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**MINUTES
OF THE IJF 2015 ORDINARY CONGRESS
Friday August 21, 2015,
Palace of Peace and Accord
Astana, KAZAKHSTAN**

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Congress Opening at 09:05 am.

President VIZER welcomes the Minister of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as all the participants to the IJF Congress. On behalf of the IJF he thanks all for the participation and involvement.

President VIZER introduces a film about the history of Judo.

President VIZER informs that the IJF anthem was composed, under the coordination of Mr. HUET, by the French composer Mr. Reinhardt WAGNER, nominated for the Oscars. It was recorded in Budapest by the Symphony Orchestra of the Hungarian Radio.

Diffusion of the IJF official anthem.

President VIZER thanks the Kazakhstan government, Ministry of Culture and Sports and the Kazakhstan Judo Federation for the organization of these World Championships in Astana. President VIZER passes the floor to the Minister.

Mr. Muhamediuly ARYSTANBEK, Minister of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan thanks the IJF President, EC members and Congress delegates and informs that it is an honor for him to be present at the IJF Congress.

He welcomes everybody in Kazakhstan, thanks the Kazakhstan Judo Federation for its involvement in organization of these Championships and development of judo in the country. Kazakhstan is honored to welcome such an important event which gathers the best judoka in the world, as well as the IJF Congress, the European Judo Union and the Judo Union of Asia Congresses where important decisions will be taken.

President VIZER thanks the Minister and passes the floor to the General Secretary.

Point 1. Validation of the Congress composition and quorum

Mr. ROUGE says that in accordance with article 8.15 the Chairperson of the Congress may only declare the official opening of the Congress when at least one-third (1/3) of the Member National Federations are present or represented and when at least three (3) different Continental Union representatives are present.

Mr. ROUGE reminds that the IJF counts 191 affiliated countries with voting rights from 5 continents, as follows:

Oceania Judo Union: 20 federations, including 2 associated members, so 18 federations having voting rights.

European Judo Union: 51 federations having voting rights.

Pan American Judo Confederation: 33 federations including 1 associated member, so 32 federations having voting rights.

Judo Union of Asia: 39 federations having voting rights.

African Judo Union: 52 federations, including 1 excluded federation, so 51 federations having voting rights.

So the total of 191 federations having voting rights out of 195 IJF member federations.

The Voting Rights Credentials Commission, after inspection, **validated the registration of 93 National Federations being present at the Congress.** Mr. ROUGE reminds that the proxies to represent absent federations are not authorized any more.

The quorum shall be at least of 64 countries on 3 continents in order to deliberate.

As the quorum is met, the conditions of the Congress opening are fulfilled.

Please note that for amendments to the Statutes, the majority is two-thirds (2/3) of the National Federations present at the Congress.

Mr. ROUGE gives the floor to President VIZER for the Congress Opening.



Point 2. Opening of the 2015 IJF Congress

President VIZER declares the 2015 IJF Ordinary Congress in Astana open.

Point 3. Election of one Voting Steward and 4 scrutineers

M. ROUGE proposes, for the delegates' approval, the election of a President of the Voting Board and four scrutineers, these persons could not have the same nationality as candidates for election (France, United Arab Emirates, Switzerland, Japan and China).

M. ROUGE proposes Mr. DHOUB as President of the Voting Board. 4 candidates proposed themselves to be scrutineers.

First resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the election of the candidates.

Point 4. Approval of the 2015 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda

Mr. ROUGE proposes to the Congress for approval, the Agenda of the 2015 IJF Ordinary Congress.

The IJF Executive Committee during its meeting on Thursday August 20th 2015 did not propose any modifications.

Second resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the 2015 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda.

Point 5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2013 IJF Congress in Rio de Janeiro

Mr. ROUGE proposes to the Congress approval of the Minutes of the 2013 IJF Congress that was held in Rio de Janeiro on 23 August 2013. Complete presentation in Appendix 1.

The Congress did not make any observation. It was proposed to proceed to the vote.

Third resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the Minutes of the 2013 IJF Congress in Rio de Janeiro.

Point 6. Statutory reports

6.1 Report of the President: Mr. VIZER

Complete presentation in Appendix 2.

