Minutes of the 2016 IFSC Plenary Assembly
MINUTES

Approved by the IFSC Plenary Assembly on 11th March 2017

Meeting date and time: 20/02/16
08:45-17:00

Meeting venue: Enghelab Sports Complex, Tehran (IRI)

Participants: IFSC Executive Board
IFSC National Federations
IFSC Staff

Members present or represented

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<td>Pierre-Henri Paillasson (PHP)</td>
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<td>Li Zhixin (LZ)</td>
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<td>Anthony Seah (AS)</td>
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GREETINGS OF THE AUTHORITIES

Introductory speech by Reza Zarei, IMSCF President.
MMS thanks IMSCF for the hospitality.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED - JOHN ELLISON, IFSC HONORARY MEMBER

The PA pays tribute to John Ellison, IFSC Honorary Member and CAC funder.
Speech by MMS, who states that CAC goes on and invites NF to continue to support the project.

1 - CALL TO ORDER

a - Members present and voting rights

The following Federations (Full Members) will not be allowed to vote due to liabilities prior to 31 December 2015:

- Chile (FEACH)
- Cyprus (CMCF)
- Israel (IOSC)
- Malaysia (PMM)
- Mexico (FMDMYE)

Members present or represented: 34
Of which with voting rights: 33
Quorum for Statute amendments: 28
Majority: 17
Special majority: 22
b. Scrutineers Appointment

The scrutineers are appointed: Damien You (FFME) and Kobinata Toru (JMA).

2. MINUTES PLENARY ASSEMBLY 2015 BADEN

MMS reports on the comment by Reidun Bolso, former President of NKF. Ms. Bolso pointed out that gender equality measures were not included in the PA 2015 minutes and in the PA 2016 agenda. MMS explains the reason for not including it in the current PA agenda.

The point will be introduced in the 2017 agenda and a Working Group (proposal from Maaike Romijn, NKBV) will be created in order to forward proposals in that direction (see below).

No other comments to the minutes.

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3. MEMBERSHIP

DG was not able to attend the meetings in Tehran due to the warning from the US Government. MMS will report on her behalf.

a. Review Article 6 of the IFSC Statutes

The Executive Board carefully evaluated the Membership structure and concluded that Continental Councils should be more involved in growing the sport and helping small NFs to get their NOC recognition and IFSC Full Membership.

Recently some countries where no NF exists asked to participate into IFSC competitions, for example Botswana. After consultation with the lawyer and the IOC, the EB recommends creating a brand new membership category, the Developing Continental Membership, where:

- The new country should be sponsored by an existing IFSC recognised NF;
- The sponsoring Federation will mentor the Developing Continental Member within a limited period of time to have all of the requirements of regular Continental Membership;
- The Athlete(s) should receive the support of their NOC or National Sports Authority.
Botswana is supported by its NOC and is sponsored by the SANCF.

Cuba is in a similar situation: there are many climbers who have not created a NF yet.

The Developing Continental Membership status is intended to be exceptional and applicable only where the above conditions exist.

Before the PA, the EB further discussed the Associate Membership. The EB considered the change into Developing Full Membership premature and therefore recommends introducing the Developing Continental Membership only. The EB also recommends having a full review of Article 6 in 2017, and consequently Art. 8, 17, 21 and relevant Bye-laws, improving the wording of the articles, upon the suggestions of the IFSC lawyer.

Presentation of the Membership Table. The only change is the introduction of the Developing Continental Membership with an annual fee of 100 €.

Presentation of the Statutes amendments (in red), as reviewed by the lawyer:

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4. DEVELOPING CONTINENTAL MEMBERS are under the guidance, patronage and representation of a member federation. Their Athletes can participate in climbing competitions organized by the IFSC.
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Article 8

All members and associate members should be member of their National Olympic Committee or actively seeking such membership.

All Members, Observer Members and Associate Members shall comply with the Statutes and Regulations of the IFSC and with any resolutions adopted by the IFSC. All Members, Observers, and Associates will undertake to request the same of their individual members participating in activities of the IFSC.

