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IJF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(2023 – N° 1)

Wednesday February 22nd, 2023

14:00

By video conference

MINUTES

Present:

EC members: Mr. VIZER, Mr. AL TAMIMI, Mr. ROUGÉ, Dr. TOTH, Mr. AL ANZI, Mr. ZEGARRA PRESSER, Mr. DAVIO, Dr. ALLAN, Mr. BARTA, Mr. BAGDASAROV, Mr. CASSINERIO, Mr. HACHICHA, Mr. JEON, Mrs. KHISHIGBAT, Mr. LASCAU, Mr. SISSOKO, Mrs. SOUAKRI, Mr. TAMURA, Mr. YAMASHITA. Ms. FILZMOSER.

Excused: Mr. ABDULLAYEV, Dr. CORAK, Mr. MERIDJA, Mr. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO, Mr. UEMURA, Mr. ZHOU.

Assistants: Mr. KARIYA, Mr. OTSUJI (Assistants of Mr. UEMURA).

Start of the meeting 14:00.

Welcome word and opening remarks	Mr. VIZER
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IJF President Mr. VIZER welcomes all the Executive Committee members and hopes that everyone is doing well.

1. Participation of Russian and Belorussian athletes	Mr. VIZER
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President Mr. VIZER reminds that the IJF Executive Committee members have recently taken a decision to approve the participation of Russian and Belorussian athletes in IJF competitions starting from Tashkent Grand Slam 2023. However, taking into consideration the current international situation, allowing their participation will put at risk the credibility and the image of our sport.

Consequently, President Mr. VIZER proposes to revoke the last decision of the IJF Executive Committee members and to postpone the participation of Russian and Belorussian athletes in IJF events.

President Mr. VIZER informs that recently a meeting took place among the Ministers of Sports, where 14 Ministers of the European countries expressed their opinion not to allow the participation of Russian and Belorussian athletes in international tournaments and in the Olympic Games.

Thereafter, Mrs. Anne HIDALGO, the Mayor of Paris, declared being totally opposed to the participation of Russian and Belorussian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Finally, the European Union made a statement on behalf of 27 member states asking the IOC not to allow the participation of Russian and Belorussian athletes.

In case if the IJF allows the participation of the Russian and Belorussian athletes, almost all the European Union's countries would boycott the event, which would be a disaster for our sport. The only possibility to open the door is that



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the Ukrainian team does not boycott the event. However, this is not possible, because of their clear intention to boycott.

Therefore, President Mr. VIZER proposes not to allow the participation of Russian and Belorussian athletes until a global decision of all sport movement is taken and approved by the International Olympic Committee.

Decision: Unanimously approved.

President Mr. VIZER adds that during this period of one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine the overall situation is very tense, with the visit of the President of the United States of America, Mr. Joe BIDEN, in Poland and Kiev, and the declaration of the Russian President to the Government. He considers that this is not the right moment to reopen the door for Russian and Belorussian athletes.

According to the evolution of the international situation, a new decision could be taken before the Antalya Grand Slam 2023 or the Doha World Senior Championships 2023.

Mr. ROUGÉ, IJF General Secretary, informs that we have many cases of immigrants from Russia and Belorussia. The IJF rules being not flexible, Mr. ROUGÉ asks if a special adaptation of the rules is possible.

President Mr. VIZER explains that these athletes can temporarily participate as part of the IJF Refugee Team. For that, they must provide the official proof of their refugee status.

2. Cooptation of new Executive Committee members

Mr. VIZER

Firstly, President Mr. VIZER informs that Mr. ROUGÉ is not standing for re-election to the position of IJF General Secretary. Mr. VIZER says he would like Mr. ROUGÉ to remain in the Executive Committee.

Mr. VIZER asks the Executive Committee members to approve the decision to coopt Mr. ROUGÉ as a new Executive Committee member and to ratify this decision during the next IJF Congress in Doha.

Abstention: Mr. ROUGÉ.

Decision: Approved by the majority of IJF Executive Committee members.

Secondly, according to the proposal of Mr. AL ANZI, IJF Vice-President, during a previous meeting of the IJF Executive Committee to add Mr. MARINESCU as member of the Executive Committee, Mr. VIZER proposes to coopt Mr. MARINESCU. He considers Mr. MARINESCU to be an added value for the management, administration, IT, media and other IJF departments. Mr. MARINESCU has been doing a great job for all these years and is part of the IJF development strategy.

Mr. VIZER asks the Executive Committee members to approve the decision to coopt Mr. MARINESCU as a new Executive Committee member and to ratify this decision during the next IJF Congress in Doha.

Decision: Unanimously approved.

Mr. ROUGÉ informs that he will shortly send to the Executive Committee members the proposition of statutory amendments for approval and asks them to vote as soon as possible.

Mr. VIZER thanks the Executive Committee members for their support and hopes to see them on the occasion of a next IJF event.

End of the meeting 14:17.