1. IJF Calendar

- IJF World Judo Tour – 19 events/year
- Continental Events in support of Continental Unions activities
- Other events in collaboration with partner organizations
- IJF in top 10 of "SportBusiness Ultimate Federation" - no. 3 for "Best calendar and strategy", no. 10 overall

2. Olympic Games

- Rio preparations
- Tokyo 2020 – Team Event



3. Chelyabinsk World Championships

- Facts and numbers

4. New rules

- Consolidated image of judo
- Statistics

5. Marketing

- IJF partners and sponsors
- Official suppliers

6. TV

- Increasing exposure and broadcast partnerships
- Statistics regarding media value of Judo events
- Media Guide

7. IT

- Judobase
- Phone apps
- Judo for Children site

8. Communication

- Web page
- Facebook
- Other social media

9. IJF Team

- Presentation of departments
- Presentation of the document Event Organization Guide (EOG)

10. Partnerships

- Olympic Solidarity
- CISM, USIP
- UNOSDP
- Ministries of Sports and Education
- Deaf Sports, IBSA

11. Development

- Donations
- Education
 - Seminars
 - IJF Academy
 - Development Seminars
- Judo for Children
- Judo for Peace
- Military and Police
- Zambia dojo
- Education Tours
- World Judo Day

To conclude:

President VIZER thanks Mr. Envic GALEA, the Turkish Judo Federation, Mr. Nicolas MESSNER and Mr. MARGINEAN for their involvement and participation in their activities.

President VIZER informs that the judo taught him the courage and especially the courage to tell the truth. Because of that he proposed, as Sport Accord President, some changes in order to improve the sport and to reach the best for all of National and International Federations. As it turned out, nobody was prepared for these changes. In consequence, President VIZER decided to resign from the presidency of Sport Accord and to come totally back into judo and to develop his sport.

President VIZER thanks all the people who did support him during this period, the Executive Committee Members, the delegates and all the IJF staff.



6.2 Report of General Secretary: Mr. ROUGE

Presentation of the report: Complete presentation in Appendix 3.

Mr. ROUGE introduced his report saying:

Competition is not a goal in the sports world, the administration should serve sports. Judo is more than just a sport, as written on the EJU logo. Jigoro KANO wanted judo to be a discipline that would improve Human beings and Society. This educational purpose gives us, as managers, the motivation to perform tasks sometimes unpleasant.

Competition is not a goal as Jigoro KANO said but a means to make people come together, to make people progress and, as the IOC's objective, to build a path toward peace.

There are champions not only in the sports field, but also in the refereeing, technic (KATA), coaching, and managing fields.

Judo is not only about competition, it's a discipline of life. The reward that the administrators, elected people and managers will get is the joy of an athlete or the smile of a child in a club, the competition management or the administration management should comply with the judo principles: optimal use of energy, (optimal use of human and financial resources) and mutual aid and prosperity, which means to do our best so that everyone could progress.

Administration :

- Communication with the IJF member national federations
- Diffusion of the documents related to the IJF activities to the IJF member federations
- Updating of the information files of the IJF member countries
- Updating of the documents on the IJF web-site
- Communication with the EC members and the IJF commissions
- Notification of the votes to the EC members

Meetings :

- Preparation of the IJF Executive committee meetings
- Elaboration of the reports of the meetings:
 - IJF Congress 2013 in Rio de Janeiro ;
 - 2013 IJF EC meetings in Rio de Janeiro ;
 - 2014 IJF EC meeting in Tcheliabinsk.
- Participation in the IOC and Sport Accord meetings.

Administrative coordination and actions with other IJF sectors:

- Elaboration of the documents related to the IJF competitions
- IJF Calendar (in collaboration with other sectors)
- Elaboration of the lists of participants to the IJF events (officials, staff, guests), contact with the organizers, follow up of travels
- Invitation to the IJF competitions
- Management of the athletes invited by the IJF to the competitions (travel, accommodation, visas, invoices)
- IOC development annual report 2014
- Judogi control with IJF Education Commission
- Administrative support to countries in difficulty

Legal and statutory matters:

- Updating of the IJF Statutes
- Verification of conformity of the National Federations statutes with those of the IJF (Mandatory statutory provisions)
- Affiliation of new federations in collaboration with the Presidential office
- Cooperation in the elaboration of the Continental Unions and Member Federations statutes
- Legal assistance
- Disciplinary procedures
- Nationality changes



Follow-up of economic partnership (with the General Treasurer office):

- Follow up of the partnership (judogi and tatami)
- Follow up of the IJF labels for the judogi
- Relationship with the IJF official laboratories on the test reports of equipment

Grades :

- Validation of IJF Dan Grades applications

Follow-up of matters in collaboration with the Presidential office:

- World Judo Day;
- Sportel;
- Insurance.

To conclude:

Mr. ROUGE thanks President VIZER, the Executive Committee Members and all delegates.

6.3 Report of the General Treasurer: Mr. AL-TAMIMI

Presentation of the accounts: Complete presentation in Appendix 4

Mr. AL-TAMIMI presents the financial statement and thanks the Executive Committee members, the IJF staff and all of the Member National Federations for their support and good collaboration.

