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**IJF 2017 ORDINARY CONGRESS**  
**Friday August 25 2017, Budapest, HUNGARY**

**Agenda**

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President Mr. Vizer

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General Secretary Mr. Rougé

2. Opening of the IJF Congress

President Mr. Vizer

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General Secretary Mr. Rougé

**First resolution:** Election of one Voting Steward and four scrutineers

4. Approval of the 2017 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda

General Secretary Mr. Rougé

**Second resolution:** Approval of the 2017 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda

5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 IJF Congress in Astana

General Secretary Mr. Rougé

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President Mr. Vizer

6.2 Report of the General Secretary

General Secretary Mr. Rougé

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General Treasurer Mr. Al-Tamimi

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General Secretary Mr. Rougé

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### Congress Opening at 10:00 am.

President VIZER welcomes the participants to the IJF Congress and all the guests attending this event. He expresses a special welcome to Dr. Tamas AJAN, President of the International Weightlifting Federation, Dr. Hassan MUSTAFA President of the International Handball Federation, Ms. Corinna KELLER, Senior Vice-President of CNN, Mr François CARRARD, IJF lawyer and Mr. Antonio CASTRO, IJF Ambassador.

President VIZER continues saying that it is a great honor to have all of these guests for one of the most important judo event: the World Championships. He wishes a successful Congress, a nice Gala and successful World Championships.

President VIZER passes the floor to Mr. Laszlo TOTH, President of the Hungarian Judo Federation and co-organizer of the World Judo Championships.

On behalf of the Hungarian Judo Federation Mr. Laszlo TOTH welcomes everybody to the 2017 Congress. He sends best regards from the Hungarian Judo Family and from all people from Hungary loving judo and sports.

He thanks everybody and hopes these World Judo Championships will be a very big celebration for the friendship, the peace and judo.

Diffusion of the promotional film about the World Judo Championships.

### Point 1. Validation of the Congress composition and quorum

Mr. ROUGE says that in accordance with the article 8.15 of the IJF Statutes 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.

The quorum shall be at least of 66 out of 196 National Federations on 3 continents in order to deliberate.

The Voting Rights Credentials Commission, after inspection, **validated the registration of 116 National Federations being represented at the 2017 IJF Congress, from the 5 Continental Unions.**

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

### Point 2. Opening of the 2017 IJF Congress

President VIZER declares the 2017 IJF Ordinary Congress in Budapest 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 candidate and his list for election.

M. ROUGE proposes Mr. DHOUIB 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 Voting Board candidates.

### Point 4. Approval of the 2017 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda

Mr. ROUGE proposes to the Congress for approval, the Agenda of the 2017 IJF Ordinary Congress.

The IJF Executive Committee during its meeting on Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 did not propose any modifications.



## **Second resolution**

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the 2017 IJF Ordinary Congress Agenda.

### **Point 5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 IJF Congress in Astana**

Mr. ROUGE proposes to the Congress for approval the Minutes of the 2015 IJF Congress that was held in Astana on 21 August 2015. 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 2015 IJF Congress in Astana.

### **Point 6. Statutory reports**

#### **6.1 Report of the President: Mr. VIZER**

Complete presentation in [Appendix 2](#).

President VIZER introduces his report explaining that he will summarize the activities of last 10 years and the intensive activity of the last years.

President VIZER starts by the congratulations to everybody for the achievements during the past years and for working as a united judo family.

President VIZER gives highlights of his presentation:

- The Rio Olympic Games was a great success for our sport consolidating judo as a top sport in the world.
- Inclusion of the Judo mix team event in the programme of the next Olympic Games in Tokyo, which gives to our sport even more exposure and a higher status.
- Finally, President VIZER is proud to announce the signing of the collaboration contract between the IJF and CNN, which will give the notoriety and high level advertising all over the world to the IJF and judo.

