



**INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION**  
**INTERNATIONALER SCHIESS-SPORTVERBAND e.V.**  
**FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE TIR SPORTIF**  
**FEDERACION INTERNACIONAL DE TIRO DEPORTIVO**

ISSF, Bavariaring 21, D-80336 München, Germany

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President:	Olegario VÁZQUEZ Raña	MEX
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	Kevin KILTY	IRL
	Rodrigo de MESA Ruiz	ESP
	Robert MITCHELL	USA
	Raninder SINGH	IND
Secretary General:	Franz SCHREIBER	GER

**MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE**

**ISSF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**July 1 - 2, 2016**

**Moscow, RUS**

**A G E N D A**

**for the GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**of the International Shooting Sport Federation - ISSF -**

**Date:**  
July 1, 2016  
July 2, 2016

**Time:**  
15:00 hours  
9:00 hours

**Place:**  
Moscow, RUS Crowne Plaza Hotel  
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1.	Welcome of the delegates
2.	Roll-call of voting powers and establishment of voting list
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4.3	Chairman of Technical Committee
4.4	Auditors
5.	Approval of the report of the Auditors and discharge of the Executive Committee
6.	Proposals of Executive Committee
7.	Proposals of Administrative Council
8.	Report on the preparation of the ISSF World Championship Running Target 2016 in Suhl, GER from July 15 to 23, 2016
9.	Report on the preparation of the XXXI Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro, BRA from August 5 to 21, 2016 (shooting August 6 to 14, 2016)
10.	Report on the preparation of the ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Suhl, GER from June 22 to 30, 2017
11.	Report on the preparation of the separate ISSF World Championship Shotgun in Moscow, RUS from August 30 to September 11, 2017

12.	Report on the preparation of the 52 <sup>nd</sup> World Championship All Events in Changwon, KOR from August 31 to September 14, 2018
13.	Report on the preparation of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires, ARG from October 1 to 12, 2018
14.	Report on the preparation of the XXXII Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo, JPN from July 24 to August 9, 2020
15.	Proposal to approve a new edition of the ISSF Constitution, in the wording attached to this agenda.
16.	Proposals submitted by member federations
17.	Determination of the membership fees for the period of 2017/2018
18.	Kuwait Shooting Federation appeal about suspension of Membership Status
19.	Miscellaneous

**Roll Call for the ISSF General Assembly Moscow, RUS 1 and 2 July 2016**

Nr.	NOC	Continent	Name of Member Federation	No. of votes	Name(s) of Delegate(s)
1	ALB	Europe	Albanian Shooting Sport Federation	4	Pres.: Stefan Rrufa, Sec. Gen.: Koco Mikerezi receives Proxy from MON
2	ALG	Africa	Federation Algerienne de Tir Sportif	4	Pres.: Rabah Bouzid receives Proxy from LBA
3	AND	Europe	Federacio Andorrana de Tir	0	gives Proxy to ESP
4	ANG	Africa	Angola Shooting Federation	0	gives Proxy to SUD
5	ARG	America	Federacion Argentina de Tiro	0	gives Proxy to MEX
6	ARM	Europe	Armenian Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: Artur Hovhannisyan Dmitry Orlov
7	ARU	America	Aruba Shooting Association	2	Vice Pres.: Harold Heyliger
8	AUS	Oceania	Shooting Australia	2	Pres.: Mrs. Catherine Fettell
9	AUT	Europe	Austrian Shooting Sport Federation	1	Sec.Gen.: Florian Neururer
10	AUT	Europe	Austria Shooting Fed. Clay Target and Combined	1	Pres.: Thomas Steinmüller
11	AZE	Europe	Shooting Federation of Azerbaijan Republic	2	Sec. Gen.: Emin Jafarov Beyali Hajiyev
12	BAN	Asia	Bangladesh Shooting Sports Federation	2	Pres.: Nazimuddin Chowdhury Sec.Gen.: Entekhabul Hamid
13	BAR	America	Barbados Shooting Council		
14	BEL	Europe	Royal Belgian Shooting Sport Federation		
15	BEL	Europe	Belgian Clay Shooting Federation		
16	BHU	Asia	Bhutan Shooting Federation	2	Sec. Gen.: Mr. Gyamtsho
17	BIH	Europe	Shooting Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	Sec. Gen.: Aida Huncek-Pita Momcilo Bodirosa
18	BLR	Europe	Belarusian Shooting Sport Federation	2	Yuri Arkhipenko Vasili Iourtchik
19	BOL	America	Federacion Boliviana de Tiro Deportivo	4	Carlos Silva Monterroso receives Proxy from NCA
20	BRA	America	Brazilian Shooting Sport Confederation	2	Ricardo Brenck
21	BRN	Asia	Bahrain Shooting Association	4	Khaled Abdulaziz Mohamed Saleh Ahmed Mohamed Alahamed receives Proxy from TLS
22	BUL	Europe	Bulgarian Shooting Union	1	Pres.: Maria Grozdeva-Grigorova
23	BUL	Europe	Bulgarian Trap and Skeet Federation	0	gives proxy to ITA (FITAV)
24	CAN	America	Shooting Federation of Canada	2	Sec. Gen.: Patrick Haynes Shari Akow
25	CAY	America	Cayman Islands Sport Shooting Association		
26	CHI	America	Federacion de Tiro al Vuelo de Chile		

27	CHN	Asia	Chinese Shooting Association	4	Yifu Wang Zhang Dan receives Proxy from MAC
28	CMR	Africa	Cameroon Shooting Federation	0	gives Proxy to EGY
29	COL	America	Federacion Colombiana de Tiro y Caza Deportiva	2	Hernando Vega
30	CRC	America	Federación de Tiro (Costa Rica)		
31	CRO	Europe	Croatian Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: Hubert Kispal Sec. Gen.: Dragutin Vrbek
32	CUB	America	Federacion Cubana de Tiro	2	Pres.: Rafael Guerra Mollinedo
33	CYP	Europe	Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation	2	Pres.: Demetris Lordos Petros Kyritsis
34	CZE	Europe	Czech Shooting Federation	2	Vicepresident: Ivana Ertlova Vladislav Sanak
35	DEN	Europe	Danish Shooting Union	2	Pres.: John Hansen, Sec. Gen.: Tommy Sörensen
36	DOM	America	Dominican Republic Clay Target Shooting Federation	1	Pres.: Jose Mera
37	ECU	America	Federacion Ecuatoriana de Tiro Olimpico	2	Pres.: Joselito Roberto Padilla Gomez
38	EGY	Africa	Egyptian Shooting Federation	4	Pres.: Hazem Hosny Ahmed receives Proxy from CMR
39	ESA	America	Federacion Salvadorena de Tiro	0	proxy to GUA
40	ESP	Europe	Royal Spanish Shooting Federation	4	Pres: Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz, Sec. Gen.: Jesus Martinez Martinez receives Proxy from AND
41	EST	Europe	Estonian Shooting Sport Federation	4	Sec.Gen.: Meelis Loit Merily Tammeorg receives proxy from LAT
42	FIJ	Oceania	The Shooting Association of Fiji		
43	FIN	Europe	Finnish Shooting Sport Federation	2	Pres.: Mrs. Pia Nybäck Sec.Gen.: Risto Aarrekiivi
44	FRA	Europe	French Shooting Federation	2	Ghislaine Briez
45	GBR	Europe	British Shooting Limited	2	Chairman: John Harris CEO: Dr. Hamish McInnes
46	GEO	Europe	Georgian National Shooting Federation	2	Tamaz Imnaishvili
47	GER	Europe	German Shooting Sport Federation	2	Pres.: Heinz-Helmut Fischer Wilhelm-Xaver Grill
48	GHA	Africa	Ghana Shooting Sports Federation	2	Chairman: Cillian George Walsh
49	GRE	Europe	Hellenic Shooting Federation	2	Alexandros Dimakakos
50	GUA	America	Asociacion Deportiva Nacional de Tiro con Armas de Caza (Guatemala)	1	Pres.: Pablo Manuel Duarte Saenz de Tejada
51	GUA	America	Guatemalan Shooting Federation	2	Sergio Ivan Figueroa Gonzalez receives proxy from ESA
52	GUM	Oceania	Guam National Sport Shooting Federation		

53	GUY	America	Guyana National Rifle Association		
54	HKG	Asia	Hong Kong Shooting Association	2	SHU MING CHENG Sec. Gen.: JOS TSI YANG
55	HUN	Europe	Hungarian Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: György Nagy Sec. Gen.: Laszlo Sinka
56	INA	Asia	Indonesian Target Shooting and Hunting Association	2	Mohammad Indra Wargadalem Selvyana Sofjan Hosen
57	IND	Asia	The National Rifle Association of India	2	Pres: Raninder Singh
58	IRI	Asia	Shooting Federation Islamic Republic of Iran	2	Pres.: Seyed Mehdi Hashemi Haghighat Ahmadreza Hamouni
59	IRL	Europe	National Target Shooting Association of Ireland	1	Pres.: Liam Crawford
60	IRL	Europe	Irish Clay Pigeon Shooting Association	1	Conor Mooney
61	IRQ	Asia	Iraqi Shooting Federation	2	Zahid Noori Gatea Talal Midhat Serri
62	ISL	Europe	Icelandic Shooting Sports Federation	2	Pres.: Halldor Axelsson, Sec. Gen.: Gudmundur Kr. Gislason
63	ISR	Europe	Israel Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: Itzhak Yonassi Sec. Gen.: Yair Davidovich
64	ITA	Europe	Italian Shooting Union	1	Pres.: Ernfried Obrist
65	ITA	Europe	Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo	2	Pres: Luciano Rossi receives proxy from BUL
66	JAM	America	Jamaica Rifle Association		
67	JOR	Asia	Jordanian Shooting Federation	2	Sec. Gen.: Ghassan F. Shaban
68	JPN	Asia	National Rifle Association of Japan	1	Sec.Gen.: Kiichiro Matsumaru
69	JPN	Asia	Japan Clay Target Shooting Association	1	Pres: Yoshihiro Takahashi
70	KAZ	Asia	Sport Shooting Federation Republic of Kazakhstan	2	Sec.Gen.: Stanislav Lapidus Oleg Pochivalov
71	KEN	Africa	The Kenya Sports Shooting Federation	0	gives proxy to NGR
72	KGZ	Asia	Kyrgyzstan Shooting Sport Federation	2	Sec.Gen.: Takhir Ismailov Taalaibek Rysaliev
73	KOR	Asia	Korea Shooting Federation	2	Woojae Lee Ki Rim Park
74	KOS	Europe	Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo	2	Pres.: Ali Pllana Murteza Shllaku
75	KSA	Asia	Saudi Arabian Shooting Federation	2	Sec.Gen.: Saeed Al Qarni
76	LAO	Asia	Lao Shooting Federation	2	Lamphieng Phommakong
77	LAT	Europe	Latvian Shooting Federation	0	gives proxy to EST
78	LBA	Africa	Libyan Shooting Federation	0	gives proxy to ALG
79	LCA	America	Saint Lucia Shooting Association		
80	LIB	Asia	Lebanon Shooting Federation	4	Pres.: Boutros Jalkh receives proxy from MYA
81	LIE	Europe	Liechtenstein Shooting Association	2	Luca Minelli

82	LTU	Europe	Lithuanian Shooting Sport Union	2	Pres.: Algirdas Antanas Kersulis
83	LUX	Europe	Federation Luxembourgeoise de Tir aux Armes Sportives	2	Sec.Gen.: Marco Fardellini-Mucciarelli Natalia Fardellini-Kolodyi
84	MAC	Asia	Macau China Shooting Association	0	gives proxy to CHN
85	MAR	Africa	Federation Royale Marocaine de Tir Sportif	0	gives proxy to NEP
86	MAS	Asia	National Shooting Association of Malaysia	2	Ching Huat Adam Tee
87	MDA	Europe	Shooting Federation of the Republic of Moldova	2	Pres.: Arcadie Bostan, Sec. Gen.: Constantin David
88	MDV	Asia	Shooting Association of Maldives	2	Sec. Gen.: Ahmed Thohir
89	MEX	America	Federacion Mexicana de Tiro y Caza, A.C.	4	Pres.: Jorge Alfonso Pena Soberanis Antonio Fernandez Arena receives proxy from ARG
90	MGL	Asia	Mongolian Shooting Sport Federation		-
91	MKD	Europe	Macedonian Sport Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: Vladimir Pandovski Viktor Pandovski
92	MLT	Europe	Malta Shooting Sport Federation	2	Francis Pace Roseanne Pace
93	MNE	Europe	Shooting Federation of Montenegro	2	Pres.: Dragan Samardzic Sec.Gen.: Savo Milasinovic
94	MON	Europe	Monaco Shooting Federation	0	gives proxy to ALB
95	MTN	Africa	Federation Mauritanienne de Tir Sportif	2	Sec. Gen.: Sidine Mohamed Ahid
96	MYA	Asia	Myanmar Shooting Sport Federation	0	gives proxy to LIB
97	NAM	Africa	Shooting Union of Namibia	0	gives proxy to SEN
98	NCA	America	Federacion Nacional de Tiro Deportivo de Nicaragua	0	gives proxy to BOL
99	NED	Europe	Royal Netherlands Shooting Sport Association	2	Pres.: Egbert IJzerman, Sec. Gen.: Sander Duisterhof
100	NEP	Asia	Nepal Shooting Association	4	Pres.: Pushpa Das Shrestha Pratik Shrestha receives proxy from MAR
101	NGR	Africa	Nigeria Shooting Federation	4	Pres.: Wole-Madariola Olumide receives proxy from KEN
102	NOR	Europe	Norwegian Shooting Association	2	Pres.: Jan Tore Berg-Knutsen Sec. Gen.: Arild Groven
103	NZL	Oceania	New Zealand Shooting Federation Inc.	2	Pres.: Ewen Pirie
104	OMA	Asia	Oman Shooting Association	0	gives proxy to QAT
105	PAK	Asia	National Rifle Association of Pakistan	2	Sec. Gen.: Javaid Shamshad Lodhi, Razi Ahmad Khan
106	PAN	America	Federacion Panamena de Tiro		
107	PER	America	Peruvian National Sport Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: Juan Fernando Villanueva Torres
108	PNG	Oceania	Shooting Association of Papua New Guinea		

109	POL	Europe	Polish Sport Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: Tomasz Kwiecien Sportsdirec.: Jolanta Tolczyk
110	POR	Europe	Portuguese Shooting Federation		
111	POR	Europe	Federacao Portuguesa de Tiro con Armas de Caca	1	Pres.: Pedro Manuel da Cunha Mota
112	PRK	Asia	Shooting Association The Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2	Chol Ung Kim
113	PUR	America	Puerto Rico Shooting Association	1	Pres.: Reinaldo Irizarry Rodriguez
114	PUR	America	Puerto Rico Shotgun Federation	1	Pres.: Manuel Guzman
115	QAT	Asia	Qatar Shooting & Archery Association	4	Sec. Gen.: Abdulla Ali Al-Hammadi Ali Al-Kuwari receives proxy from OMA
116	ROU	Europe	Romanian Shooting Sport Federation	2	Pres.: Sorin Babii, Popa Maricel
117	RSA	Africa	South African Shooting Sport Confederation	4	Pres.: Hennie Jacobs, Hendrik Johannes Van der Linde receives Proxy from ZIM
118	RUS	Europe	Russian Shooting Union	2	Anna Borisova Anna Leshchikova
119	RWA	Africa	Rwanda Archery and Shooting Sports Federation	2	Sec. Gen.: Richard Muhumuza
120	SAM	Oceania	Samoa Shooting Association		
121	SEN	Africa	Senegalese Shooting and Hunting Federation	4	Pres.: Mamadou Ba receives Proxy from NAM
122	SIN	Asia	Singapore Shooting Association	2	Pres.: Michael Vaz
123	SLO	Europe	Shooting Union of Slovenia	2	Pres.: Janez Slapar
124	SMR	Europe	Federazione Sammarinese Tiro a Segno	1	Pres: Giuseppe Mario Muscioni
125	SMR	Europe	Federazione Sammarinese Tiro a Volo	1	Pres.: Moreno Benedettini
126	SRB	Europe	Serbian Shooting Sport Federation	2	Pres. Sinisa Masovic, Sec. Gen.: Nenad Petkovic
127	SRI	Asia	National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka	2	Pres.: Shirantha Peries Jagath Ranasinghe
128	SUD	Africa	Sudanese Shooting Federation	4	Pres.: Dr. Safe Eldin Hamed Muhsin Mehanni Ahmed receives Proxy from ANG
129	SUI	Europe	Swiss Shooting Federation	2	Pres. Dora Andres Gen.Manager: Marcel Benz
130	SUR	America	Surinam Shooting Federation		
131	SVK	Europe	Slovak Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: Miloslav Benca, Jozef Mano
132	SWE	Europe	Swedish Shooting Sport Federation	2	Sec. Gen.: Mikael Jansson Patrik Johansson
133	TGA	Oceania	Shooting Association of Tonga		
134	THA	Asia	National Shooting Sport Association of Thailand	1	Yothin Inthep