6.4 Report of the IJF Official Auditor – Complete presentation in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6

Within his mission to audit and control the IJF accounts, Ernst & Young cabinet concludes the audit of the 2013 and 2014 accounts. Following the summary document distributed to the delegates before the congress, Mr. Fabrice Bernhard, representing Ernst & Young cabinet in Lausanne declares that the accounts of the 2013 and 2014 accounting periods, with regard to the international rules, are regular and sincere; he suggests that the delegates validate these accounts (Art. 23 of the IJF Statutes).

After hearing the President's report, the General Secretary's report and the General Treasurer's report and getting acquainted with the 2013 and 2014 accounts, Mr. ROUGE submits to the Congress, for approval, the aforesaid reports.

Fourth resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the President's report, the General Secretary's report, the General Treasurer's report and the accounts, giving the final discharge to the Executive Committee.

Point 7.	President information	President VIZER
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President VIZER informs about the situation in the Pan American Judo Confederation (PJC). The IJF always supported Mr. Paulo Wanderley, as the PJC President. However, because of the lack of management and involvement in judo activities, he lost the support of the majority of the PJC National Federations Members who required the holding of an Extraordinary Congress in Mexico on June 6th 2015. Mr. Paulo Wanderley convoked another Congress on the date in Rio de Janeiro with another points on its agenda.

The IJF cancelled both Congresses and decided to organize an Extraordinary Congress in Miami on July 25th 2015 with the agenda in compliance of the first requirement of the National Federations. During this Congress the PJC Bureau was dismissed 18 votes against 1. In consequence, an interim Committee was appointed to manage the PJC and to organize a new election within 3 months. This Committee is composed of Mr. LARRANAGA, Mr. RODRIGUEZ and Mr. ALOISE. It was neither political, nor strategic decision. The IJF tried to solve this conflict situation.

President VIZER informs that a complete anthology about judo history was realized by Mr. Michel BROUSSE, Mr. Nicolas MESSNER and IJF team.

A statue of Jigoro Kano made by a very famous Hungarian porcelain factory Herend, will be promoted over the world in shops and by e-shopping.



8.1 General Secretariat Information

Nowadays, following the increase of sport betting in the sport, the IOC has put in place a system to control the betting all over the world in order to avoid match fixing. The IJF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the IOC on this matter.

8.2 Statutory modifications. Complete presentation in Appendix 7

Mr. ROUGE informs that these statutory modifications are adjustments of inexactness or precisions in the present Statutes.

Moreover, some modifications concern the increase of the number of additional IJF EC members.

President VIZER explains that this increase is not due to the political consideration, but with regard to the development of its activities the IJF should be more efficient.

The following articles of the IJF Statutes are modified:

- Article 1.14 Ethics Commission
- Article 3.2 Status of Members
- Article 5.1 Athletes' right to participation
- Article 8.3 Powers
- Article 8.23 Challenge of elections
- Article 11.2 Composition
- Article 20 Spirit of Judo
- Article 28.3 Suspension or Expulsion of a Member National Federation
- Article 28.4 Expulsion of a Member Federation by its Continental Union

Fifth resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the IJF Statutory modifications.

9.1 IJF fees

The IJF Executive Committee proposes to maintain the IJF Member National Federations fees at 0 USD.

Sixth resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the IJF Member National Federations fees at 0 USD.

9.2 Forecast Budget

Presentation of budget: Complete presentation in Appendix 8.

Mr. AL-TAMIMI presents the IJF forecast budget.

No remarks of the delegates.

Seventh resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the IJF forecast budget.

10.1 President VIZER presents the candidacies of Mr. ROUGE as General Secretary and of Mr. AL TAMIMI as General Treasurer. He adds that it is a real pleasure for him to work with them.



10.2 President VIZER proposes, as specified in the article 8.19 of the statutes, a vote by acclamation, as Mr. ROUGE and Mr. AL TAMIMI are the only candidates.

Eighth resolution

Mr. ROUGE and Mr. AL TAMIMI are elected by acclamation.

10.3 Approval of new additional IJF EC members

President VIZER explains that with the development of the IJF activities, it was important to reinforce the Executive Committee.

The IJF needs a personality like Mr. Jinqiang ZHOU (China) who represents one of the biggest countries of the sport world.

Japan could not be absent from the IJF Executive committee with respect to the history of our discipline and the 2020 Olympic Games which will take place in Tokyo. Mr. Yasuhiro YAMASHITA, former great champion and Vice-President of the Japanese federation and Mr. Haruki UEMURA, Kodokan President are important personalities for Judo development.

