur in the preparation phase, the IHF Executive Committee is authorised to elect a substitute nation in order to have the chance to react immediately and to replace the National Federation concerned, if applicable.

Letter sent to Council on 15 December 2019, Council approval received on 20 December 2019

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.

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