135	THA	Asia	Skeet and Trap Shooting Association of Thailand	1	Sec.Gen.: Bhattakarka Bunnag
136	TJK	Asia	Tajikistan Sport Shooting Federation	2	Pres.: Behzod Faizullaev Anatoli Aktov
137	TKM	Asia	Shooting Sports Federation of Turkmenistan		-
138	TLS	Asia	East Timor (Timor Leste) Shooting Federation	0	gives Proxy to BRN
139	TPE	Asia	Chinese Taipei Shooting Association	2	Chung-Hsing Kuo, Yuh-Ju Liou
140	TTO	America	Trinidad Rifle Association		
141	TUN	Africa	Federation Tunisienne de Tir	2	Pres.: Samir Chouchane
142	TUR	Europe	Turkish Shooting and Hunting Federation	2	Pres.: Ufuk Arman Ms. Melis Giraud
143	UAE	Asia	United Arab Emirates Shooting Association	4	Pres.: Ahmed Al Raisi Sec.Gen.: Abdulla Al Zaabi receives proxy from UGA
144	UGA	Africa	Uganda Shooting Sport Federation	0	gives proxy to UAE
145	UKR	Europe	Ukrainian Shooting Federation	2	Oleksandr Milenin Dmytro Buriak
146	USA	America	USA Shooting	2	Pres. Dr. James Lally Bob Mitchell
147	UZB	Asia	Sport Shooting Federation of Uzbekistan	2	Sec. Gen.: Jaloliddin Atabullaev Interpreter: Olimjon Makhmudov
148	VEN	America	Federacion Venezolana de Tiro	2	Pres.: Gerardo Trotta Arnone
149	VIE	Asia	Vietnam Shooting Federation		
150	YEM	Asia	Yemen Shooting Federation	2	Sec.Gen.: Abdulghani Al-Wajih
151	ZIM	Africa	Zimbabwe Shooting Sport Federation	0	gives Proxy to RSA
			Number of votes	239	

Maximum possible participation:

151 Member Federations from 140 countries with a maximum of 278 votes!

**Participation in General Assembly on 1/2 July 2016 in Moscow, RUS:**

**130 member federations from 122 countries with 239 votes!**

### Suspended Member Federations

1	BIZ	America	Belize Sport Shooters Federation		suspended
2	BRU	Asia	Brunei Darussalam Shooting Association		suspended
3	DMA	America	Dominica Rifle Club		suspended
4	KUW	Asia	Kuwait Shooting Federation		suspended
5	MLI	Africa	Shooting Sport Federation of Mali		suspended
6	SOM	Africa	Somali Shooting Sports Federation		suspended
7	SWZ	Africa	National Shooting Association of Swaziland		suspended
8	TAN	Africa	Tanzania Amateur Shooting Association		suspended

### Not eligible to participate in GA due to non payment of membership fees

1	AFG	Asia	Afghanistan National Shooting Sport Federation		Membership fee not paid
2	ANT	America	Antigua & Barbuda Rifle Association		Membership fee not paid
3	BER	America	Bermuda Target Shooting Association		Membership fee not paid
4	CHI	America	Federacion Deportiva Nacional de Tiro al Blanco de Chile		Membership fee not paid
5	DOM	America	Federacion Dominicana de Tiro (FEDOTI)		Membership fee not paid
6	HON	America	Federacion Nacional de Tiro de Honduras		Membership fee not paid
7	ISV	America	Virgin Islands Shooting Sports Federation		Membership fee not paid
8	PAR	America	Federacion Paraguaya de Tiro		Membership fee not paid
9	PHI	Asia	Philippine National Shooting Association		Membership fee not paid
10	SYR	Asia	Syrian Arab Shooting Federation		Membership fee not paid
11	TUV	Oceania	Tuvalu Shooting Federation		Membership fee not paid
12	URU	America	Federacion Uruguay de Tiro		Membership fee not paid

**International Shooting Sport Federation  
Minutes of the General Assembly  
in Moscow, RUS on July 1 – 2, 2016**

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July 1, 2016	15:00 hours	Moscow, RUS Crowne Plaza Hotel
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**Present:**

**Executive Committee**

Olegario Vázquez Raña	MEX	President
Gary L. Anderson	USA	Vice-President
Vladimir Lisin	RUS	Vice-President
Luciano Rossi	ITA	Vice-President
Yifu Wang	CHN	Vice-President
Jörg Brokamp	GER	Chairman Technical Committee
Abhinav Bindra	IND	Chairman Athletes Committee
Alexandros Dimakakos	GRE	Member, Auditor
Kevin Kilty	IRL	Member of the ISSF Executive Committee
Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz	ESP	Member of the ISSF Executive Committee
Robert Mitchell	USA	Member of the ISSF Executive Committee
Raninder Singh	IND	Member of the ISSF Executive Committee
Franz Schreiber	GER	Secretary General

**Administrative Council:**

Dr. Ahmed Al Raisi	UAE	Member of the Administrative Council
Duajj Khalaf Al-Otaibi	KUW	Member of the Administrative Council
Kerstin Bodin	SWE	Member of the Administrative Council
Yair Davidovich	ISR	Member of the Administrative Council
Heinz-Helmut Fischer	GER	Member of the Administrative Council
Juha Hirvi	FIN	Member of the Administrative Council
Derek R. Ivy	GBR	Member of the Administrative Council
Woo Jae Lee	KOR	Member of the Administrative Council
Feng Li	CHN	Member of the Administrative Council
Gerardo Trotta Arnone	VEN	Member of the Administrative Council

**Chairmen of the Section Committees**

Peter Underhill	GBR	Chairman of the Judges Committee
Tomislav Sepec	CRO	Chairman of the Rifle Committee
Susan B. Abbott	GBR	Chairman of the Pistol Committee
Demetris Lordos	CYP	Chairman of the Shotgun Committee
Pekka Kuusisto	FIN	Chairman of the Running Target Committee
Antonio Fernandez Arena	MEX	Chairman of the Statutes and Eligibility Committee, Auditor
Dr. James Lally	USA	Chairman of the Medical Committee

**Representatives of the Continental Federations**

Hazem Hosny Ahmed	EGY	President African Shooting Sport Fed.
Carlos Silva Monterroso	GUA	President of the Confed. of the Americas
Ali Mohammed Al Kuwari	QAT	Nominee Asian Shooting Confederation
Alexander Ratner	RUS	Nominee European Shooting Confed.

**Honorary Member:**

Unni Nicolaysen

**Excused:**

Nick Sullivan	AUS	President Oceania Shooting Federation
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**Minutes:**

Franz Schreiber	GER	Secretary General
Peter Underhill	GBR	Chairman of the Judges Committee

## **ITEM 1 Welcome of the delegates**

President Olegario Vázquez Raña welcomed all delegates to the ISSF General Assembly on July 1, 2016 in Moscow, RUS. He was very pleased that so many federations had sent delegates and participated in this ordinary General Assembly. He explained that interpretation is available on the following channels:

English – 1  
Russian – 2  
French – 3  
Spanish – 4  
German – 5

The President informed the delegates that the shooting family had lost great personalities and gave the floor to the Secretary General Franz Schreiber to give further explanations.

Mr. Schreiber thanked the President and also welcomed all delegates to this General Assembly. He informed the delegates that the shooting family had lost three friends:

### **Mr. David R. V. Parish, GBR**

Mr. Parish had served the ISSF for 36 years, starting as a member of the Rifle Committee from 1987 to 1994. In the following years, from 1994 to 2002 he acted as Chairman of that Committee. From 2002 to 2010, Mr. Parish was Chairman of the Technical Committee and finally, he served the ISSF as a member of the Executive Committee from 2010 to 2014. He passed away unexpectedly in August 2015.

### **Dr. Heinz Lösel, GER**

Dr. Lösel had served the ISSF for 37 years. He acted as Chairman of the Medical Committee from 1978 to 2006. In 2006 he became an Honorary Member of the ISSF. Dr. Lösel passed away at the age of 96 in December 2015.

### **Mr. Fritz Schattleitner, AUT**

Mr. Schattleitner had served the ISSF for 37 years. He had started his career as an athlete and had participated in the Olympic Games in Mexico City in 1968. In 1980, Mr. Schattleitner was elected as a member of the Technical Committee and worked in that Committee until 2010. Mr. Schattleitner also acted as Auditor from 1980 to 2010. In 2010, Mr. Schattleitner became an Honorary Member. He passed away in May 2016 after a long illness.

Mr. Schreiber said that they will be kept in good memory and the President asked all delegates to stand up for a moment of silence.

Afterwards, the President thanked all delegates and extended a warm welcome to all delegates. The President especially welcomed Mr. Vitaly Smirnov, IOC Honorary Member, a very special friend of the shooting sport. Mr. Vitaly Smirnov thanked the President for the kind words and welcomed all delegates to his hometown Moscow, RUS in the name of the National Olympic Committee of Russia. He further wished everyone an excellent meeting and assured the delegates and Mr. Vázquez Raña that the Olympic Movement is supported by Russia. In particular, the shooting sport has been growing in the past few years under the leadership of President Lisin. He further congratulated Mr. Vazquez on the great achievement in the shooting sport during his presidency and finalized his short welcome by once again wishing all excellent meetings.

The President thanked Mr. Smirnov and explained that he is a long-term friend who has always helped the shooting sport in the past and is always welcome to attend any ISSF Events.

## **ITEM 2      Roll-call of voting powers and establishment of voting list**

The President gave the floor to Secretary General Franz Schreiber, who thanked the President and welcomed all delegates to Moscow, RUS and wished successful meetings. The Secretary General first gave some explanations on technical matters and said that as in previous years, only registered delegates were to sit at the delegates' table. All observers who had informed the ISSF of their presence beforehand are admitted to the General Assembly and are seated in the back of the room. Press and Media representatives were also allowed to attend and had to sit in the designated area. Mr. Schreiber emphasized that only delegates are entitled to sit in the front part of the meeting hall.

Mr. Schreiber further explained that if there are any questions, to please raise the hand and the person's name will be noted. First, all speakers will be registered and then given the floor one after the other. After all speakers had spoken, their questions will be answered.

Mr. Schreiber stated that the ISSF had sent the invitations and the agenda according to the ISSF Constitution two months prior to the General Assembly. Also, all Member Federations had received the draft of the Constitution and other documents according to the Constitution.

Concerning the Roll Call, Mr. Schreiber informed the delegates that the ISSF had 164 Member Federations from 151 countries with a total of 302 votes. However, the Executive Committee had to suspend the Belize Sport Shooters Federation in its last meeting some days ago. Consequently, the ISSF counts a total of 163 Member Federations from 150 countries with a maximum of 300 votes. Mr. Schreiber explained that a list with all ISSF Member Federations is enclosed in the documents.

Mr. Schreiber stated that 12 Member Federations did not pay the membership fee as stipulated in the ISSF Constitution. Therefore, they are not eligible to participate in this General Assembly. All Member Federations had been informed prior to the General Assembly by several reminders to pay the membership fees but still, as many as 12 Member Federations did not send any payment, nor had they react to any reminders. The Member Federations concerned come from Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Bermuda, Chile (Tiro Blanco), Dominican Republic, Honduras, Virgin Islands, Paraguay, Philippines, Syria, Tuvalu and Uruguay. These votes must be deducted from the maximum vote. Mr. Schreiber explained that a total of 151 Member Federations from 140 countries would be able to participate and have a maximum of 278 votes. According to the ISSF Constitution, article 1.6.12, the quorum is 25% including Proxies, which means a minimum of 70 votes or 83 Member Federations have to be present. Mr. Schreiber confirmed that the quorum is reached.

Mr. Schreiber informed the delegates that currently, 95 Member Federations are present which have Proxies from 16 Federations. This adds up to a total 111 Federations with 222 votes. The President thanked the Secretary General and proceeded to the next agenda item.

### **NOTE:**

During the General Assembly, the Secretary General continuously informed the delegates that the Roll Call has changed and the final Roll Call showed that 130 Member Federations with 239 votes participated in this General Assembly.

### **ITEM 3 Appointment of the**

#### **ITEM 3.1 Minutes Committee**

The President proposed to the General Assembly that Mr. Franz Schreiber, Secretary General and Mr. Peter Underhill, Chairman of the Judges Committee should be the Minutes Committee. As there were no objections, the Minutes Committee was approved.

#### **ITEM 3.2 Scrutinizers**

The President gave the floor to the Secretary General who reported that some hours ago, the ISSF had received a letter signed by several federations with some proposals for the General Assembly. However, that letter was sent before the General Assembly had convened. Mr. Schreiber explained that any requests regarding the procedure of the General Assembly must be presented and decided during the General Assembly. Therefore, specific proposals must be brought up by a delegate when the General Assembly has convened and the respective agenda item is discussed.

Mr. Schreiber then came to the appointment of the scrutinizers. He reported that the Administrative Council had proposed the following persons as scrutinizers and the General Assembly has to decide on that proposal:

- Alexandros Dimakakos, GRE
- Abhinav Bindra, IND
- Kevin Kilty, IRL
- Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz, ESP

The Secretary General asked if there were any objections. Mr. Duaj Al-Otaibi, President of the suspended Kuwait Shooting Federation (“KSF”) took the floor and stated that a letter was presented to the ISSF, with 38 signatures, that asked to add two more scrutinizers for all requested votings, namely Mr. Javaid S. Lodhi, PAK and Mr. Muhsin Mehanni Ahmed, SUD.

Mr. Schreiber thanked Mr. Al-Otaibi for his comment and pointed out again that of course, if a delegate proposed this, the General Assembly would decide on the matter. Mr. Schreiber asked all delegates twice if anyone proposed to add scrutinizers. Since no delegate asked for the floor and no delegate asked for additional scrutinizers or objected to the proposed ones, the proposal of the Administrative Council was accepted.

#### **ITEM 3.3 Review Committee**

The President proposed to create a Review Committee in case it was necessary in this General Assembly. The President proposed the following persons for the Review Committee:

- Jörg Brokamp, GER – Europe
- Yifu Wang, CHN – Asia
- Carlos Silva Monterroso, GUA – America
- Kevin Kilty, IRL – Europe

The President asked if there were any objections. As there were no objections, the nominations were approved.

## **ITEM 4 Reports of the**

### **ITEM 4.1 President**

The President informed the delegates that, as usually, the President's Report will start with a video that covers the last two years since the last General Assembly in Munich, GER in December 2014. The video, that highlighted the ISSF's activities and accomplishments over the past two years was shown. The complete video took 20 minutes and started with an overview of the ISSF Competitions. Images of the World Cup Series 2015 were shown, where Quota Places had been distributed at the World Cups in Acapulco, Al Ain, Changwon, Larnaca, Fort Benning and Munich. The video further showed the President's participation in the General Assembly of the German Shooting Federation, where he was awarded the Honorary Membership by the President of the German Shooting Federation, Mr. Heinz-Helmut Fischer.

The video brought up the Junior World Cup conducted in Suhl, GER. The Junior World Cups were well accepted and are an important tool in increasing junior participation. The Junior World Cups had been introduced after a decision of the Executive Committee. In Lonato, ITA, the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council had their yearly meetings in 2015. Those meetings were organized in connection with the ISSF World Shotgun Championships in Lonato, ITA in September 2015. The President's Report then mentioned several decisions of the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council during the meetings in Lonato which had appointed the locations of the future World Cup and Junior World Cup Series.