All Members, Observer Members and Associate Members agree to respect each other’s mutual autonomy and shall in no way harm the development of other members.

All Members and Observer Members shall pay membership fees as fixed by the Plenary Assembly.

Article 17

Each Member of the IFSC has one vote. Observer and Associate members have no voting rights.
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The provisional Agenda with short explanation of the topics shall be distributed two months before the date of the PA. Items presented by IFSC Members are to be sent to the IFSC Executive Board at least six weeks before the Plenary Assembly. The full Agenda with all documents has to be sent to all members at least 28 days before the PA.

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EMF, Eusko Mendizale Federazioa; Spain

The following Federation is also recognized as IFSC Observer Member:
FEEC, Federació d’Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya; Spain

Application process
Membership applications should be made through the Secretary-General or through the IFSC office.
Applications should include the following:
Compulsory
• Information about the applicant - name, address, email, website, key contacts;
• Copy of the body’s constitution or by-laws;
• Statement of number of active members;
• Latest annual financial accounts and bank statement;
• Latest annual report of activities of the organisation;
• Brief history of the organisation;
• Statement of the legal status of the organisation (eg incorporation, non-profit etc);
• A formal undertaking to observe and abide by the statutes, rules and regulations of the IFSC.

Preferred
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The status of Developing Continental Membership is intended to be for a limited time period.

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b - New Members

☐ Botswana

After approval of the amendments to Article 6 and Bye-law, the application of Botswana can be finally taken into consideration. The sponsoring NF is SANCF. Botswana NOC has already agreed on the Athletes' registration in absence of a NF.

☐ Macau

AS reports on the Mountaineering Federation Macau China (MFMC). In 2015 MFMC approached the Asian Council and the IFSC. After the provisional EB approval, they took part in the Asian Championships.
The EB recommends that the PA ratifies the EB decision to admit the Mountaineering Federation Macau China as IFSC Continental Member for Macau.

VOTE TO RATIFY THE EB DECISION TO ADMIT MOUNTAINEERING FEDERATION MACAU CHINA AS IFSC CONTINENTAL MEMBER FOR MACAU

| In favor | 33 | Against | 0 | Abstained | 0 | APPROVED |

- **Rwanda**

In 2015 the Rwanda Sports Climbing Federation (RSCF) submitted the relevant documents to become Continental Member.

The EB recommends that the PA ratifies the EB decision to admit the Rwanda Sports Climbing Federation as IFSC Continental Member for Rwanda.

VOTE TO RATIFY THE EB DECISION TO ADMIT RWANDA SPORTS CLIMBING FEDERATION AS IFSC CONTINENTAL MEMBER FOR RWANDA

| In favor | 33 | Against | 0 | Abstained | 0 | APPROVED |

- **Senegal**

In 2015 the Association Sénégalaise d’Escalade et de Sports de Nature submitted the relevant documents to become Continental Member.

The EB recommends that the PA ratifies the EB decision to admit the Association Sénégalaise d’Escalade et de Sports de Nature as IFSC Continental Member for Senegal.

VOTE TO RATIFY THE EB DECISION TO ADMIT ASSOCIATION SÉNÉGALAISE D’ESCALADE ET DE SPORTS DE NATURE AS IFSC CONTINENTAL MEMBER FOR SENEGAL

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c. **Membership Review**

- **Canada**

Maria Izquierdo (MI) was not able to attend the meetings in Tehran due to the warning from the Canadian Government. MMS will report on her behalf.
The Alpine Club of Canada (ACC), current IFSC Member, officially requested to complete the transfer of membership from ACC to Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) at the Plenary Assembly 2016. The ACC therefore asked that the CEC be recognized by the IFSC as the representative Canadian Federation.

The EB evaluated the documents submitted by the CEC and concluded the application dossier is in order.

VOTE TO EXCLUDE THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA AND ACCEPT CLIMBING ESCALADE CANADA AS NEW IFSC MEMBER FOR CANADA.