President VIZER informs that after the Sport Accord history, Mr. Vlad MARINESCU who was in charge of marketing and media, will continue his career in the USA and adds that we need somebody to manage this field. President VIZER proposes the candidature of Mr. JÄGGI, former judoka, who has experience in marketing (ex-President of Adidas).

President VIZER proposes to the Congress to ratify the cooptation of Mr. JÄGGI, as IJF Marketing and Strategic director, Mr. UEMURA, as IJF World Promotion Director, Mr. YAMASHITA, as IJF Development Director and Mr ZHOU, as IJF Development Director.

Ninth resolution

Mr. JÄGGI, Mr. UEMURA, Mr. YAMASHITA and Mr. ZHOU are elected by acclamation.

Coffee break

Point 11. Directors' speeches and propositions

11.1.Sport: Mr. BARTA

Mr. BARTA presents the Sport Commission report: Complete presentation in Appendix 9.

To conclude, Mr. BARTA informs that the World Championships by Team Clubs will be organized for the first time in 2016.

President VIZER congratulates the Bosnian Judo Federation for the organization of the World Judo Championships Cadets Individuals and Teams.

No remarks from the delegates.

11.2.Refereeing: Mr. BARCOS

To introduce his presentation, Mr. BARCOS informs that the IJF Refereeing Commission works on the professionalization of the refereeing.

Mr. BARCOS presents the Refereeing Commission report: Complete presentation in Appendix 10.

No remarks from the delegates.

11.3.Education and Coaching: Mr. MERIDJA

Mr. MERIDJA presents the Education and Coaching Commission report: Complete presentation in Appendix 11.

No remarks from the delegates.



Point 12. Reports of the Continental Unions

12.1. Report of the African Judo Union President: Mr. PALENFO

Presentation of the African Judo Union report: Complete presentation in Appendix 12.

No remarks from the delegates.

12.2. Report of the Judo Union of Asia President: Mr. AL-ANZI

Presentation of the Judo Union of Asia report: Complete presentation in Appendix 13.

No remarks from the delegates.

12.3. Report of the European Judo Union President: Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK

Presentation of the European Judo Union report: Complete presentation in Appendix 14.

No remarks from the delegates.

12.4. Report of the Oceania Judo Union President: Mr. NIIT

Presentation of the Oceania Judo Union report: Complete presentation in Appendix 15.

No remarks from the delegates

12.5. Report of the Pan America Judo Confederation: Mr. LARRANAGA (Representative of the PJC Interim Administration Committee for this Congress)

Mr. LARRANAGA makes a short presentation of the activity of the Pan American Judo Confederation. Every year, 5 Continental Cups are organized in Argentina, Chile, El Salvador, Uruguay and the USA. The World Judo Championships Juniors took place in Miami, USA in 2014. An IJF seminar for coaches and referees was also organized in Miami, USA.

Continental Cups Juniors and Cadets were organized in Panama, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and the USA.

An IJF seminar about organization took place in Mexico City, Mexico. It allowed to all the participants to have a better vision on the organization of judo events.

Pan American Games took place in Toronto, with the support of the IJF Sport and Refereeing Commission. Mr. LARRANAGA especially thanks President VIZER, Mr. BARTA, and Mr. BARCOS for their support in organization of such an important event, as the Pan American Games.

The PJC Interim Committee works with the member National Federations in strong educational spirit and they are going to collaborate with the IJF and all the International Sports organizations, in the interest of the PJC athletes.

Mr. LARRANAGA thanks again President VIZER and the IJF for their support.

No remarks from the delegates.

Point 13. Proposition of the Continental unions and National Federations

Mr. ROUGE informs that the only question was asked by the Judo Federation of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mr. ROUGE adds that this Federation was thereafter withdrawn from the IJF. A new federation will be created. The raised question will be examined after its creation.



Point 14. Miscellaneous reports

14.1. Presentation of "IJF Coaches Academy": Complete presentation in Appendix 16.

14.2. Presentation of IBSA: Complete presentation in Appendix 17.

14.3. Presentation of TAISHAN: Complete presentation in Appendix 18

14.4. IJF World Masters 2016- Guadalajara: Complete presentation in Appendix 19.

Point 15. Distinctions

- **Mr. Michel BROUSSE, IJF Gold plate**
- **Mr. Nicolas MESSNER, IJF Gold plate**
- **Mr. Mathias FISCHER, IJF Gold plate**

Point 16. CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS

President VIZER warmly thanks the delegates for their attention, their support, their collaboration, availability and energy dedicated to the growth of our sport worldwide.

President VIZER wishes successful Gala, the Hall of Fame and good luck for the championships in Astana.

The agenda being exhausted, the Congress is closed at 13:16