The report further mentioned that the Administrative Council had suspended the Kuwait Shooting Federation, by a majority decision. This decision was taken as a reaction to the decision of the International Olympic Committee to suspend the National Olympic Committee of Kuwait in order to protect the Olympic Movement in Kuwait from undue governmental influence in sports in Kuwait. Following on, the President's Report showed that the International Olympic Committee had revoked the Olympic qualifying status of the Asian Shooting Championships. The ISSF had invited all Asian Member Federations to apply for the organization of a special Asian Qualifying Competition and the ISSF Executive Committee proposed to the IOC to grant this competition to New Delhi, IND. The International Olympic Committee accepted this proposal and consequently, the ISSF Olympic qualifying competition for Asia was organized in January 2016 in New Delhi, IND.

The video then showed the website of the International Olympic Committee where the Olympic Athletes Hub were introduced. This is a website that gives information on the Olympic Games but also details about career possibilities after an active athletes' life.

Also, the President reported in his video the Meeting of the ISSF Executive Committee on March 1, 2016 where many decisions were taken concerning Technical Delegates and a new Code of Ethics was approved.

The President thanked Vice-President Vladimir Lisin, who coordinated the work on the draft of the new Constitution. In this draft, many proposals of Member Federations and officials were included. The draft was further evaluated by the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee and finally approved by the Executive Committee. After the approval of the Executive Committee, the draft was published on the website and Member Federations and anyone interested could study the draft. In particular the Member Federations were asked to study the draft and send further comments to the ISSF Headquarters. Then, a final draft was prepared and sent to all Member Federations to be discussed in this General Assembly in Moscow. The President thanked all Member Federations for their kind cooperation and input.



The President's Report continued by showing very good images of the 2016 World Cup Series as well as the European Games that were organized in Baku, AZE in 2015.

The President further thanked in his report all five continents for their excellent work and showed fine examples of how the continental confederations had promoted the shooting sport on their continent.

The President's Report also showed the 107<sup>th</sup> IOC Session which was held in Monaco on December 8 to 9, 2015 where the International Olympic Committee unanimously approved the IOC Agenda 2020.

In the following, it was explained in the video that the International Shooting Sport Federation resigned as member of SportAccord during the General Assembly of SportAccord that was held in Sochi, RUS as a reaction of the opening speech of President Marius Vizer. Another 14 federations had withdrawn their membership and showed full support to the IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach and the Olympic Movement.

The next topic in the President's Report was the 128<sup>th</sup> IOC Session, organized in Kuala Lumpur, MAS where Beijing was elected to host the Winter Olympic Games in 2022. Further, Lausanne was elected as host of the Youth Winter Olympic Games in 2022. Moreover, it was announced in that IOC Session that the IOC will launch the Olympic Channel where sport will be shown 24 hours per day.

The President's Report closed by thanking all members of the Executive Committee, Administrative Council and all Member Federations for their help and support that enabled the President to work for the shooting sport during the past two years.

After the video, President Vázquez added some comments to his report. He mentioned, that he was an athlete for many years and the shooting sport has always been part of his life. In 1980, the President stated that problems started because several IOC Members tried to eliminate the shooting sport from the Olympic Games. These problems increased for the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games when the shooting sport was in danger of being excluded. As a consequence, the ISSF introduced electronic targets, quota places for the Olympic Games and also a Finals format, among other important changes to make the sport more attractive to competitors, spectators and the media. Thanks to the unconditional support of the IOC President at the time, Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, and later Mr. Jacques Rogge as well as the current President Dr. Thomas Bach, the shooting sport strengthened its presence in the Olympic Movement and is now one of the most important sports. **In the past two years, three or four ISSF Member Federations had attempted to de-stabilize the governing bodies of the ISSF by confusing and disorienting the shooting sport family. In 2015, a lawsuit was filed against the ISSF at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Switzerland. After almost one year and an enormous waste of time and resources, the case was dismissed for a lack of merit. However, there are still federations that continue this campaign of disorientation.** For this reason, the President wanted all delegates to know that even though these attacks are apparently directed to the ISSF governing bodies, it is only the shooting sport that is actually affected. Sport leaders will one day leave but the sport will remain. The President further stated that there are 45 International Federations waiting to be accepted for the Olympic Program and the International Olympic Committee is carefully observing sports that have such problems. The President pointed out that the International Olympic Committee is monitoring all International Federations and is aware of those internal controversies. This of course also affects the inclusion of federations in the Olympic Program. There are 15 shooting events on the program of the Olympic Games, which is a very high number of individual events. Therefore, all delegates and Member Federations can be assured that the

decisions taken by the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council have one common objective: the permanence of the shooting sport in the Olympic Movement. The President informed the delegates that a few days ago, a country that is known to everyone, sued the ISSF and the International Olympic Committee for 1.3 billion US dollars. The President continued in stating that it is necessary that those persons, leading the ISSF must be trusted as well as the delegates leading the ISSF Member Federations. The President confirmed once again that he is very pleased to see so many delegates in this General Assembly that gives everyone the possibility to address and solve possible problems.

Finally, the President wanted to thank Mr. Abhinav Bindra, IND, who is the Chairman of the ISSF Athletes Committee. Some days ago, the ISSF was informed by the IOC that the ISSF Athletes Committee is one of the best Athletes Committees within the Olympic Movement. The President extended his thanks and congratulations to Mr. Bindra for this great achievements.

Since there were no questions, the President then welcomed Mr. Pavel Novikov, the Russian Deputy Minister of Sports, and gave him the floor. Mr. Novikov thanked the President and welcomed all delegates to Moscow. He further congratulated the ISSF on this wonderful congress. The Minister confirmed that the shooting sport and the ISSF is fully supported by Russia. The Minister further pointed out that the ISSF is one of the most powerful and productive International Federations in the Olympic Movement. He expressed his thanks that the ISSF backs the shooting sport in Russia by supporting Mr. Vladimir Lisin, President of the Russian Shooting Union and Vice-President of the International Shooting Sport Federation. Mr. Novikov confirmed that the shooting sport is a very important sport in Russia and the Russian Shooting Union is one of the bigger federations in Russia. Around 500,000 people practice the shooting sport in Russia. The minister confirmed that just recently, the Sport Ministry confirmed youth academies as well as the construction of new shooting ranges. Minister Novikov closed his welcome by welcoming once again all delegates and wishing great success and good decisions.

#### **ITEM 4.2 Secretary General**

The President gave the floor to the Secretary General who thanked the President and informed the delegates that he had prepared a PowerPoint presentation that could be seen on the screens. He reported that after the 2014 General Assembly in Munich, GER, the ISSF Headquarters was kept busy organizing meetings and following up on decisions of the various meetings of ISSF bodies. During the last two years, the ISSF celebrated the ISSF World Shotgun Championships in Lonato, ITA in September 2015, many excellent ISSF World Cups, Junior World Cups and Championships all over the world. President Vázquez had already reported on these events in great detail.

The ISSF was involved in three cases at the Court of Arbitration. The first case dealt with an appeal of Sheikh Salman Al Sabah and the Kuwait Shooting Federation against the ISSF to annul the election of the President during the General Assembly 2014 and to repeat it. The CAS decision dated November 16, 2015 confirmed the election and dismissed the appeal. The second case dealt with an appeal of the Bulgarian Shooting Sport Federation against the ISSF about the decision of the General Assembly 2014 to expel the Bulgarian Shooting Sport Federation. The CAS decision dated 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015 confirmed the decision of the General Assembly and dismissed the appeal. The third CAS case is a combination of three appeals that were filed at the Court of Arbitration by the Kuwait Shooting Federation, the Asian Shooting Confederation as well as three athletes and the appeal is versus the IOC and ISSF. The three cases are dealing with the decision of the IOC and ISSF to withdraw the Olympic qualifying status of the Asian

Championships from Kuwait and granting that status to a special qualifying competition in New Delhi, IND. This third case had not been decided yet and a hearing is scheduled by CAS in Lausanne on July 20. ISSF legal costs and expenses on those cases already exceed 400,000 EUR, not taking into account the time spent.

The Secretary General reported that the most important event in these two years is the Olympic Games which will be organized in about a month's time in Rio de Janeiro, BRA. The ISSF Headquarters was kept busy and also the President, Secretary General and the two Technical Delegates made several visits to Rio to work on several difficult issues. Shooting had its pre-Olympic Test Event and World Cup in April 2016 and it could be seen that a very good Olympic Shooting Center in the Deodoro Cluster will be prepared. There are several challenges such as transportation and also the final completion of the venue is a big issue. The ISSF Headquarters work closely with the IOC, Rio 2016 and almost 100 NOCs to facilitate athletes' participation in the Games and 390 Quota Places could be confirmed. A total of 14,056 results with Minimum Qualification Scores could have been obtained by 4,412 athletes from 117 nations between September 2014 and March 2016. This number has increased compared to the previous Olympic Games and confirms that the participation worldwide has been increasing. The ISSF Headquarters was also working hard to get confirmation on the Quota Places for the Olympic Games. The International Olympic Committee Tripartite Commission issued their Quota Places and that year, the International Olympic Committee gave 18 countries 22 Quota Places and returned two to ISSF for redistribution. The ISSF received more than 100 applications for so-called Wild Cards from countries with and without Quota Places. The ISSF had exact rules for the redistribution of Quota Places and only those countries without Quota Place but MQS athletes were entitled to receive a redistributed Quota Place. The ranking for the eligible countries was by the number of athletes with MQS results and the total number of MQS results. Athletes from 70 countries had won 363 Quota Places during the Qualification Period and 22 additional Universality Places were added by the IOC Tripartite Commission. Nine Quota Places were redistributed to applicant NOCs according to the ISSF Quota Rules and three NOCs returned four Quota Places that were also redistributed. Finally, a total of 390 Quota Places were distributed to 97 countries for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The ISSF is looking forward to successful Olympic Games in August 2016.

The Secretary General continued in reporting that preparations have started for the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Shooting Championships which will be held in Changwon, KOR in 2018. A separate report will follow in this General Assembly. Also preparations for the 1<sup>st</sup> ISSF Junior World Championship 2017 in Rifle and Pistol in Suhl, GER are under way as well as the World Shotgun Championship 2017 in Moscow, RUS.

The Secretary General reported that many administrative tasks at the ISSF Headquarters are ongoing. The ISSF online entry service is very important and handles entries for all ISSF Championships. The entries have been increasing from around 7,500 in 2013 to approximately 10,500 entries in 2014 and in 2015, over 12,000 entries were registered. Another working area is the ISSF Anti-Doping Program. This includes the administration of whereabouts, Therapeutic Use Exemptions as well as several hundred in-competition and some out-of-competition tests each year. The ISSF Headquarters must further follow-up on positive test reports, also on the national level. The ISSF is also conducting a comprehensive Anti-Doping education program for athletes and the ISSF is pleased to report that anti-doping rule violation only occur very rarely in ISSF Championships and that also national anti-doping cases are decreasing. The ISSF will continue to place high-priority on education and support the IOC in protecting clean athletes and to punish those who cheat. The Secretary General reported that the daily office work also includes

emails, mails, archiving reports, results and official documents and also the ISSF News is an important tool to inform stakeholders of ISSF decisions. A PDF version of each News issue is now available on the ISSF Website free of charge and also an electronic version with additional content is available as App for Apple and Android tablets, also free of charge. The Secretary General further reported that it is also necessary for the ISSF Headquarters to prepare invoices, take care of accounting, issue Judges and Shotgun Referee Licenses, Coaches Licenses, correspondence on Championships and also issue athletes ID numbers. The daily office work also includes the organization of various meetings of ISSF bodies and Ad Hoc Committees. They need to be prepared and the outcomes and decisions need to be communicated. The annual Workshop for Organizers has now reached its 16<sup>th</sup> edition and proved to be an excellent tool to educate member federations. Other administrative tasks include updating the Website, distributing Newsletters and Press Releases, editing and printing the ISSF Rules, maintaining and updating details of ISSF Committee Members and Member Federations, managing the ISSF Shop, keeping the results archive up-to-date, maintaining lists of records to name just a few. A very important work of the ISSF Headquarters is dealing with the very important ISSF Training Academy. The Training Academy organizes courses in ISSF accredited Training Centers in Kuortane, FIN, Bar, MNE, Moscow, RUS and Umbriaverde, ITA. Two “C” Courses and two “B” Courses had been organized in the past two years as well as 13 “D” Courses in several countries. The Training Academy has now trained 1,100 coaches. Developing ISSF Member Federations is becoming more and more important and the ISSF provides financial support for all Member Federations to participate. The ISSF Training Academy has turned into one of our best tools for development by educating coaches who support Member Federations’ efforts to develop the shooting sport in their countries. The ISSF Coach Development Plan allows the ISSF in partnership with the IOC to grant financial aid to Member Federations for ISSF Training Academy course fees, travel costs and expert expenses. Also “D” Courses are financially supported by ISSF after application. ISSF Judges Courses train Member Federations’ officials and the ISSF supports every Expert Instructor’s Course for Judges Courses. The ISSF is working to expand the Member Federations’ development plan wherever possible.

The Secretary General further reported that the ISSF President and Secretary General regularly participate in congresses and General Assemblies of SportAccord, ASOIF, World Master Games Federation and the Commonwealth Games Federation. The ISSF President and Secretary General had further participated in the IOC Session in Monte Carlo in December 2014 where the International Olympic Committee adopted the Agenda 2020, the IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur 2015 and many yearly meetings of the IOC Executive Board with the Summer Olympic International Federations. The Secretary General participated in many special, IOC, ASOIF and SportAccord Meetings and in Lausanne such as the IF Forum, Workshop for Illegal Betting, Workshop for Sustainability in Sport, Workshop for Good Governance and several coordination meetings for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The Secretary General reported that a big share of the ISSF budget is invested in TV, media, press and communication programs. The ISSF Communication Team, a team of professionals that had been expanded since the last General Assembly 2014, conducts these programs. The leader of that team is Mr. Marco Dalla Dea, the ISSF Communication Manager. The successful ISSF Team mainly consists of three television professionals, Mr. Jonathan Stoppele, Stefano Arcelli and Fabio Guglielmi. The ISSF TV Team covered all ISSF Championships in 2015 and 2016 and productions include live TV via Eurovision at the World Championship in Lonato as well as full-length coverage of World Cups and World Cup Final, interviews with athletes and officials, a 26-minute highlight summary of each Championship, a 3-minute news report on individual events and also the livestream telecast of Finals at World Championships, Junior World Cups and World Cup Finals. The ISSF TV

productions are distributed via the official ISSF Website, YouTube Sports Hub, Youku (largest video sharing website in China), Eurovision, media pool platforms for broadcasters as well as DVDs, which are available in the ISSF Shop. Not only the ISSF TV Team is working hard to present the shooting sport to the public but also the ISSF Media and Communication staff. In 2015, the ISSF Website was visited by 1.9 million, which is an increase of 14.6% compared to the previous year. Over 250 online articles were published, which is also an increase of over 25% and over 2,000 social media posts were published and distributed by the communication staff in 2015. Thousands of newspaper and magazine articles on ISSF shooting were published and the ISSF is active in most social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Flickr, YouTube and Youku. The Secretary General underlined that social media is of high priority for ISSF.

The Secretary General further reported that the **Danish Institute of Sports Study ranked the ISSF 35<sup>th</sup> of 35 International Federations in their good governance rating.** The ISSF examined the Play the Game report in great detail and concluded that it contains incorrect information that led to underrating the ISSF in many of its evaluation categories. For example, the study states that the ISSF accounts are not audited, which is wrong. It states that the ISSF does not offer consultancy to its members which is also not true. The ISSF has been organizing annual workshops for its members for many years. Therefore, the ISSF Executive Committee concluded that the study is inaccurate, unfair and irresponsible. The ISSF has already been working with the International Olympic Committee and ASOIF to implement good governance criteria and already fulfills many criteria and is committed to take steps into that direction. Transparency is a key to good governance and the ISSF actively supports transparency initiatives. The Secretary General announced that in addition to the many publications that are already on the ISSF Website, the ISSF will publish its audited financial reports after approval and the same will be done with the Meeting Minutes of General Assemblies and Administrative Council Meetings after they were approved. All these documents will be available for download. In this regard, the ISSF also approved in March 2016 a new Code of Ethics, which explicitly addresses good governance issues like conflicts of interests, bribery, etc.