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Mexico

A similar situation occurred in Mexico.

The Federación Mexicana de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada (FMDMyE), current IFSC Member, officially requested to transfer the membership from FMDMyE to the Federación Mexicana de Escalada Deportiva (FEMED) at the Plenary Assembly 2016. The FEMED, supported by the Confederación Deportiva Mexicana / Mexican Sports Confederation (CODEME), also commits to pay all the outstanding invoices of the FMDMyE to the IFSC.

The EB evaluated the documents submitted by the FEMED and concluded the application dossier is in order.

VOTE TO EXCLUDE THE FEDERACION MEXICANA DE DEPORTES DE MONTANA Y ESCALADA AND ACCEPT FEDERACION MEXICANA DE ESCALADA DEPORTIVA AS NEW IFSC MEMBER FOR MEXICO.

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Mongolia

A new Federation, Mongolian National Sport Climbing Federation, asked to become IFSC Member and submitted the full dossier, including a letter from the current Member (Mongolia National Mountaineering Federation) requesting the transfer of membership.

The IFSC contacted the Mongolia National Mountaineering Federation, who declared the above letter a false document and expressed their interest in continuing the IFSC membership.
The vote on Mongolia membership is therefore suspended and further investigation will be made.

d- Enforcement Art.11

The following Federations have liabilities prior to 31 December 2015 and will not be entitled to participate into IFSC competitions until they make the payment or provide a reasonable payment plan:

- Algeria (FASSM)
- Belarus (BAF)
- Chile (FEACH)
- Colombia (FCED)
- Costa Rica (FECODEM)
- Cyprus (CMCF)
- Guatemala (FNAG)
- Israel (IOSC)
- Lithuania (LCSA)
- Macedonia (MSCF)
- Malaysia (PMM)
- Mexico (FMDMYE)
- Mongolia (MNMF)
- Philippines (SCAPI)

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4 - STATE OF THE ART

a - President’s report on the activity

Report by MMS.
Sport climbing is growing and the calendar is very rich.

Arco WYCH was a success, despite the initial concerns over the new format (first 3-discipline WYCH) due to the highest number of participants. MMS thanks FASI for the quality of the event.

b. Tokyo 2020 bid and beyond

MMS illustrates the steps to Tokyo 2020 from March 2015 on.

The IFSC entered the first short-list and had to submit different dossiers. Sport climbing was then included in the second short-list with four other sports. The 2 day-interview with the Japanese LOC and NOC was scheduled at the beginning of August and the IFSC delegation was composed by:

- Marco Maria Scolaris, IFSC President
- Debbie Gawrych, IFSC Secretary General
- Jerome Meyer, IFSC Sport Manager
- Kobinata Toru, IFSC Asian Council Vice-President
- Akiyo Noguchi, IFSC Athletes Commission Member
- Yoshio Ogata, JMA Vice-President
- Yuji Hirayama, JMA Sport Climbing Committee Member

During the presentation, the delegation showed some simulations on how the sport climbing venue could be.

Two member delegation from the IOC visited Kranj WC 2015. They loved the sport and the athletes but expressed some remarks on the sport presentation.

In January 2016 the IFSC met the IOC and LOC delegations in Tokyo and visited potential venues.

In May the IOC Executive Board will give the recommendation on the sport(s) to be included in 2020, and the final decision will be made by the IOC Session in Rio on August 2-4.

c. IOC new requirements: governance and anti-doping

The IOC may monitor the IFSC governance in the next future. NOCs could do the same with NFs at national level.

At the moment the IFSC Members may be divided into two groups:
- Sport Climbing Federations, one single activity. Basic requirements are a democratic structure, athletes representation, anti-doping measures. Anti-doping activities are not only doping tests, but also educational programs, especially addressed to young athletes.

- Multi-sport Federations. In addition to the basic requirements, Multi-sport Federations should have a structure that guarantees the financial and political autonomy for sport climbing and includes “sport climbing” in the name the organisations.