#### **Judo as a modern leading sport on the international scene**

- New rules
- Higher media value
- Increased popularity
- Wider interest and appeal
- Worldwide influential, recognition

#### **IJF Calendar**

- Consolidation of IJF Events and their value
- Creation of "World Judo Tour Brand"
  - Number of events
  - World Championships
    - Budapest 2017 – short overview and figures, video
  - World Masters
  - Grand Slam
  - Grand Prix
  - Juniors and Cadets
  - Veterans and Kata
  - Continental Unions Events
  - Other Events in collaboration



## **Olympic Games**

- Rio 2016
  - Overview
  - Statistics – video, photos
- Tokyo 2020
  - New IOC/OCOG/IF partnerships
  - Very good collaboration and timeline
  - Judo in Tokyo: historical venue, historical event
  - Building on experience and the country's legendary judo roots

## **New Rules**

- Simplified, more dynamic sport
- IJF Experts from all fields involved
- Increasing non-judo profile TV audience and spectators
- Statistics

## **Marketing**

- IJF sponsors and partners
- IJF suppliers
  - Tatami
  - Judogi

## **TV and Media**

- Judo growth and status
- Judo as global media presence
  - Media team activity
  - TV contents produced for each event
  - Number of countries broadcasting judo
  - Broadcast and audience
  - Global coverage – hour distribution
  - Adverts and value
  - Future targets
  - Digital media
  - Stars and heroes

## **IJF Information Technology**

- JudoBase – video
- Live streaming
- Judo gaming

## **Communication**

- Web page
- Facebook
- Twitter
  - #AskVizer
  - Each IJF Event
- New website
  - Modern features
  - New look

## **IJF Team**

- Departments and activity

## **IJF Event Organization Guide – updated, adapted**

## **Partnerships**

- Olympic Solidarity
- USIP & CISM
- UNHCR
- Ministries of Sports and Education
  - Judo in Schools
  - Tripartite Agreements
- IBSA and Deaf Sports
- International School Sports Federation
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## **Development**

- IJF donations
  - Equipment
  - Financial



- Participation to events
  - IJF experts
  - Judo for Children and in Schools
- Total countries 2016
  - Total countries 2017

#### **Education**

- Seminars
- IJF Academy
- Judo for Children and Judo in Schools
- Judo for the World – video
- Military and Police
- Building dojos
- Educational Journeys
- World Judo Day
- Kata

To conclude President VIZER passes the floor to Ms. Corina KELLER, Senior Vice-President of CNN who presents the partnership between the IJF and CNN and she introduces the project called “Judo World on CNN”.

Complete presentation in [Appendix 2 bis](#).

President VIZER welcomes Colonel ALSHINO, CISM President and Colonel MARGINEAN, IJF Military and Police Commission Chairman who joined the Congress.

#### 6.2 Report of General Secretary: Mr. ROUGE

Mr. ROUGE introduces his report saying that it will be less attractive than the report of President VIZER, which is more than an activity and sport report, but which proves that our discipline is not only a sport, a performance or a show, but before all an education tool, physical, mental and intellectual. In our difficult and violent world, judo contributes to the peace in the world by respect and control of oneself.

Mr. ROUGE underlines that the IJF General Secretary office collaborates in harmony with all the IJF departments (Presidential office, General Treasurer, Education, Sport, Refereeing, IT, Media, Medical...).

#### **Administration :**

- Communication with the IJF member national federations
- Diffusion of the documents related to the IJF activities to the IJF member federations
- Implementation of the national federations database via Judobase (with the collaboration of IT team)
- Communication with the Executive Committee (EC) members and the commissions
- Notification of the votes to the EC members
- Follow up of the declarations in accordance with the Swiss legislation
- Updating of the IJF information with the cooperation of the President office

#### **Meetings :**

- Preparation of the IJF Executive Committee meetings and of the IJF Congress
- Elaboration of the minutes of the meetings :
  - IJF Congress 2015 in Astana ;
  - 2015 IJF EC meeting in Astana ;
  - 2016 IJF EC meeting in Rio de Janeiro ;
- Participation in the IOC, Sport Accord and WADA meetings

#### **Administrative coordination and actions with other IJF sectors:**

- Elaboration of the documents related to IJF competitions
- Management of the delegations invited by the IJF to the competitions
- IOC development annual report 2015, setting up of the 2017-2020 Olympiad project
- Administrative support to IJF member federations