The Secretary General explained that the ISSF currently counts 163 affiliated National Federations from 150 countries on all five continents. Eight National Federations are currently suspended.

The Secretary General in particular thanked the President Olegario Vázquez Raña for his excellent guidance and wise leadership. Without his guidance, the ISSF Headquarters and the Secretary General would not be able to work so efficiently and with so much passion for the shooting sport. Special thanks and appreciation from the Secretary General expressed to all ISSF bodies, committees, and volunteers for their cooperation and dedicated work. Very special thanks went to the ISSF Member Federations of the excellent cooperation and support. Finally, the Secretary General thanked the staff of the ISSF Headquarters, where Jan, Brigitte, Doris, Franziska, Sarah, Wolfgang and Marco are working hard as well as the office of the President in Mexico with Grace and Elizabeth.

The Secretary General closed his report in assuring the delegates that the ISSF Headquarters will continue to work on behalf of the Member Federations to support a strong and united shooting sport all over the world. The Secretary General asked all delegates to work together because only **in unity** is the shooting sport strong.

The Secretary General thanked the delegates for their attention and asked if there were any questions.

The President thanked Mr Franz Schreiber for his excellent report and since there were no questions, he proceeded with the next agenda item.

#### **ITEM 4.3 Chairman of Technical Committee**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Chairman of the Technical Committee. Mr. Brokamp thanked the President and informed the delegates that it is an honor for him to give his first report as Chairman of the Technical Committee. He thanked the members of the Technical Committee as well as Section Committees and the Executive Committee and Administrative Council for their great work. Mr. Brokamp in particular thanked the Member Federations for their support. He referred to his written report enclosed to the documents and pointed out some specific items. He explained that the Technical Committee had solved a large number of items on the agenda, but also a few challenges remained which require special attention. The challenges involve; the IOC Agenda 2020 Recommendations, the procedure of Equipment and Ammunition Control, the composition of the future event calendar, the increased influence of legislation and environmental effects on the shooting sport and the new ISSF Technical Rules, edition 2017. Mr. Brokamp reported that the Technical Committee will further follow its important function to discuss opportunities and give advice and input to the ISSF Executive Committee, Administrative Council and General Assembly. Despite a wide involvement by athletes, Member Federations and other stakeholders in the ISSF family, the necessary changes and modifications will not please everyone. Mr Brokamp emphasized that we need to overcome the challenges together. An old Chinese proverb says “when the wind of change blows, some people build walls, others build windmills”. So Mr. Brokamp asked to build windmills together. He then reported that the three important pillars of working together are mutual respect, unity and common aims to successfully face the upcoming challenges. In the end, it is not about single interests but about the shooting sport and our athletes. Mr. Brokamp urged the delegates to positively influence the delegations at Championships to honor the athletes by attending the victory ceremonies. He had often witnessed that right after the Finals, the delegations and officials leave the range and do not stay and applaud during the victory ceremony. This is not acceptable and must be changed. He therefore asked all delegates and Member Federations to stay for the victory ceremony and honor the winners. This is all about mutual respect. The second pillar, unity, is more and more becoming an issue. Mr. Brokamp asked all Member Federations for more unity and to leave the politics out of the sport. If the ISSF and the shooting sport are not able to work together, other International Federations will take advantage of this disunity. Mr. Brokamp asked all Member Federations to be united and to work together.

The third pillar, common aims usually strengthens the sport. Mr. Brokamp reported that in the past years, several matters of personal interest were weakening the common aims and it is necessary to turn around and work together for the sake of the shooting sport and the athletes who deserve that we work together in the best spirit for the shooting sport. Mr. Brokamp showed several pictures of athletes from various countries, regions, continents and religion and pointed out that all these athletes have one common goal: the shooting sport. At the end of his report, Mr. Brokamp once again emphasized the need of working together for the best spirit of the shooting sport.

The President thanked Mr. Brokamp for this outstanding report and since there were no questions, he continued in the agenda.

#### **ITEM 4.4 Auditors**

The President explained that the two elected auditors are Mr. Alexandros Dimakakos, GRE and Mr. Antonio Fernandez Arena, MEX. The President gave the floor to the auditors. Mr. Antonio Fernandez Arena thanked the President and stated he would speak in the name of both auditors. Mr. Fernandez Arena informed the delegates that the auditors were elected by the General Assembly 2014 in Munich. Mr. Fernandez Arena declared that all Member Federations had received the ISSF annual audit report by Mr. Alfred Reitmeier, tax advisor, charter accountant, law assistant and auditor for the years 2014 and 2015. These reports were also sent to the German tax office and government that examines the reports every year. If the German tax office found any expenditures or irregularities that are not according to ISSF constitutional purposes, the federation could lose its status as registered association with the tax exemptions in Germany. Mr. Fernandez Arena reported that the ISSF income is mainly spent on the following areas: staff (18%), office and administration (7%), legal, tax and insurance (10%), General Assembly and other meetings (8%), TV, media and communications (27%), competitions and trainings (29%). The funds from the IOC, which is the main income is split up in four parts as could be seen in the written reports. This is necessary for tax purposes. Mr. Fernandez Arena further stated that the books are open for everybody and if there are any questions, even after the General Assembly or during the year, to please send an email to the ISSF Headquarters and the ISSF will answer in detail. Mr. Fernandez Arena continued by explaining that the auditors checked the reports, accounts and compared the vouchers and bookkeeping. As a result of these checks, no irregularities were found. Mr. Fernandez Arena thanked the delegates for their attention and was ready for any questions. The President thanked Mr. Fernandez Arena for his report and since there were no questions, proceeded with the next agenda item.

#### **ITEM 5 Approval of the report of the Auditors and discharge of the Executive Committee**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Fernandez Arena, who presented the auditor's report. Mr. Fernandez Arena explained that, as commissioned, the bookkeeping of the International Shooting Sport Federation had been examined. Assisted by the technical reports of chartered accountant Alfred Reitmeier for the years 2014 and 2015, the entries and payments were compared to the vouchers on a random sample basis and in all cases, the perfect conformity was determined. All existing accounts of the ISSF were at the accountants' disposal. The accounting and vouchers were kept in good order. In summary, the following proposal was made to the General Assembly in Moscow, RUS regarding the audits:

*Due to the results of the audit for the years 2014 and 2015, produced by the Chartered Accountant Alfred Reitmeier discharge can be given to the Executive Committee and Secretary General.*

Mr. Fernandez Arena declared that this report was signed and approved by the two auditors, Mr. Alexandros Dimakakos and himself, Mr. Antonio Fernandez Arena.

The President thanked Mr. Fernandez Arena for the report and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Abdulghani Al-Wajih, delegate from Yemen asked for the floor and requested to have a secret vote on the approval of the report of the auditors and discharge of the Executive Committee.



Mr. Schreiber thanked the delegate of Yemen for this proposal and informed the General Assembly that according to the Constitution, article 1.6.13.1, all decisions are taken by open vote and require a simple majority except in the case that a secret vote is requested by a minimum of 20% of possible votes. Mr. Schreiber continued to inform the General Assembly that since Yemen has asked for a secret vote, the General Assembly now has to decide by open vote about the proposal and therefore, an open vote will decide on this question. Before this vote can be conducted, the scrutinizers were asked to get prepared and the Secretary General informed the General Assembly about the latest Roll Call. Mr. Schreiber stated that presently, 129 National Federations were registered with a total of 237 votes. The open vote was then taken and the Secretary General asked the delegates to show the green cards to vote in favor of an open vote and to raise the red cards to advocate a secret vote. For abstentions, the white card must be raised. The scrutinizers counted the voting cards and the President announced the result: 30 votes were in favor of a secret vote, the remaining votes were in favor of an open vote by having shown the green cards. According to the Constitution article 1.6.13.1, the requested 20% of members present would mean that out of the maximum of 237 votes, at least 47.4, that is 48 votes would have been necessary for a secret vote. Mr. Schreiber explained that this number was not reached as only 30 votes were in favor of a secret vote. Therefore, an open vote will be conducted to decide on the approval of the report of the Auditors Committee and discharge of the Executive Committee. The delegates were asked to raise the green cards if they were in favor of discharge and to raise the red cards if were against discharge. For abstention, the white cards should be raised. It was a unanimous vote, no red cards were raised nor any white cards. Therefore, the Secretary General informed the General Assembly that the report of the Auditors Committee and discharge of the Executive Committee was unanimously approved.

The delegate of the United Arab Emirates Shooting Association, Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al-Raisi asked for the floor. He mentioned that the voting instructions may not have been clear for each delegate and asked for clarification.

The Secretary General thanked Dr. Al-Raisi and stated that the vote was very clear as it was repeated twice. As there were no further questions, the President continued with agenda item 6.

#### **ITEM 6 Proposals of Executive Committee**

The President informed the General Assembly that there were no proposals by the Executive Committee for this General Assembly.

#### **ITEM 7 Proposals of Administrative Council**

The President informed the delegates that the Administrative Council had made no proposals for this General Assembly. However, the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council wanted to inform the delegates about the ISSF TV, Communication and Media Projects, which are very important for ISSF. Mr. Gary Anderson was asked to give a report about the projects.

Mr. Anderson thanked the President and informed the General Assembly that he had prepared a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that – as was presented in the auditors report – 27% of the ISSF budget was spent on communication, television and media. Mr. Anderson further informed the delegates that the ISSF TV, Media and Communication Program is a very important tool to inform the Olympic Family and shooting fans worldwide as well as the organizers and participants such as athletes, judges and officials about shooting sport competitions and activities but also to attract new shooters and fans. Mr. Anderson reported that it is of major importance to



have a good communication strategy and explained that some years ago, the former President of the International Olympic Committee, Dr. Jacques Rogge stated that in the Olympic Games, competitions are not only between athletes but also between sports. A good communication program is one of the best ways to win this competition and keep the sport on the Olympic Program. A good communication program highlights the heroic efforts of the athletes and attracts youth, more participants and more fans. Mr. Anderson introduced the communication team and explained that this team produces communication contents at each ISSF Championship. These contents are for example results and graphics, videos, photos, interviews, stories, social media feeds and press releases. These contents are then distributed to the media, which develops and distributes contents to the audience. Mr. Anderson further stated that the ISSF contents are available on various communication devices such as cell phones, tablet and laptops. The ISSF distributes through all channels in addition to the website, the ISSF News, the digital version of the ISSF News, ISSF Apps, Newsletters and Press Releases. ISSF is also distributing ISSF Championships and Events through video footage on the ISSF Website Livestream, YouTube, and Youku. ISSF is also very active in social media distribution via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Flickr and Weibo. Mr. Anderson further reported that in the past two years, the ISSF had opened communication in the People's Republic of China and one member of the communications team speaks Chinese. In addition, relationship had been developed with Sport Sina, which is a leading Chinese digital sports media platform as well as YouKu, a video hosting service based in China and Weibo, a Chinese micro-blogging website similar to Twitter and Facebook. Mr. Anderson continued his report by saying that the traditional way of communication is the ISSF News, the official ISSF Bulletin. The magazine is now not only available as print edition but also as PDF free of charge on the ISSF Website. Each issue is also available as electronic version free of charge as App for Apple and Android tablets and contains additional content. Another important and big part of communication is the ISSF TV production. ISSF produces its own TV footage and has its own TV team that consists of several specialized experts. The ISSF TV Team telecasts Finals live and record them from the first to the last shot. Those Finals are distributed through the Livestream ISSF Channel and on the YouTube ISSF Channel as well as on the YouKu ISSF Channel. The TV production also comprises a 3-minute news as well as a 26-minute highlight and B-roll footage, all for international TV distribution. Mr. Anderson explained that the livestream TV production is a new TV product, which was introduced in 2015. One or two handheld cameras, fixed cameras as well as commentator and a producer are necessary for the livestream. Shooting fans all around the world can now follow the Finals live on the internet. All ISSF TV products are distributed through *Dominique Curchord Communications*, a professional communication company that arranges worldwide distribution of ISSF TV footage. Mr. Anderson informed the delegates that the ISSF TV production is quite impressive, for example YouTube Channel in the first six months counted more than 2.6 million views and also the YouKu Channel, which has just started already showed a great 33,000 views. The newly introduced ISSF livestream proved to be very successful with as many as 200,000 viewers. Mr. Anderson continued in reporting that one of the main means of communication is the ISSF Website which provides access to official information such as rules, calendar, organizers' information, historic results data but also athlete data with detailed competition records, Championship videos and a broad photo gallery and is linked to Facebook and Twitter. The ISSF Facebook page has 1.09 billion active users daily, among them are 989 million mobile users. Mr. Anderson mentioned some Facebook statistics: There are currently 333,000 likes and the ISSF published 356 posts from January to May 2016. Around 6,769,500 Facebook views were registered during the first five months of the year 2016. The number of Facebook likes increased by a great 82% between January and June 2016. Mr. Anderson stated that ISSF is also very active in using Twitter, a free social networking service that allows registered members to

broadcast short posts called “tweets”. Following on, Mr. Anderson focused on the YouTube channel, which has been in existence for several years now. On this channel, viewers can find interviews, videos, full-length Finals and also summaries of the Finals. The channel is well accepted and well established. Videos are not only shown on YouTube but also on YouKu, which is the main video sharing platform in China. In the past five months, the ISSF had uploaded 71 videos to YouKu, that were watched by 2.6 million viewers. Mr. Anderson then brought up the ISSF photo gallery, which is relatively new and shows photos taken during ISSF Championships that are posted on the ISSF Website for media and interested persons. In 2016, around 4,400 photos were uploaded to the ISSF Website that were viewed and used by more than 50,000 persons. Mr. Anderson gave some online statistics and results of the year 2016, from January to June: More than 100 online articles were published on the ISSF Website, that were read by more than 140,000 readers. More than 4,400 photos were posted that were viewed by over 50,000 persons. At this stage, the ISSF had around 11,000 followers on Twitter and more than 330,000 Facebook fans. More than 2.6 million viewers had watched the videos on YouTube. Mr. Anderson emphasized that a good communication program is essential as after each Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee conducts a detailed evaluation of all sports on the Olympic Program. For the first time and in line with the Agenda 2020, the 2016 evaluation will be an event-based evaluation. In this evaluation, many details are requested by the IOC and it is necessary for the ISSF to prove that the ISSF has a profound communication program with great numbers on the internet and social media. The International Olympic Committee will check statistics and numbers and the ISSF has to prove that the shooting sport is followed by many fans through its website and YouTube and that ISSF is trying to increase Facebook fans and Twitter followers. Therefore, Mr. Anderson asked all National Federations to support the ISSF Communication Program by visiting all the various platforms. Mr. Anderson further asked the ISSF Member Federations to inform their members about the various possibilities of following the shooting sport on all mentioned communication channels: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, the ISSF Website etc. Mr. Anderson closed his report by informing the delegates that the ISSF TV, media and communication program is making efforts in reaching more followers and becoming more and more effective in spreading the stories of the shooting sport and its athletes. He underlined the importance of this program, which is vital for the future of the Olympic Sports.

The President thanked Mr. Anderson for this excellent and informative report and since there were no questions, the President continued in the agenda.

#### **ITEM 8      Report on the preparation of the ISSF World Championship Running Target 2016 in Suhl, GER from July 15 to 23, 2016**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Secretary General of the German Shooting Federation who thanked the President and explained that a written report on the preparation of the ISSF World Championship Running Target 2016 in Suhl, GER was enclosed to the documents. Mr. Jörg Brokamp confirmed that the German Shooting Federation is very pleased to welcome all Running Target Athletes to the World Championship which will be held in around three weeks time in Suhl, GER. With this World Championship, the German Shooting Federation is celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1986 World Championship held in Suhl in all disciplines. Now, 30 years later, the German Federation is hosting again World Championships, this time for the Running Target disciplines. Mr. Jörg Brokamp reported that participation in the World Championship Running Target has been increasing and a record in participation for the World Championship in Suhl is expected. 20 countries with a total of 291 starts were registered

and Mr. Jörg Brokamp said he was hoping to even increase this number. Mr. Brokamp also reported that the shooting range is still the same as 30 years ago, but of course it has been renovated. There are two ranges for 50m Running Target and four ranges for the 10m Running Target disciplines. There is also a Finals Hall with two Running Target ranges and all are equipped with electronic targets from the company SIUS. Mr. Brokamp closed his short report by once again inviting all Member Federations to participate in the upcoming ISSF World Championship Running Target in Suhl, GER from July 14 to 23, 2016.