As far as gender equality is concerned, MMS reports that the IFSC consulted both the IOC and the lawyers about the possible inclusion of female quota in the Executive Board. The lawyer recommended following the IOC model, that is, “not to include such a provision in the Statutes but to tune it down to a non-binding “recommendation”. The IOC currently recommends a minimum 20% female representation at any level.

Additionally, in the IFSC case, a new article would have deep implications with the existing system, since four EB members are elected by the Continental Councils and not by the PA.

MMS stresses that women participation shall be encouraged and increased at any level, starting from the national Federations.

[Coffee break]

d - IFSC Golden Members awards

MMS resumes the meeting and thanks the IFSC partners Kailas and Entre-Prises for the support.

MMS awards the Golden Members 2015 (CMA - FASI - FFME - JMA) with a special mention for FEDME who was awarded during the PA 2015.

5 - IFSC STRUCTURE

a - New staff and organogram

PHP, in charge of the coordination of the staff, presents the IFSC organization chart.

The staff structure was redefined: each of the three departments (Administration, Communication, Sport) is under the guide of a Director. PHP also welcomes the new resource, Larisa Stoica, who started working in the Administration Department in January 2016.
6. CONTINENTAL COUNCILS

a. European Council

Report by WW.

The 2015 European season was challenging due to lack of Organizers. The European Championships (L, S) took place during Chamonix WC.

The First European University Championships were successfully run in Poland.

Presentation of the 2016 European Calendar: there will be more EYCs and some new EOs. The European Council will work on a long-term calendar in coordination with the IFSC.

b. Pan-American Council

Report by MMS on behalf of MI.

Pan-American Federations are living some challenges (new Federations, transitions, political issues and budget cuts).

In 2015 A. Velazquez, former Pan-American Council President, resigned and MI took the interim until the next elections (2016).

The Pan-American Council applied for sport climbing to be included in the Pan-American Games 2019 (PER), and the Peruvian NOC President confirmed his support.

c. Asian Council

Report by AS.

Restructuring of the ACC Executive Board: Kobinata Toru (JPN) appointed 1st Vice President ACC; Francis Lo (HKG) appointed Vice-President of the Finance and responsible for the Sport Department.

Report on 2015 events: Asian Championships (CHN), Asian Youth Championships (MAS), and the first experiment of the Asia Sports for All (SIN).

Presentation of the 2016 calendar: Asian Championships (CHN), Asian Youth Championships (IRI), and Asia Sport for All Series (HKG, SIN).

The goal of having some Sport for All Series is organizing sport climbing events for everyone and encouraging the connection between climbers of different nationalities.

The inclusion of sport climbing in the 2018 Asian Games will be confirmed this year.
MMS congratulates with AS for the good job and the development of the Sport for All series in Asia.

**d - Oceania Council**

Report by MK, President of the Oceania Council since July 2015.

No Oceania Championships in 2015 due to the late election of the OCSC Board. Negotiations are under way for 2016.

Report on the activities of the three Member Federations: New Caledonia, New Zealand and Australia. Encouraging sign of progress are seen especially all through Australia, where also Olympic leaders' awareness of our sport is increasing.

**7 - FINANCES**

**a - 2015 Financial Reports and Audit**

Report by PHP.

2015 was again very stable from the financial perspective. Thanks to the support of the JMA and the prudent management of MMS and JM, the expenses related to Tokyo 2020 bid did not exceed the budget.

The rich calendar and the increase in sponsorship deals and TV rights selling helped to improve the revenues.

PHP stresses the importance of on-time payments from the Federations.

Presentation of the Financial Reports as of 31 December 2015: Profit&Loss, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow trend.

Andrea Barabino (IFSC Auditor) reads the audit report.

**VOTE TO APPROVE THE 2015 AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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The only change in the Fee System is the introduction of the 100 € Annual Fee for the Developing Continental Members.

### VOTE TO APPROVE THE FEE SYSTEM 2016-2017

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**c - 2016 Budget**

Presentation of the 2016 Provisional Budget.