The President thanked Mr. Brokamp for his report and asked if there were any questions. As there were no questions, the President thanked the German Shooting Federation for organizing the World Championship in Running Target in Suhl and confirmed that the ISSF was looking forward to excellent Championships.

**ITEM 9      Report on the preparation of the XXXI Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro, BRA from August 5 to 21, 2016 (shooting August 6 to 14, 2016)**

The President asked Mr. Anderson to give a short report. Mr. Anderson took the floor and informed the delegates that the Secretary General, together with the two Technical Delegates, Mr. Gary Anderson and Mr. Medhat Wahdan had visited Rio de Janeiro several times in the past three years to prepare these important Olympic Games. In addition, several conference calls and numerous emails were sent in preparation of the Games. Mr. Anderson informed the delegates that most federations had participated in the pre-Olympic Test Event which was conducted in April, where some problems were noticed in the preparation. The main issue was that the construction of the Rifle and Pistol Finals Hall was not completed. As a consequence, some temporary constructions were necessary to make it possible to conduct the Finals. Mr. Anderson reported that since it was not possible to truly test the venue during the pre-Olympic Test Event, it is necessary that the ISSF makes another visit to confirm that all installations and constructions are finalized and also that the Finals Hall is in compliance with the ISSF Rules. Therefore, the Secretary General and the Technical Delegate will be traveling to Rio for a Homologation Test to ensure that the venue will be ready for the Games. The qualification ranges and qualification competitions for Rifle and Pistol during the Test Event were conducted without any problems and the ranges proved to be in good conditions. The Shotgun disciplines encountered a serious problem with the clay targets that were too hard and their breakability was not according to the ISSF standard. This was discussed with the organizers and the company producing these targets and a solution was found. New targets will be produced and shipped to Rio for the Games. Mr. Anderson proceeded in this report by emphasizing once more, that the sports department of the Rio 2016 Organizing Committee was showing great cooperation and support. The ISSF is confident and expects a great shooting competition during the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Anderson closed his short report by reaffirming that the shooting sport will be ready to welcome the participants and to show excellent competitions during these Games.

The President thanked Mr. Anderson for his short report and since there were no questions, he thanked the Technical Delegates for their work and continued in the agenda.

**ITEM 10 Report on the preparation of the ISSF Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Suhl, GER from June 22 to 30, 2017**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Jörg Brokamp who thanked the President and stated that on behalf of the German Shooting Sport Federation, he was proud to invite all ISSF Member Federations to the first ISSF Junior World Championship for Rifle and Pistol, which will be held in Suhl, GER from June 22 to 30, 2017. Mr. Jörg Brokamp explained that Suhl is very experienced in organizing Junior Competitions. The shooting venue in Suhl is a well-known shooting range for many years which has been modernized and restored. The range is now equipped with 70 electronic targets for 50m, 40 targets for 25m, 50 targets for 10m, 10 positions for the Finals Hall for 10 and 50m and a special area for the newly introduced ISSF Target Sprint was designated on the Suhl shooting venue. All targets are electronic targets by the company SIUS. The venue was again tested this year on occasion of the ISSF Junior World Cup, where 48 nations had almost 1,000 starts. Also mixed gender team events were organized during this Junior World Cup according to the rules that were already established for the Youth Olympic Games. Mr. Brokamp showed some photographs of the recent Junior World Cup that was conducted in Suhl, GER that year and highlighted the excellent organization of the newly developed ISSF Target Sprint. This ISSF Target Sprint has been offered for four years now on a Sports for All basis and is developing very positively. Athletes from Europe, Africa and some from Asia have competed in this event. Mr. Brokamp informed the delegates that this very positive trend in the Target Sprint will now be pushed to the next level, with the first ISSF World Championship for ISSF Target Sprint organized in combination with the ISSF Junior World Championship in Suhl, GER. The ISSF Executive Committee had previously agreed to accept a provisional World Championship for Target Sprint in combination with the ISSF Junior World Championship for Rifle and Pistol in Suhl, GER in 2017. More details on this exciting event would be available in due course. Mr. Brokamp further stated that it is planned to offer the ISSF Target Sprint in the city center of Suhl, by installing a 10m range on the main square together with the 400m run. Many spectators and media representatives are expected for this new, innovative ISSF Event and Mr. Brokamp invited all Member Federations to participate. Mr. Brokamp further confirmed that the ISSF World Championship for Target Sprint is the logical consequence of the great development of this important event that gives athletes an aim to train. On behalf of the German Shooting Sport Federation, Mr. Brokamp promised to do his utmost to provide excellent conditions for the ISSF Junior World Championship in Rifle and Pistol as well as the World Championship for Target Sprint.

The President thanked Mr. Brokamp for this brilliant report and since there were no questions, the President proceeded with the next agenda item.

**ITEM 11 Report on the preparation of the separate ISSF World Championship Shotgun in Moscow, RUS from August 30 to September 11, 2017**

The President gave the floor to Mrs. Anna Leshchikova, Executive Director of the Russian Shooting Union. Mrs. Leshchikova thanked the President and informed the delegates that she would now present the report about the separate ISSF World Championship Shotgun 2017 in Moscow on behalf of the Russian Shooting Union. Mrs. Leshchikova confirmed that preparations are going well and the Organizing Committee is in constant contact with the ISSF. The government is fully supporting this World Championship and the Foxlodge Shooting Venue is currently modernized. The Organizing Committee is well on plan and the budget was also confirmed. Mrs. Leshchikova informed the delegates that the main organizers of the World Championship are the Russian Shooting Union in cooperation with the Russian Minister of

Sports and the government. Mrs. Leshchikova informed the delegates that the World Championship will not be held directly in Moscow and therefore, there is no need to be afraid of the traffic. The event will be held on the Foxlodge Shooting Range which is on the outskirts of Moscow, around 40 kilometers from the city center. Mrs. Leshchikova confirmed that the venue has five ranges and the fifth combined range is currently being reconstructed. The Technical Delegate, Mr. Petros Kyritsis had already inspected the range some days ago. Mrs. Leshchikova further stated that the Foxlodge Shooting Range is also equipped with sport facilities and two gyms. They are furnished with a variety of sport equipment. Accommodation is of great importance and the Organizing Committee had confirmed that they would secure accommodation in all categories. A new hotel "Boomerang" is built on the venue and will be used for officials and some guests. This means that there are now two hotels on the venue, one is the just constructed "Boomerang" and the other one is the already existing hotel. Other accommodation for referees is also available on the range. Mrs. Leshchikova confirmed that several hotels are nearby the shooting venue that can be used for teams. The Organizing Committee of the World Championship is also trying to secure very high standard of refereeing by organizing seminars and courses and giving them the possibility to gain experience in national and international competitions. Mrs. Leshchikova stated that the Organizing Committee is in close contact with authorities to secure visa support as well as customs clearance for guns and ammunition. They are further in discussions with hotels and transport companies to secure accommodation and transportation. Concerning sponsorship, Mrs. Leshchikova confirmed that there is a list of potential sponsors for negotiation and sponsorship packages are in the planning. The Organizing Committee is working on the finalization of the television production for the World Championship. Mrs. Leshchikova closed her report by assuring that the Organizing Committee will do its utmost to provide excellent conditions for the upcoming World Shotgun Championship in Moscow, RUS.

The President thanked Mrs. Leshchikova for her very nice report and continued in the agenda.

#### **ITEM 12 Report on the preparation of the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Championship All Events in Changwon, KOR from August 31 to September 14, 2018**

The President asked the delegates of the Korean Shooting Federation to present their report. Mr. Eun Chul Lee, former athlete presented the report on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 52<sup>nd</sup> ISSF World Championship Changwon 2018. Mr. Eun Chul introduced himself and mentioned that he is a member of the Executive Board of the Organizing Committee and reported that for Korea, it will be the second World Championship to be hosted in Korea. In 2018 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Championship that was hosted in Korea in 1978. Mr. Eun Chul continued his report by explaining that after the successful organization of the World Championship 1978, Korea continued with the organization of excellent Championships, such as the Asian Games and several World Cups. Mr. Eun Chul Lee stressed that the Organizing Committee is doing its utmost to ensure that the 2018 World Championship will be an excellent competition that will be memorable and of the highest standard. Mr. Eun Chul Lee confirmed that the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Championship in Changwon will be organized from August 31 to September 14, with 15 days of competitions. The World Championship will be organized on two venues, main competitions for 10m, 25m, 50m and Shotgun will be organized on the newly renovated Changwon International Shooting Range and the 300m and 50m Running Target will be organized on the Jinhae Navy Shooting range. Mr. Eun Chul Lee showed several slides of the construction plans which displayed the range before, the present venue and the final plan for the Changwon International Shooting Range. After finalization, the venue will have five combined

and one Double Trap ranges, eighty 50m positions, seventy (fourteen groups) of 25m positions, one hundred positions for 10m, five ranges for 10m Running Target, forty positions for 300m, two ranges for 50 Running Target and a Finals range with fifteen positions. All targets will be electronic targets from SIUS. Mr. Eun Chul Lee informed the delegates that the plan foresees that construction will be finished in October 2017, six months before the Test Event is scheduled. The second venue, the Jinhae Navy Shooting Range is around 30 minutes away from the Changwon Shooting Range. Mr. Eun Chul Lee further confirmed that during the construction, the Technical Delegates as well as the ISSF will be invited to constantly follow the construction. Accommodation will be secured by the Organizing Committee in local hotels in 2 Sections. In Section I all are situated downtown, 40 minutes from the airport and about 10 to 20 minutes from the shooting range. The Organizing Committee is further securing hotels in Section II which are also available for athletes and officials and situated in the outskirts of Changwon, 30 minutes from the airport and about 30 to 40 minutes from the shooting range. The distances from the hotels to the shooting range will be between 20 to 40 minutes and transport is secured by exclusive buses operating from official accommodation with guides assigned to each bus to minimize any inconveniences. Mr. Eun Chul Lee informed the delegates that additional facilities will be constructed temporarily, such as equipment control, team rooms, restaurants and other facilities necessary to meet the requirements for the World Championship. Mr. Eun Chul Lee closed his report by confirming that the Organizing Committee will do its utmost to provide excellent conditions for outstanding World Championships to be conducted in Changwon in 2018.

The President thanked Mr. Eun Chul Lee for his great report and assured once again that the ISSF is very confident that excellent World Championships will be organized in Changwon, KOR in 2018. Since there were no questions, the President proceeded to the next agenda item.

### **ITEM 13      Report on the preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires, ARG from October 1 to 12, 2018**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso, Technical Delegate, who thanked the President and informed the delegates that after the successful Youth Olympic Games in Singapore and Nanjing, the third edition of the Youth Olympic Games will be organized in Buenos Aires, ARG. Recently, the International Olympic Committee had announced the program for all sports and the shooting sport will again be represented with six medals as in Nanjing. Mr. Silva explained that the events will be organized in 10m Air Rifle Women and Men, 10m Air Pistol Women and Men and the two international mixed gender team events for Air Rifle and Air Pistol which had already been very successfully organized at the second Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, CHN in 2014. The shooting sport will have again 80 Quota Places as in Nanjing and unfortunately, the attempt of the ISSF to also include Shotgun in the program of the Youth Olympic Games was not successful. The first inspection visit by Technical Delegate Carlos Silva is already planned and will be conducted shortly after this General Assembly. Mr. Silva asked all delegates to save the dates of the Youth Olympic Games that are scheduled from October 1 to 12, 2018, only a few weeks after the World Championship in Changwon. Mr. Silva thanked for the attention and said he was ready for any questions.

Mr. Duajj Khalaf Al-Otaibi asked why Shotgun is not included in the program of the Youth Olympic Games. The President answered that it is the International Olympic Committee which confirms the program of the Youth Olympic Games and the International Olympic Committee had decided not to include Shotgun and the only events will be 10m Air Rifle and 10m Air Pistol. Mr. Al-Otaibi stated that according to his knowledge, after the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games,

the inclusion of Shotgun would be discussed and would be included in the program. Mr. Schreiber confirmed that ISSF applied for the inclusion of the Shotgun disciplines in the Youth Olympic Games but the International Olympic Committee had denied the application. Therefore, the program of the Youth Olympic Games will remain as in Nanjing 2014. Mr. Schreiber confirmed of course that the ISSF would continue to work on this so that Shotgun might be included in future Youth Olympic Games. However, as mentioned, it is the International Olympic Committee that is deciding the program of the Youth Olympic Games.

Mr. Javaid Lodhi, delegate from Pakistan, informed the delegates that the international mixed gender team events were very successful during the last Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing. However, the combination of the teams by the winner of one event with the last of the other event and the silver medalist of one event with the second last in the other event may not have been very fair and it may have given advantage to one or the other team. Mr. Lodhi asked if it is possible to reconsider the combinations. Mr. Schreiber thanked Mr. Lodhi for his comment and confirmed that this will be discussed by the experts and the International Olympic Committee which, in the end, is in charge of the program.

The President thanked for the questions and Mr. Silva for his great report and as there were no further questions, continued in the agenda.

#### **ITEM 14      Report on the preparation of the XXXII Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo, JPN from July 24 to August 9, 2020**

The President asked Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Technical Delegate for Rifle and Pistol to give a short report. Mr. Brokamp took the floor and explained that there were already several meetings between the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee and the ISSF. In its last meeting, the ISSF Executive Committee had designated the Technical Delegates for the Olympic Games in Tokyo, namely Mr. Demetris Lordos for Shotgun and himself, Mr. Jörg Brokamp for Rifle and Pistol. Mr. Brokamp informed the delegates that shooting would be organized on the Asaka Shooting Venue, which will be a temporary venue. The Asaka will be the same area where the shooting events at the Tokyo Olympic Games 1968 had been organized. However, the construction of the range will of course be completely new and as mentioned, it will be a temporary venue. Asaka is around 40 to 50 kilometers from Tokyo and both National Federations, the National Rifle Association of Japan and the Japan Clay Target Shooting Association together with the ISSF were negotiating with the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee to bring the shooting sport closer to the Olympic Village. Unfortunately, this was not possible and the Asaka location had been confirmed as the venue. Mr. Brokamp closed his report by confirming that the ISSF is in close contact with the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee to secure excellent conditions and a beautiful temporary shooting venue for the Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo, JPN.

Mr. Matsumaru, delegate of the National Rifle Association of Japan asked if the ISSF had already an idea about possible changes of the program of the Olympic Games with regard to the IOC Agenda 2020. Mr. Schreiber thanked Mr. Matsumaru for his question and confirmed that there are discussions on possible changes on the program of the Olympic Games for the shooting sport but it is necessary for the ISSF to first receive the evaluation of the International Olympic Committee regarding the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, as the events, according to the IOC Agenda 2020 will be event-based rather than sport-based evaluated. Mr. Schreiber explained that up to this date, no decisions were made and further discussions are necessary.

Since there were no further questions, the President informed the delegates that this concludes the first day of the General Assembly and asked the Secretary General if he wanted to add

anything. Mr. Schreiber thanked the President and informed the delegates that the Organizing Committee invited all delegates for dinner on a cruise ship. Transportation to the cruise ship will be organized at 7 p.m. and the meeting point is the main lobby. The Secretary General informed the delegates that the General Assembly will continue the next day at 9 a.m. in the same room.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber for this information and closed the first day of the General Assembly by once again thanking Mr. Novikov and Mr. Smirnov for attending this General Assembly. He in particular thanked Mr. Vladimir Lisin, who invited all delegates and guests to dinner.

The General Assembly continued on July 2, 2016 at 9 a.m. and the President welcomed all delegates to the second day of the General Assembly in Moscow. The President asked the Secretary General to give some information. Mr. Schreiber took the floor and also welcomed all delegates to the second day of the General Assembly. The Secretary General continued as follows:

*“Yesterday, I reported that we had received a letter from Mr. Al-Otaibi, KUW, signed by representatives of 38 federations that requested the appointment of two additional scrutinizers, and secret, non-electronic vote on items 5, 15 and 18 of the agenda. I explained that this request was not valid because it was received before the General Assembly and that all proposals for consideration by the General Assembly must be made by a delegate while the General Assembly is in session, not before. Under item 3, Appointment of Scrutinizers, I clearly asked the General Assembly two times “Are there any additional proposals?” There were none, so we proceeded. Under item 5, Discharge of the Executive Committee, a request was received for a secret vote. An open vote was conducted but the request did not receive the required 20%. These procedures were clearly according to the Constitution. Today, we received another letter from Mr. Al-Otaibi alleging that the procedures we followed yesterday violated the Constitution and again requesting that the previous written request be followed. Once again, we wish to emphasize that the Constitution Article 1.6.13.1 states that all decisions must be made by open vote except when a secret vote is requested and at least 20% of the delegates agree with the request. That means a request for a secret vote must be made in connection with each vote taken. The procedures we followed yesterday were clearly according to the Constitution and we will follow these constitutional procedures again today. If a delegate requests a secret vote on agenda items 15 and 18, we will take another open vote to determine if 20% or more of the delegates want a secret vote. Thank you”.*

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Boutros Jalkh, President of the Lebanon Shooting Federation took the floor and thanked the President for organizing a successful General Assembly. He wanted to clarify that many federations made mistakes in the General Assembly the previous day concerning the vote under item 5. Mr. Boutros Jalkh mentioned that things were not clear for many federations. Therefore, Mr. Jalkh requested, on behalf of the 38 federations, which had signed the letter provided to the ISSF two days ago and requested Mr. Javaid S. Lodhi, PAK and Mr. Muhsin Mehanni Ahmed, SUD to be appointed as additional scrutinizers. Further, Mr. Boutros Jalkh requested to conduct a secret and non-electronic vote on item 15 and 18 of the General Assembly. He also stated “as to the open vote and in order to avoid mistakes, we request to use a more transparent way; we can achieve



this by voting separately, first for NO and after the vote for YES. This will facilitate the work of the scrutinizers.

The President thanked Mr. Boutros Jalkh for his comments and asked the Secretary General to give further explanations on these requests. Mr. Schreiber thanked Mr. Jalkh for his comments and answered the three questions as follows:

1. Regarding the application for a secret vote for agenda item 15 and 18, Mr. Schreiber repeated that certainly, if there is a request to conduct a secret vote during the agenda item by a delegate, an open vote will be conducted to determine if the requested 20% of the delegates support this application and if yes, a secret vote will of course be conducted.
2. Mr. Schreiber repeated that the previous day, it was asked if there were any proposals concerning additional scrutinizers. This was not the case. Certainly, if there is another request this day, this question could be put forward for a vote.
3. Concerning the wish to first ask for YES and secondly for NO and finally for ABSTENTION, Mr. Schreiber said it was difficult to conduct an open vote according to this procedure because it is not clear and it might be the case that some first vote for YES, later for NO and later even for ABSTENTION. The vote has to be conducted in one round, where for YES, NO and ABSTENTION is asked at the same time.

The Secretary General informed the delegates that now, since there was indeed a proposal to add two persons as scrutinizers, the delegates are requested to vote if these two persons, Mr. Javaid S. Lodhi, PAK and Mr. Muhsin Mehanni Ahmed, SUD should be added as scrutinizers. All those delegates, who wanted to vote in favor of adding the two persons to the scrutinizers were asked to raise the green cards, those who are against adding those two persons as scrutinizers, should raise the red cards. Everyone voting for an abstention should raise the white cards. After some minutes, the Secretary General repeated the instructions and asked again to raise the green cards to vote in favor of adding the two scrutinizers, those who are against adding the two persons as scrutinizers were asked to show the red cards and those who abstain should hold up the white cards. The scrutinizers counted the votes. 52 votes in favor of adding the two persons were counted. With the 52 votes, 50% of the possible votes were not reached as 239 votes are the maximum number of votes and 50% correspond to 119 votes. Mr. Schreiber explained that no scrutinizers will be added as the requested 50% majority was not reached.

The delegates from the Shooting Federation Islamic Republic of Iran asked for the second application for a secret vote, it is only necessary to ask who supports the secret vote. The Secretary General thanked for this comment and asked all delegates for their vote if a secret vote should be conducted under agenda item 15, which is on the approval of the Constitution. All those delegates, who supported the application to conduct a secret vote were asked to show the green cards. To vote against the application to conduct a secret vote, delegates were asked to raise the red card and those who abstain the white cards. The vote was conducted and the scrutinizers counted the votes. The result was announced as follows: In favor of a secret vote, 58 votes were giving, meaning the required 20% were reached and a secret vote on agenda item 15 will be conducted.

Mr. Schreiber confirmed once again that the Roll Call was now 239 votes. 20% equal 47.8, meaning 48 votes.

Since there were no further questions, the President proceeded to agenda item 15.

**ITEM 15      Proposal to approve a new edition of the ISSF Constitution, in the wording attached to this agenda**

The President informed the delegates that the ISSF had proposed a new edition of the ISSF Constitution and Mr. Vice-President Vladimir Lisin was designated to coordinate the revision of the ISSF Constitution. The President gave the floor to Mr. Lisin who first of all thanked the President and welcomed all delegates to Moscow, his hometown. Mr. Lisin continued in Russian and informed the delegates that the existing ISSF Constitution was adopted on July 22, 1980. It was amended several times and is currently composed of three different parts. Various Member Federations had already expressed certain criticism on different important provisions and in 2012, the ISSF General Assembly in London, GBR had denied approval of a revised version of the Constitution. Mr. Lisin continued by mentioning the main goal of the process and informed the delegates that one of the aims was to create a modern Constitution that corresponds to reality and to the Olympic Charter. He further wanted to secure that the process of revising the ISSF Constitution is open, transparent and clear to all members of the ISSF family. He was trying to get all Member Federations involved in the process and took all opinions and comments of Member Federations and experts into account. He also tried to inform the Member Federations in advance on possible changes. The schedule of the process had started in April 2015 with the letter of the President and Secretary General to all Member Federations by announcing the process and appointing ISSF Vice-President Vladimir Lisin to be in charge. In May, the schedule of the process was established and the work on the questionnaire on the possible changes in the ISSF Constitution began. On July 19, the first presentation of the questionnaire was organized on the occasion of the European Shooting Confederation General Assembly and on July 22, the questionnaire was placed on the website of the European Shooting Confederation. Mr. Lisin continued with his report by stating that on September 8, 2015, the presentation of the questionnaire to the members of the Administrative Council together with a report of the work was given. On October 5, the questionnaire was sent out to all ISSF Member Federations and on November 15, the first draft of the new version of the ISSF Constitution was created. In November, the draft was given to the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee which revised and discussed the draft. From November to January, a second draft was created by using and evaluating all comments. This second draft was presented to the ISSF Executive Committee at its meeting on March 1, 2016. The second draft was corrected and revised by the Executive Committee. The draft which was then approved by the ISSF Executive Committee was published on the ISSF Website and sent to all ISSF Member Federations and Administrative Council members. April 10, 2016 was the deadline for all ISSF Member Federations and the Administrative Council to send comments and suggestions. On April 15, the International Olympic Committee had sent approval of their review of the draft of the ISSF Constitution. All comments from Member Federations, Administrative Council members and other interested groups were worked into the draft. On April 30, the final draft of the new version of the ISSF Constitution was sent to all Member Federations together with the documents for the ISSF General Assembly. Mr. Lisin informed the delegates that 63 Member Federations had filled out the questionnaire. 41 Member Federations came from Europe, 15 from Asia, 5 from Americas and 2 from Africa. In addition, 29 persons answered the questionnaire among them members of the ISSF Executive Committee, Administrative Council, ISSF Committees and individual experts. All comments that were sent to the ISSF were taken into consideration and every person or Member Federations that had sent a comment had also received an answer with details on the remark and which proposals were adopted for the final draft and which were not taken into account, explaining the reasons. As always in such a process, not all comments could be taken into account. A second questionnaire was then drafted and provided to the participants of the

General Assembly and 60 National Federations returned the questionnaire and fully supported the draft of the Constitution. Several federations did not return the questionnaire nor did they give any specific recommendations. Mr. Lisin concluded that each delegate and stakeholder had had the chance to familiarize themselves with the draft of the Constitution, so that it is not necessary to discuss it any further. Mr. Lisin stressed again that the draft was transparent and all stakeholders had had the change to comment and make suggestions. Mr. Lisin stated that he was a little bit surprised to hear that all of a sudden, the delegates of the General Assembly wanted to vote secretly on the draft of the Constitution, as it was always usual to use open and transparent ways and there should be no secret concerning this draft of the Constitution. However, as it was decided, there will be a secret vote. Mr. Lisin summarized that in his opinion, the draft of the Constitution is a real progress and will make it possible to go forward. This draft of the Constitution is in full compliance with the IOC Agenda 2020 and Mr. Lisin kindly asked all delegates to support this new draft of the Constitution, as it is not possible to live in the 1980s, when the old Constitution was adopted. The ISSF has to move forward and he explained that it is of course also possible that several proposals that might come now are included in the new Constitution but it is first necessary to approve the draft to make a new start possible. Mr. Lisin closed his report by thanking all stakeholders who were involved and had sent comments and proposals.

The President thanked Mr. Lisin for his report and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Javaid S. Lodhi, PAK took the floor and thanked the President for giving him the opportunity to make some comments. Mr. Lodhi stated that first of all he wanted to thank the President for his guidance and the possibility to comment on several matters that were always taken into account. He also thanked the ISSF for their hard work on this draft of the Constitution. However, he wanted to draw the delegates' attention to some of his concerns. The first concern he expressed was the change in the proxy voting. Previously, proxy voting was possible, but the new Constitution only gives the possibility of proxy voting from one federation of a country to the other federation of the same country. This is of course only possible if one country has two National Federations. Mr. Lodhi asked the ISSF to reconsider this change in the proxy vote as in his opinion, it is necessary to have the right of proxy voting as there could always be a reason for a federation not being able to attend the General Assembly. The second point Mr. Lodhi raised was that a National Federation that is doing something wrong and may be punished, must have the right to present the case to the Administrative Council before being suspended. It seems that in the new Constitution, this right is no longer given. Therefore, he asked for this to be taken into reconsideration. Mr. Lodhi's third point was that, in case a National Olympic Committee did something wrong, the International Olympic Committee has the right to suspend the National Olympic Committee. However, the ISSF Member Federations which may not have done anything wrong should not be punished for a wrongdoing of the National Olympic Committee. Mr. Lodhi asked the ISSF to reconsider this point. The fourth matter Mr. Lodhi wanted to discuss is that, as an example, the National Olympic Committee of Pakistan had some problems and there were elections and the government tried to introduce another National Olympic Committee, so there had been conflict for four years. After four years, the government had finally conceded that they were wrong and the legal National Olympic Committee was working again. Earlier this year, there were new elections and three sports were legally not recognized by this National Olympic Committee. This case went to the International Olympic Committee, which made a clear decision in connection with the International Olympic Committee Charter. With this decision, the International Olympic Committee had ordered the National Olympic Committee of Pakistan to accept those three sports as they are members of the International Federations and the National Olympic Committee had to accept them. In this case, the International Olympic Committee is

supporting the National Federations and the National Olympic Committee had to follow the International Federation. Mr. Lodhi asked the ISSF to also look into this matter because the National Federations are firstly a member of the ISSF and secondly a member of the National Olympic Committee.

The delegate and President of the Norwegian Shooting Association, Jan Tore Berg-Knutsen said that he remembered, that four years ago, during the General Assembly in London, there was a dispute concerning the draft of the Constitution which was presented. **The General Assembly in London had rejected the draft of that Constitution.** After that denial, the ISSF used an open and transparent procedure and had now presented a new draft of the Constitution to this General Assembly. Mr. Lisin, who had coordinated the revision of the Constitution, made an open process and all stakeholders had the chance and possibility to comment. Norway itself had made several proposals that were taken into account and in his opinion, the process was very clear. In his opinion, it was quite late then, to come up with some new proposals. Mr. Berg-Knutsen urged all delegates to vote in favor of the draft Constitution and wanted to thank Mr. Lisin and the President for their excellent work done.

The President of the Nigeria Shooting Federation, Mr. Wole-Madariola Olumide, thanked the President for giving him the floor and said that in general, he had no problems with most of the issues in the new draft of the Constitution. He also wanted to confirm two of the points Mr. Lodhi from Pakistan had raised. The right of proxy as well as the right of a federation to present its case is very important and should be reconsidered.

The delegate and President of the Mauritania Federation (Federation Mauritanienne de Tir Sportif), Sidine Cheikhna Mohamed Ahid took the floor and thanked the President for the wonderful organization of the General Assembly. However, he wanted to confirm the comments of Mr. Lodhi regarding the proxy vote, which is also of concern for him. The proxy vote is necessary and important for many Federations if they are not able to personally come to a General Assembly for any reason. The second point he raised was the concern the suspension of a National Olympic Committee by the International Olympic Committee, which would automatically result in the suspension of a Member Federation of the country. The Member Federations are often not involved in NOC decisions.

Mr. Samir Chouchene, delegate and President of the Tunisian federation (Federation Tunisienne de Tir) took the floor and raised his concern on the provision that a member federation cannot defend itself before it is suspended. The second issue concerns the proxy vote, which is essential in his opinion. Each federation should have the right to be represented by proxy in case the federation cannot attend the General Assembly for any reasons.

Mr. Stanislav Lapidus, delegate of the Sport Shooting Federation Republic of Kazakhstan asked all Asian Federations to stop the opposition and to work together for the shooting sport.

Mr. Marcel Benz, delegate of the Swiss Shooting Federation, who is also a member of the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee and had helped to draft this version of the Constitution, wanted to reconfirm that all comments had been taken into account. If some delegates have concerns now and want to change anything in the draft, it is necessary to mention the exact article that needs changes, because with general remarks it is not possible to make any modifications.

The delegate of the Sudanese Shooting Federation pointed out that the suspension of Member Federations is only in the hands of the Executive Committee and not of the Member Federations.

The President thanked all delegates for their comments and asked Mr. Vladimir Lisin to respond. Mr. Lisin thanked all delegates for their remarks and said he understood that not all federations had the chance to study the draft of the Constitution. Concerning the issue on the proxy vote, he wanted to point out that everybody had heard about corruption cases within sports, for example with FIFA. Mr. Lisin explained that the ISSF did not want to make that happen within ISSF and it is hard to believe that no one from the federation can be present at a General Assembly. For him it is strange that a proxy is given to another country and that no representative of the federation is present. In his opinion, the federation must be represented by a delegate from that federation at a General Assembly. If the President or Secretary General is not able to represent the federation, it should be possible to find a coach or anybody who is a member of the federation to represent the federation in the General Assembly.

Mr. Alexander Ratner, member of the working group answered and made further comment in response. He first wanted to reconfirm and state that the International Olympic Committee had given written approval that the draft of the ISSF Constitution is in line with the Agenda 2020 and the Olympic Charter. The article the colleague from Pakistan was referring to, which is in the Olympic Charter deals with the fact that any National Olympic Committee must recognize a federation, which is a member of the International Federation. Not vice-versa. With regard to the comments on the suspension of a Member Federation, it is clearly written that a Member Federation has all rights to protect itself and should there be a decision by the ISSF Executive Committee to suspend a Member Federation, the federation can appeal to the Administrative Council and to the Court of Arbitration. Therefore, it is indeed possible for a Member Federation to protect itself and present the case. Mr. Alexander Ratner then stated that in his opinion, it is first of all necessary to approve the Constitution and once the Constitution is approved, amendments can and will be made, depending on the comments ISSF will receive.