Each Department worked on its budget and is responsible for it.

### VOTE TO APPROVE THE 2016 PROVISIONAL BUDGET

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**d - Golden Members and NF support**

PHP thanks the top contributors.

The IFSC budget still depends on the quality of the calendar. The level of the events shall be improved to attract new sponsors and sell more TV rights.

MMS emphasises the fact that, despite the increased operational challenges, the IFSC EB has been able to keep the promise and not to raise any fee for 2016.

[Lunch break]

MMS resumes the meeting and gives the word to Maaike Romijn (NKBV) for the discussion on gender equality.

Ms. Romijn suggests the creation of a temporary Working Group in charge of elaborating some proposals to report to the PA 2017. The Working Group will consult all the IFSC stakeholders to see how to promote and implement gender equality in the structure and on different levels.

### 8 - MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

Report by AF.
The main pillars of the communication strategy are:

- Live streaming of the events;
- Increasing TV exposure;
- Regular online communication;
- Promotion of the athletes; and
- Constant media relations.

**a· 2015 Report**

All the WCs (17) and the WYCH were covered by the webcasting. Improvement of the Athletes profiles and interviews. All the NFs should contribute to provide more information to complete the profiles.

Co-production of 26-minute highlights in collaboration with EpicTV. Distribution deals were already signed with a number of broadcasters, and the demand is growing.

The community of the social networks is increasing.

Media accreditation process was implemented.

Eddie Fowke was the IFSC Official Photographer during the 2015 season.

Implementation of the new IFSC Logo and the Events Graphic Identity.

The number of partnerships is growing.

**b· 2016 Season**

If sport climbing succeeds in entering Tokyo 2020 OG, more revenues and exposure may be expected. Within this framework, the main challenges are:

- Increasing quality of events;
- Improving content management;
- Strengthening media relations; and
- Giving priority to broadcasters.

- Webcasting

The IFSC signed an agreement with a new webcasting agency, more innovative and specialized in trendy sports.

- Broadcasting
Increased interest in sport climbing. Deals are signed on a market by market strategy.

- Communications/Branding

Consolidation of the digital strategy and better implementation of the events branding.

- Media Management

Professionalization of the media relations.

- Sponsorship

Growing interest from companies, mainly from endemic sports.

WW thanks AF for the outstanding work, underlining the big development from last year.

9 - SPORT DEPARTMENT

Introduction by HK.

HK congratulates with FASI and Arco EO for the success of Arco WYCH 2015.

a - 2015 activities

Report by JM.

Events are getting more and more mature from the sport perspective. The number of events is stable. No bad feedback from the Athletes Commission.

The profile of the Event Organizers is changing, new EOs are interested in hosting IFSC events.

Overall Team Ranking 2015 awarding:

1. France (FFME)
2. Russia (CFR)
3. Japan (JMA)

b - 2016 Calendar

Presentation of the 2016 Calendar.

c - New rules for 2016 season

Outcome of the SD meeting in December 2015:

- Rules improvement;
- Speed rule change and automatic belaying system;
New categories of Team Officials.
The Olympic Games Combined proposal is under discussion.

d - 2016 World Championships and Paraclimbing World Championships, Paris (FRA)
The collaboration with the FFME is running smoothly, there are great expectations over the event.

Presentation by Marie-Anne Midy (FFME). Report on the venue (renovated arena) and disclosure of the provisional program. The event website will be launched on February 27th.

e - 2016 World Youth Championships, Guangzhou (CHN)
JM went to Guangzhou for a pre-event visit. Some logistics and registration details to be defined.

The walls and the venue are big enough to host all three disciplines at the same time.

f - Ratification of the Executive Board vote on the 2017 World Youth Championships (Innsbruck, AUT) and the 2018 World Youth Championships (Central Saanich, CAN)
Presentation by Eugene Burtscher and Heiko Wilhelm (OWK) on the WYCH 2017.

Innsbruck has a long story in terms of events organization.

New venue finished at the end of this year.