The President thanked Mr. Lisin and Mr. Ratner for the replies and asked the Secretary General to explain the further procedure. Mr. Schreiber explained that the General Assembly now had to vote on the new draft of the Constitution by secret vote as decided by the delegates of the General Assembly that morning. He explained that the voting papers would be distributed. Mr. Schreiber further explained that any decision regarding the Constitution requires a 22% representation in the meeting, see ISSF Constitution article 1.20.2. The Roll Call has already shown far more than the required 22%. Mr. Schreiber confirmed that the latest Roll Call shows now 139 votes, which represent 130 Member Federations. Secondly, **the Constitution requires a two-third majority to approve a constitutional change.** The voting papers had been distributed and the delegates voted and the voting papers were collected again. The scrutinizers examined the voting cards and after a coffee break, the result was announced: 148 votes were in favor of the new Constitution, 84 votes were against the draft of the new Constitution, no abstentions. A total of 232 votes were given. The required two-third majority equals 155 votes. Therefore, **the draft of the new Constitution was not approved.**

The President confirmed that this was a democratic decision and the draft of the new Constitution was not approved.

Mrs. Dora Andres, delegate and President of the Swiss Shooting Federation remarked that it was a pity that the draft was not approved. A lot of work had been put into this draft and the delegate from Pakistan, Mr. Javaid Lodhi, had previously mentioned four points that she would like to come back to and proposed to reach a decision on those four points. After having decided on those four points, the General Assembly could vote again on the draft of the Constitution. Mrs. Andres stated that it is a pity that all the work was in vain. If a **new draft will be presented again in two years at the next General Assembly,** the same might happen again. Therefore, Mrs. Andres

proposed to vote on the four points and to come back to the draft of the new Constitution and vote again.

The President thanked Mrs. Andres for her comment and proposal. The President explained that the General Assembly had just decided to reject the draft of the Constitution and as it was a democratic decision, it is valid and there is no other way but to wait for the next General Assembly to vote again on the Constitution. This might be at the next ordinary General Assembly in two years or also at an extraordinary General Assembly. However, the decision of the General Assembly taken this day has to be respected and will be respected by the ISSF.

**NOTE:**

Under agenda item 16, the following comments and discussion were made regarding the Constitution:

Mr. Florian Neururer, Secretary General of the Austrian Shooting Sport Federation asked for the floor and stated that in his opinion, it is a pity that the draft of the Constitution was not approved. The work of the working group on the Constitution considered all suggestions and he believes that it is very important, prior to the Olympic Games, that the International Shooting Sport Federation is demonstrating unity and that all federations have a common goal. Mr. Neururer asked if it could be explained what consequences the rejection of the draft of the Constitution might have within the Olympic Movement and the status of the shooting sport.

The President thanked Mr. Neururer for his comment and said that he completely agreed. The previous day, the President had talked about those few federations that are against the draft and in opposition. This is neither helpful for the General Assembly nor the shooting sport. However, the General Assembly made a decision that must be respected.

Mr. Demetris Lordos, President of the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation asked for the floor and stated that he supported the proposal of Mrs. Dora Andres to repeat the vote after deciding the four points raised by Mr. Javaid Lodhi. Mr. Demetris Lordos further stated he could not understand those, voting against the draft and why they were against it. He expressed his wish to reconsider the situation and follow the suggestion of the Swiss Shooting Federation.

Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso, delegate of the Federacion Boliviana de Tiro Deportivo, also stated that it was unfortunate that the two-third majority was missed by a few votes and the draft of the Constitution was rejected. In his opinion, the new draft of the Constitution complies with the Olympic Charter and if the ISSF does not approve this draft, this may jeopardize the shooting sport within the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games. Mr. Silva also stated that it would be an excellent idea to accept the proposal of the Swiss Shooting Sport Federation to reconsider the decision and to vote on the four items mentioned by the delegate from Pakistan and then to vote again on the Constitution. In his opinion, the General Assembly has the right to repeat the vote and he kindly asked for consideration.

Mr. Chouchene, delegate of Tunisia stated that the comments of the Pakistani delegate should be forwarded to the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee and the working group which had prepared the draft of the new Constitution and reconsider those points. Then, a new draft could be presented and voted on.

Mr. Wole-Madariola Olumide, delegate of Nigeria stated once again that he, as delegate of Nigeria cannot accept some points of the current draft of the Constitution that were previously mentioned and he asked the General Assembly to follow the democratic decision.



Mr. Sidine Mohamed Ahid, delegate of Mauritania, wanted to comment on the proposal of the Swiss delegation. He said that the General Assembly has the authority and has decided on a certain point. The decision was to reject the draft of the Constitution and it does not make sense to vote again on the same matter in this General Assembly. First, the draft of the Constitution has to be amended in several points as requested by some delegates and after the modifications, the General Assembly can vote on the updated draft. **The question of a new Constitution cannot be made in hurry and has nothing to do with the International Olympic Committee. It is solely a matter of the International Shooting Sport Federation. Everybody has to thoroughly think and decide about that Constitution.**

The President thanked everybody for the comments on the Constitution and pointed out again that a decision was already made about the Constitution by secret vote and that decision has to be respected. The President asked Mr. Schreiber for further explanations and Mr. Schreiber confirmed that so many comments show that the questions about the new Constitution is very important. **Many federations do support the new draft but some do not. Any change of the Constitution requires a two-third majority according to the present Constitution and this two-third majority was not reached in the just held secret vote. The President and the ISSF respect the democratic decision. The General Assembly had decided to reject the draft of the new Constitution and this decision is valid.**

#### **ITEM 16 Proposals submitted by member federations**

The President informed the delegates that the Member Federations had not submitted any proposals.

#### **ITEM 17 Determination of the membership fees for the period of 2017/2018**

The President informed the General Assembly that the ISSF had not changed the membership fees since 1980. The President proposed the same fee in the amount of 1,500 CHF for a full member. The President asked if there were any comments. Since there were no objections or comments, the membership fee of 1,500 CHF per year for a full member was approved.

#### **ITEM 18 Kuwait Shooting Federation appeal about suspension of Membership Status**

The President informed the delegates that the next matter was very delicate. He asked the Secretary General to give a short introduction. The Secretary General first invited the delegation of the Kuwait Shooting Federation to take a seat in the first row. Mr. Schreiber continued by explaining that on November 26, 2015, the Kuwait Shooting Federation had appealed the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council dated November 5, 2015 to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation. On October 27, 2015, the International Olympic Committee had decided to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee to protect the Olympic Movement in Kuwait from undue governmental interference. Further, the International Olympic Committee informed all International Federations about the decision and asked the International Federations to consider the situation with their Member Federation in Kuwait and take the necessary action if not done already for the protection of the Olympic Movement in Kuwait. Mr. Schreiber stated that following the IOC decision to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee, fourteen International Federations suspended their respective National Federation from Kuwait. On June 13, 2016, the Court of Arbitration for Sport confirmed the suspension of the Kuwait Football Federation by

FIFA following the IOC's above-mentioned request. Mr. Schreiber explained the next steps and clarified that Kuwait Shooting Federation had 10 to 15 minutes to explain its appeal to the General Assembly. All delegates had received the documents in advance and they were also enclosed to the documents handed out for the General Assembly. After the Kuwait Shooting Federation's presentation, questions by the delegates of the General Assembly to the Kuwait Shooting Federation may follow. Afterwards, the ISSF will explain the appealed decision by the Administrative Council also in 10 to 15 minutes. Questions by delegates to the ISSF may be asked and finally, the vote on the appeal by the General Assembly will be conducted. The Secretary General asked the Kuwait Shooting Federation to explain the appeal with a maximum speaking time of 10 to 15 minutes.

Mr. Duaij Al-Otaibi, President of the Kuwait Shooting Federation and member of the ISSF Administrative Council made the following statement regarding the appeal of the Kuwait Shooting Federation:

*“Thank you, Mr. President, thank you. My name is Duaij Al-Otaibi; I am the President of the Kuwait Shooting Federation and ISSF member of Council. On behalf of Kuwait Shooting Federation, dear President and representatives of all federations present in the General Assembly. Dear all colleagues, I would like to present the position of Kuwait Shooting Federation KSF following the suspension by the ISSF Administrative Council on November 5, 2015, following the decision of Kuwait Shooting Federation, KSF to nominate a candidate to the election of the President in 2014. The Kuwait Shooting Federation had since then been under continuous attempts to cancel its membership in the ISSF as clearly stated during the ISSF 2014 General Assembly in Munich, Germany. On October 27, 2015 the International Olympic Committee decided to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee for alleged undue governmental influence in sporting that are not related to shooting sport. Following this decision, IOC requested the ISSF to consider the situation with Kuwait Shooting Federation and take appropriate action. The ISSF Administrative Council decided on November 5, 2015 to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation based on the IOC letter. KSF suspension is unjustified and taken in violation to the ISSF Constitution for the following reasons.*

*First reason: IOC requested each International Federation such ISSF to independently consider the situation with respective Kuwaiti Federation for each sport. This IOC statement means that communications and discussions should be conducted with the respective federation to evaluate the situation. However, ISSF Administrative Council decided to suspend KSF in eight days, without communication with KSF or conducting any evaluation to KSF situation.*

*Second reason: According to article 1.3.1.15 of the ISSF Constitution stipulates that before the Administrative Council takes action, the Member Federation shall be given the opportunity to present their case a member may be suspended. In the opinion of the Administrative Council the ISSF is better able to achieve any of its purposes by the suspension of the member. In spite of this clear article of the ISSF Constitution, ISSF did not give KSF the right to present their case or the right to be heard or even to be notified. Issue one of the suspension decision. This constitutes a clear violation committed by the ISSF Administrative Council to its Constitution. ISSF decision has been taken in a few days without conducting any analysis to the situation of the shooting sport and above all did not take into consideration the damage caused to Kuwaiti shooting sport and hundreds of shooters as a result of this court decision to suspend Kuwait Shooting Federation.*



*Third reason: Neither Olympic Charter nor the ISSF Constitution applied to ISSF to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation while some Kuwaiti Federations have been suspended as a result of IOC decision against Kuwait Olympic Committee. Many other Kuwaiti Olympic Federations have not been suspended, such as Tennis Federation, Athletes Federation and others.*

*Fourth reason. The IOC decision is based on alleged government interference to the Olympic Movement. This allegation that established may not necessary apply to all Kuwaiti Federations. KSF hereby confirms that no government interference has been practiced or noticed in the shooting sport and KSF activity.*

*Fifth reason: According to ISSF Constitution, a Member Federation can be suspended under Article 1.3.15.1 which states 'A member may be suspended if, in the opinion of the Administrative Council, the ISSF is better able to achieve any of its purposes by the suspension of a member'. The purposes of ISSF are clearly mentioned in the ISSF Constitution article 1.1.1 to 1.1.3.9. The ISSF has failed to elaborate and prove which particular purpose ISSF is better able to achieve by the suspension of the Kuwait Shooting Federation. Therefore, the ISSF Administrative Council suspended Kuwait Shooting Federation membership on November 5, 2015 in violation of its own Constitution.*

*Sixth reason: In addition, we wish to recall that the Iraqi Olympic Committee was suspended by the IOC in 2008 for alleged government intervention which is the same reason for suspension of Kuwait Shooting Federation. Most recently, December 2012, the Indian Olympic Association was also suspended by the IOC, also for the same reason for alleged governmental intervention. ISSF did neither suspend the National Rifle Association of India, nor the Iraqi Shooting Federation as a result of the mentioned IOC suspension.*

*Seventh reason: As for the legal case made by ISSF, this case is filmed for other reason not related to the suspension of Kuwait Shooting Federation. In 2010, the IOC had suspended Kuwait Olympic Committee for the same reason of current suspension of alleged governmental interference in the Olympic Movement. However, ISSF and the late Secretary General Mr. Horst Schreiber decided with the ISSF Administrative Council not to suspend KSF in 2010 as this matter concerned the ISSF and not the IOC. This double standard and treating Kuwait Shooting Federation can be easily noticed between the 2010 suspension and 2015 suspension. It is evident that the decisions are taken by the ISSF management on the basis of personal reasons without any consideration to the interest of the shooting sport.*

*Last reason: Following the accusation of ISSF that Kuwait Shooting Federation is not recognized by the Kuwait Olympic Committee after the election in 2014 the Kuwait Shooting Federation filed a legal case at the Court of the state of Kuwait and won and the Olympic Committee to correct their matter and recognize the Kuwait Shooting Federation. Based on this it is proved that the ISSF Administrative Council suspended Kuwait Shooting Federation membership in violation on Constitution namely article 1.3.15, 1.3.15.1 and 1.1.1 to 1.1.3.9 of the ISSF Constitution. As such the ISSF General Assembly has a very important role to rectify the federation committed by the ISSF Administrative Council to its Constitution as explained including the right of Kuwait Shooting Federation to present its case prior the suspension to elaborate which purpose ISSF is better able to achieve by suspension of Kuwait Shooting Federation and the Kuwait Shooting Federation right to be treated equally with other federations.*

*Dear friends, this procedure taken against Kuwait Shooting Federation could be taken against any other federation, which chooses its democratic right to name a candidate for President position in the ISSF. Kuwait Shooting Federation has demonstrated its real ongoing involvement in shooting sport activity, both in Kuwait and international level. The Kuwait Shooting Federation shooters have won Olympic medals, Asian Games medals and gold medals in the ISSF World Championships and ISSF World Cups. Tremendous contributions have been made by Kuwait Shooting Federation towards the development of shooting sport during the last decade. We assure you that no government interference is made against the Kuwait Shooting Federation and there is no reason to defend the Kuwaiti shooter to that debate under their activity of the International Shooting Sport Federation. The KSF Suspension is damaging the Kuwait Shooting Federation and the shooting sport in Kuwait and also in the region not related to shooting sport. This decision has been made. KSF requests and urges our friends in the General Assembly to cancel the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council dated November 5, 2015 to suspend Kuwait Shooting Federation and allow the Kuwait sportsmen to participate again in the upcoming competitions. Thank you very much, I appreciate.”*

The President thanked Mr. Al-Otaibi for his statement and asked for comments.

Mr. Pablo Manuel Duarte, delegate of the Asociacion Deportiva Nacional de Tiro con Armas, Guatemala, stated that the first matter concerned the International Olympic Committee and the National Olympic Committee of Kuwait. In his opinion, it would be a serious mistake to rethink the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council, as it would contradict the decision of the International Olympic Committee. It would further mean that the International Shooting Sport Federation does not comply with the Olympic Charter. Of course, the athletes of the Kuwait Shooting Federation are affected and they might challenge the decision of the International Olympic Committee. In his opinion, the General Assembly has to take a decision, so the ISSF will not interfere with the Olympic Charter.

The delegate of Mauritania, Sidine Cheikhna Mohamed Ahid stated that the main question was what crime or mistake the Kuwait Shooting Federation had committed. It was a matter between the National Olympic Committee of Kuwait and the International Olympic Committee and that we are only committed to the shooting sport. He explained that the National Federations are responsible for developing the shooting sport in all countries and it can be seen what the Kuwait Shooting Federation did by developing the shooting sport in Kuwait. They do have national Championships and in his opinion, there is no reason for the athletes not to participate. If the ISSF suspends the Kuwait Shooting Federation, it also means that they suspend the athletes.

The delegate of the Senegalese Shooting and Hunting Federation stated that this was a very important question. In French, “federation” stands for to assemble. This question regarding the Kuwait Shooting Federation has now been on the table for two years. He said that the same thing that had happened to Kuwait had also happened to Senegal several years ago when the government had interfered with the football federation and a decision was not taken against the football federation but the National Olympic Committee was sanctioned. He further stated that the ISSF President has to act as the President of all shooting federations and support the shooting sport worldwide. He emphasized that they have to be united, gathered here at the General Assembly and they had to act jointly.

The President thanked the delegates for their questions and comments and asked Mr. Christian Keidel to speak on behalf of the International Shooting Sport Federation. He also reminded Mr. Keidel that the maximum speaking time was 10 to 15 minutes.

Mr. Keidel thanked the President and introduced himself as Christian Keidel, legal advisor for the ISSF in this matter. Mr. Keidel started his comments by repeating that the International Olympic Committee had suspended the Kuwait Olympic Committee in October for undue governmental interference. The reason for the suspension was that the International Olympic Committee had taken notice that recently adopted Kuwaiti laws

- gives the Kuwaiti government the power to dismiss persons elected by sports federation,
- does not recognize decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and
- does not recognize or support the WADA Code.

Mr. Keidel informed the delegates that the International Olympic Committee had first negotiated with the Kuwait authorities and had asked them to change those laws in the spirit of the Olympic Movement. After these attempts had failed, the International Olympic Committee decided to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee. This suspension was the second suspension of the KOC for the same reason. Mr. Keidel stated that there might be a misunderstanding concerning the aim of this decision of the International Olympic Committee. The International Olympic Committee has no interest in interfering with governmental decisions of Kuwait but the only way for the International Olympic Committee to influence the autonomy of the Kuwait athletes and sports in general is through the Kuwait Olympic Committee and National Federations. This is the only way to exercise influence on the Kuwait Government in order to secure laws that are in the spirit of the Olympic Charter. The International Olympic Committee had informed the International Federations and asked them to consider this matter in respect of their National Federations from Kuwait. For this reason, the ISSF Administrative Council had decided to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation. Mr. Keidel stated that this had nothing to do with the 2014 General Assembly's presidential elections, which Mr. Olegario Vázquez Raña had won. Mr. Keidel informed the General Assembly that more than 10 other International Federations had suspended their respective Kuwaiti Federation. This shows that it was certainly not only the ISSF that was having a conflict with the Kuwait National Federations. Mr. Keidel explained that the ISSF Administrative Council's decision was based on article 1.3.2 of the ISSF Constitution, which states under the headline "Membership" that the National Olympic Committee of an ISSF members country must be a full member of the International Olympic Committee. This is a requirement for ISSF membership. Mr. Keidel stated that after the International Olympic Committee's decision to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee, the Kuwait Olympic Committee was obviously no longer a full member of the International Olympic Committee. Therefore, also the Kuwait Shooting Federation did not fulfill the requirement stated in article 1.3.2. Hence, the ISSF Administrative Council had the obligation to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation to fulfill the constitutional requirement until the suspension of the Kuwait Olympic Committee will be lifted by the International Olympic Committee. Further, the Olympic Charter, article 25 and 26, state that the International Federations are obliged to support the Olympic Movement. This includes also the obligation to protect the Olympic Movement from undue governmental interference. Also for that reason, the Administrative Council was obliged to act. Mr. Keidel also pointed out that especially since this was the second suspension of the Kuwait Olympic Committee for the same reason within five years the case had to be treated differently than past suspension cases. Mr. Keidel emphasized again, that the suspension was not against the sport in Kuwait, but only against Kuwaiti law, that allows for example the government to dismiss elected officials of national federations, which infringes the autonomy of sports. Mr. Keidel declared that the International Olympic Committee as well as the ISSF had made it clear that all Kuwaiti athletes can participate in the Olympic Games and in ISSF supervised competitions. In the end, this decision is only in the spirit that the government changes the decisions interfering with sports and respect the autonomy of sports and the Olympic Movement. Mr. Keidel informed

the delegates that the Kuwait Shooting Federation had appealed the decision of the International Olympic Committee to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee at the Court of Arbitration and that this case was still pending, but that CAS had already rejected a provisional measure by KSF. Another CAS case that was filed against FIFA's decision to suspend its member federation had been dismissed by the CAS one week ago.

Mr. Keidel came to the "right to be heard" that was raised by the Kuwait Shooting Federation. The Kuwait Shooting Federation had the full right in this General Assembly to be heard and all delegates and federations had received the documents provided by the Kuwait Shooting Federation and the entire submission of the Kuwait Shooting Federation. Also the President of the Kuwait Shooting Federation spoke in front of the General Assembly. Mr. Keidel summarized that the ISSF Administrative Council's decision was a mere consequence of the suspension of the Kuwait Olympic Committee by the International Olympic Committee, the ISSF Administrative Council according to the Olympic Charter was even obliged to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation. Further, it was the second suspension of the KOC within five years which explains why it was handled differently than the first suspension. Mr. Keidel further stated that in case the government changed the law conforming again with the Olympic Charter, it would be out of question to welcome the KOC again in the Olympic family and the Kuwait Shooting Federation back again as full member of the ISSF. Mr. Keidel pointed out that instead of working in favor of the Olympic Movement and changing the laws, Kuwait however even filed court cases against the International Olympic Committee asking for EUR 1.5 billion as it was already reported. Mr. Keidel closed his comments by stating that the only way to influence this situation for the good of the sports was that the ISSF General Assembly confirms the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council and dismisses the appeal of the Kuwait Shooting Federation. Mr. Keidel thanked the delegates for their attention.

The President thanked Mr. Keidel for his statement and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Javaid Lodhi, delegate and Secretary General of the National Rifle Association of Pakistan stated that the ISSF's legal advisor just mentioned that the Kuwait Shooting Federation was given the right to be heard at that General Assembly. The ISSF Constitution stated that before the suspension, the ISSF Member Federation shall be given the right or the opportunity to be heard. It was correct that they were given the right this day but not before the suspension. Mr. Lodhi also explained that all Member Federations had to follow the ISSF Constitution and in 2012, the Indian Olympic Committee was suspended by the International Olympic Committee for the same reason, but the shooting federation was not suspended by the ISSF because they had not done anything wrong. It was only the Indian Olympic Council that had done something wrong and which was suspended. Mr. Lodhi felt that the Kuwait Shooting Federation should be treated equally as they had not done anything wrong.

Since there were no further questions, the President asked Mr. Keidel to respond to the comment and question from Mr. Lodhi, PAK.

Mr. Keidel thanked the President and explained that concerning the right to be heard, he wanted to mention that looking into the jurisprudence of the CAS, it is clear that if a body that decides about an appeal, granted the appellant the full right to be heard, any violation of that right by previous instances is cured. The ISSF granted the right to be heard here, in this General Assembly, which is the highest authority of the ISSF regarding membership cases. Regarding Mr. Lodhi's second question, Mr. Keidel replied that in the Indian situation it was the first case of a suspension of the National Olympic Committee and not the second as it was the case with Kuwait. The suspension of the Indian Olympic Committee had changed the thinking of the government so that the government changed the laws in the spirit of the Olympic Movement.

The situation in Kuwait is different because there was one suspension after which the laws were changed but there was a second suspension and after this suspension, there was another law, which again allowed governmental interference to sports federation. So at the latest at the second suspension, the ISSF Administrative Council felt it had to react. Finally, Mr. Keidel wanted to clarify that no mistake was done by the Kuwait Olympic Committee, but the International Olympic Committee had stated that the Kuwait state has to change the laws in the spirit of the Olympic Movement and the autonomy of sport. Therefore, it is not the Kuwait Olympic Committee that is to blame in that case.

The President asked the Secretary General to give further explanations. Mr. Schreiber informed the General Assembly that the General Assembly had now to vote on the decision concerning the suspension of the Kuwait Shooting Federation. The vote would be open unless 20% of the members asked for a secret vote. Mr. Schreiber asked the General Assembly if there were any requests to conduct a secret vote. Since there were delegates raising their hands to show that they asked for a secret vote, Mr. Schreiber asked the General Assembly to vote if a secret or an open vote should be conducted concerning the suspension of the Kuwait Shooting Federation. Mr. Schreiber asked the delegates to raise the red cards if they were in favor of a secret vote. Mr. Schreiber repeated that all delegates in favor of a secret vote should show the red card. Mr. Schreiber repeated the third time, that raising the red card, meant voting in against an open vote and in favor of a secret vote. Mr. Schreiber then asked those who are in favor of an open vote to hold up the green cards. For abstentions, the white cards should be raised. The scrutinizers then counted the votes. The President announced that 30 votes were in favor of a secret vote. The required 20% for a secret vote was not reached. 20% of 239 possible votes meant 48 votes. Therefore, the President informed the delegates that an open vote will be conducted on the suspension of the Kuwait Shooting Federation as less than 20% requested a secret vote. Mr. Schreiber asked all delegates who confirm the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation and vote to dismiss the appeal of the Kuwait Shooting Federation to show the green card. All those voting against the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation and accept the Kuwait Shooting Federation's appeal had to show the red cards. All delegates who abstained were to raise the white cards. Mr. Schreiber repeated: green card to confirm the suspension of the Kuwait Shooting Federation, red card not to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation and white card for abstention.

The vote was taken and the scrutinizers counted the votes. The President announced the result: To confirm the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council and to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation and to dismiss the KSF's appeal, 174 votes confirmed the suspension of the Kuwait Shooting Federation. 65 votes were given against the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation. There were no abstentions. Therefore, the ISSF General Assembly approved the decision of the ISSF Administrative Council to suspend the Kuwait Shooting Federation and to dismiss the Kuwait Shooting Federation's appeal.

Mr. Al-Otaibi thanked the President and all delegates for attending this General Assembly. He declared that the Kuwait Shooting Federation respects democracy and this decision of the General Assembly. However, the Kuwait Shooting Federation felt that it was its right to present this case before the General Assembly. Kuwait Shooting Federation also believes that ISSF, as International Federation should support all Member Federations and not be against one. Mr. Al-Otaibi also stated that the Kuwait Shooting Federation had two rights, one was to go before the General Assembly and he assured the legal advisor again that this matter was in connection with the presidential election 2014. It was clearly stated that the ISSF would suspend the Kuwait

Shooting Federation and had nothing to do with the Kuwait Olympic Committee. Mr. Al-Otaibi then confirmed that there was no governmental interference in the shooting sport and wished all delegates a safe return to their home countries.

Mr. Yair Davidovich from the Israel Shooting Federation asked the Kuwait Shooting Federation, if there was no governmental interference, how it was possible that he did not get a visa to enter the country of Kuwait as Technical Delegate for the International Shooting Sport Federation.

The President asked Mr. Al-Otaibi to answer the question. Mr. Al-Otaibi stated that Mr. Davidovich's passport is from the state of Israel. **Israel not only has problems with Kuwait but many countries do not issue visa for Israeli citizens** and this is governmental business and the Kuwait Shooting Federation is not able to interfere. There are several championships where some participants do not get visa.

Mr. Davidovich explained that many businessmen from Israel do get a visa to the state of Kuwait but with regard to the sport, it was not possible to get a visa.

Mr. Al-Otaibi stated again that it is not possible to get a visa for Kuwait.

The President thanked Mr. Davidovich and Mr. Al-Otaibi and stopped any further discussions.

The President stated that he felt insulted when the delegates of Kuwait claimed that **the ISSF wanted revenge** when the Kuwait Shooting Federation presented a candidate for the presidential election. It is a fact that someone wins and another person loses the election but the Kuwait Shooting Federation did not accept the outcome of the election and appealed it to CAS. That legal case at the **Court of Arbitration** was won by the ISSF and confirmed the election of the President. Also, the ISSF Constitution clearly stated that in order to be a member of the ISSF, the National Olympic Committee has to be a full member of the International Olympic Committee. The International Olympic Committee had confirmed that the Kuwait Olympic Committee was suspended and therefore, the basis for a full membership of the Kuwait Shooting Federation within the ISSF was not given. The ISSF as well as the International Olympic Committee stated that all athletes from Kuwait would be able to participate in Championships. The ISSF will always support athletes and not discriminate them. Athletes will always be able to participate in ISSF Competitions and also the Olympic Game, either under the flag of the IOC or the ISSF. The President continued by stating that the Olympic Charter is the highest law, also for the Olympic Movement and the ISSF and therefore, the ISSF had to act.

Mrs. Dora Andres, President of the Swiss Shooting Federation said that the General Assembly had just suspended the Kuwait Shooting Federation and one member from the Kuwait Shooting Federation is a member of the Administrative Council. She wanted to ask the General Assembly what would happen to the election and that member. She asked if he was able to stay on the Administrative Council or if he was also suspended.

Mr. Hamish McInnes from Great Britain mentioned that he had asked himself a similar question. He further stated that the ISSF Administrative Council was the elected body that has the right to take decisions and Mr. McInnes recommended that the ISSF Administrative Council should discuss and decide that matter and give a recommendation to the General Assembly.

The President thanked the delegates for their comments and proposed to make a coffee break. He asked **all members of the Administrative Council to meet in the room next door** to discuss this question now.

Mr. Al-Otaibi took the floor and informed the General Assembly that it was not necessary to hold a meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council. Mr. Al-Otaibi informed the delegates that he **herewith resigned as member of the ISSF Administrative Council.**

After Mr. Al-Otaibi's statement, the General Assembly was continued and the delegates were asked to return to their seats. Mr. Schreiber summarized that after the President had summoned a meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council, Mr. Al-Otaibi had resigned as member of the ISSF Administrative Council. Mr. Schreiber asked Mr. Al-Otaibi if this was correct. Mr. Al-Otaibi confirmed that this was correct. Mr. Schreiber announced that a meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council is not required and confirmed the resignation of Mr. Al-Otaibi from the ISSF Administrative Council during this General Assembly.

### **ITEM 19      Miscellaneous**

The President informed the delegates that two years ago, the ISSF Administrative Council had approved the Blue Cross for the Secretary General Franz Schreiber. The President announced that this Blue Cross would now be awarded to Mr. Franz Schreiber, Secretary General of the International Shooting Sport Federation. The President asked Mr. Gary Anderson to say a few words. Mr. Anderson thanked the President and explained that the Blue Cross is the highest award for distinguished and outstanding services to the ISSF. This award was proposed by the ISSF Awards Committee, which consists of the five representatives of the Continental Confederations. The ISSF Administrative Council had decided two years ago that after 34 years of service to the ISSF, it was appropriate to award the Blue Cross to Secretary General Franz Schreiber. The President awarded the Blue Cross to Mr. Schreiber and the delegates applauded.

Mr. Schreiber thanked the ISSF and the General Assembly for this great honor.

In addition the President wanted to thank Mr. Lisin as host and asked Mr. Schreiber to explain. The ISSF wanted to thank the host of this General Assembly, Vice-President of the ISSF Mr. Vladimir Lisin for the extraordinary hospitality he and the Russian Shooting Union had offered to all delegates. Mr. Schreiber cited the saying on the trophy of remembrance "In recognition of your loyalty, friendship and dedication to the development of the shooting sport and the ISSF". The President awarded Mr. Lisin the trophy.

Mr. Janos Balla, the Ambassador of Hungary to the Russian Federation, thanked the President for the opportunity to present Mr. Vladimir Lisin, ISSF Vice-President and President of the European Shooting Confederation, with a high Hungarian state award, in front of the shooting community from all over the world. He informed the delegates that the President of the country had decided to award Mr. Lisin with the Hungarian Order of Merit's King Cross for his contribution to the development of the shooting sport. The merit was awarded to Mr. Vladimir Lisin.

The President asked Mr. Schreiber if there were any further matters under miscellaneous. The Secretary General informed the delegates that as always under this point, the ISSF wanted to draw the attention to the address list, which is a very important document for routine daily office work. For the ISSF Headquarters it is very important that all contact details and the name of President and Secretary General are correct and updated. Mr. Schreiber asked all Member Federations to ensure that any changes would be communicated immediately to the ISSF Headquarters. This will help facilitate correspondence with all Member Federations.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and the organizers of the General Assembly for the great hospitality and organization of this General Assembly. He also thanked all delegates for their

constructive work during the two days of the General Assembly. The President stated that he hoped that the next World Championship in Changwon, KOR would be a great success. The President thanked the interpreters for their great work and especially, he thanked Mr. Vladimir Lisin because the General Assembly was held at a very high standard thanks to the brilliant organization and hospitality. The delegates were invited to excellently organized receptions. The President further thanked Mr. Al-Otaibi for his work dedicated to the ISSF as member of the Administrative Council and also for his resignation during this General Assembly. The President stated that it was a great pity that the ISSF Constitution was not approved because it would be the right time for a new version after so many years. The work done by Mr. Lisin, Mr. Ratner and many others was outstanding and the draft was very good. Unfortunately, some delegates were not in favor of this new version of the Constitution and tried to influence other delegates to vote against it. The delegates that had rejected the Constitution had actually voted against the sport and some were not aware of the consequences that will come with rejecting the new version. However, the ISSF will try to improve and stay in compliance with the Olympic Charter. The President concluded the General Assembly by thanking all delegates once again. He hoped to see them all at dinner this night. The President closed the General Assembly by stating that many of the delegates had been friends for a very long time and the President wanted to emphasize again the importance of being united and to forget about personal interests. The ISSF has to be united. Those were the closing words of this General Assembly by the ISSF President Olegario Vázquez Raña.



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