The ratifications of the Executive Board vote on the 2017 World Youth Championships (Innsbruck, AUT) is approved by acclamation.

With regard to the World Youth Championship 2018, Central Saanich (CAN), MMS, considering that the Canadian delegation was unable to attend the PA, proposes to postpone the ratification of the Executive Board decision to the PA in 2017.
g. 2019 World Youth Championships, Oceania

MK says that at the moment the Oceania Council does not have the means to organize the WYCH in 2019.

MMS encourages the NFs to apply for hosting the WYCH 2019.

The PA 2017 will decide on the WYCH 2019.

h. Multi-Sport Events (University World Championships 2016, World Games 2017, World Beach Games 2017, Asian Games 2018)

- University World Championships 2016, Shanghai (CHN): JM encourages all the NFs to promote the event at home. The competition will take place one week before Wujiang WC and athletes may easily participate in both events. The University World Championships 2018 will take place in Bratislava (SVK).


- World Beach Games 2018, San Diego (USA): the event is organized by the ANOC. They approached the IFSC and the IFSC started working with USAC. They are interested in having a youth oriented event.

- Asian Games 2018, Jakarta (INA): the Asian Council is in the final talks with Asian Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

MMS adds that, if sport climbing is finally in the 2020 Games, the WCHs may shift from even to odd years.

10. ATHLETES’ COMMISSION

a. Activities and projects

SMC was not able to attend the meetings in Tehran due to the warning from the Canadian Government. JM will report on his behalf.
Good collaboration with the Athletes, who play a key role in the improvement of the rules and Olympic Games format.

The Athletes Commission elections will take place during Paris WCH 2016.

11- ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

a - Anti-doping 2015 activities

Report by JM on behalf of Paolo Orione, Anti-Doping officer.

Increased number of out-of-competition tests (from 9 in 2014 to 21 in 2015).

In order to comply with WADA requests, the IFSC elaborated a smaller Registered Testing Pool (RTP), planning a higher number of tests per Athlete.

A new project - presented to the IOC - based on statistics to study and detect possible anomalies is under implementation.

12- PARACLIMBING COMMISSION

a - Activities and projects

Paraclimbing events are on the run.

The Paraclimbing Commission is working on the Routesetters guidelines and the Commission Regulations review.

The Paraclimbing Commission elections will take place next year.

Eugene Burtscher (OWK) remarks that at the moment there is no fairness in the categories, the coefficient system should be used. MMS answers that in the past the IFSC decided not to use the coefficients system because it was not easy to understand (application of the coefficients affects the results).

13- DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS COMMISSIONS

a - Activities and projects

The Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions have nothing to report on the 2015 season.
JM reports on the Ethic Commission. Marc Le Menestrel received the mandate to "Lead an institutional initiative on Ethics within the IFSC governance activities but also within the Climbing Community". To this extent, Mr. Le Menestrel interviewed several stakeholders of the climbing community and asked what they are climbing today.

The draft of the Ethics Charter will be available upon demand. Recommendation of the Ethic Commission.

A road map is presented: it will lead to the Ethic Commission in 2017.

[Coffee break]

14 - PLENARY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

a - Ratification of the Executive Board vote on the 2017 Plenary Assembly (Québec City, CAN) and the 2018 Plenary Assembly (Innsbruck, AUT)

RATIFICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION ON THE 2017 PLENARY ASSEMBLY (QUÉBEC CITY, CAN)

APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

RATIFICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION ON THE 2018 PLENARY ASSEMBLY (INNSBRUCK, AUT)

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b - Guidelines and Regulations for candidatures and hosting NFs

VOTE TO APPROVE THE PA GUIDELINES AMENDMENTS

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MMS announces that the EB is investigating with the IOC and the lawyers the possibility to amend Article 39 and foresee an indemnity for the EB members, same as it happens in many other IFs. The workload has become almost unbearable and it is not supposed to decrease.

Thanking all the delegations and representatives for the great work done, MMS wishes to all a successful season and hopes to meet all at some events.

END OF THE MEETING