### **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 President office
- Cooperation in the elaboration of the Continental Unions and Member Federations statutes
- Legal assistance
- Disciplinary procedures
- Nationality changes
- Integrity in sport (participation in meetings and formation), setting up of adapted procedures during IJF events
- Legal protection of the IJF logo

### **Follow-up of economic partnership (with the President and General Treasurer office):**

- Follow up of the partnership (judogi and tatami)
- Follow up of the IJF labels for judogi
- Controlling the Tatami label during IJF events (with Sports and Education Commissions)
- Relationship with the IJF official laboratories on the test reports of equipment

### **Grades :**

- Follow up of IJF Dan Grades application

### **Development (with the Presidential office) :**

- Sustainability (setting up of a strategy).
- World Judo Day
- Insurance
- Electronic library of documents

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

Presentation of the accounts: Complete presentation in [Appendix 3](#).

Mr. AL-TAMIMI presents the financial statements 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 presentations in [Appendix 4](#) and [Appendix 5](#).

Within his mission to audit and control the IJF accounts, Ernst & Young cabinet concludes the audit of the 2015 and 2016 accounts. Following the summary document distributed to the delegates before the congress, Mr. Bojan RADOVANOVIC, representing Ernst & Young cabinet in Lausanne declares that the accounts of the 2015 and 2016 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 2015 and 2016 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.



Mr. ROUGE reminds that, as specified in the article 11.4 of the statutes, the filing of candidacies was made within the deadline allowed.

Mr. ROUGE presents the candidate, Mr. VIZER and the members of his list (Complete list in [Appendix 6](#)).

Mr. ROUGE proposes, as specified in the article 8.19 of the Statutes, a vote by acclamation, as Mr. VIZER is the only sole candidate.

The proposition to elect the President and his list by acclamation is unanimously voted by the Member National Federations.

According to the previous vote:

President VIZER and his list members are elected by acclamation.

President VIZER thanks the delegates and expresses the great honor to serve judo for the next 4 years and to promote glory and judo values to the world: honor, honesty, courage, respect and all other values of our sport.

He hopes that he will offer to everybody the same support for the benefit of the next generations and the entire society.

President VIZER thanks the past team and the new team and invites the 4 new members to take their seats on the stage.

### 8.1 IJF fees

The IJF Executive Committee proposes to maintain the IJF Member National Federations fees at 0 US \$.

### Fifth resolution

The representatives of the Member National Federations approve unanimously the IJF Member National Federations fees at 0 US\$.

### 8.2 Forecast Budget

Presentation of budget: [Appendix 7](#)

Mr. ALTAMIMI presents the IJF forecast budget.

No remarks of the delegates.

### Sixth resolution

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

## **Coffee break**

### 9.1.Sport: Mr. BARTA

Mr. BARTA presents the Sport Commission report: Complete presentation in [Appendix 8](#).

Mr. BARTA informs that the Mix Team World Championships Cadets was organized for the first time in Santiago de Chili. This event was a great success.

No remarks from the delegates.





### 9.2. Refereeing: Mr. BARCOS

Mr. BARCOS begins informing that in October 2017 a final meeting is scheduled in order to decide the refereeing rules that are going to be implemented during the whole Olympic period and the Qualification period.

Mr. BARCOS presents the Refereeing Commission report: Complete presentation in [Appendix 9](#).

To conclude his presentation, Mr. BARCOS informs that the IJF Refereeing Commission has as a goal to have the best referees and to maintain the fair play at any cost.

No remarks from the delegates.

### 9.3. Education and Coaching: Mr. MERIDJA

Mr. MERIDJA presents the Education and Coaching Commission report: Complete presentation in [Appendix 10](#).

To conclude his presentation, Mr. MERIDJA thanks President VIZER for his continuous support to the Education and Coaching Commission.

No remarks from the delegates.

## **Point 10. Reports of the Continental Unions**

### 10.1. Report of the African Judo Union President: Mr. SISSOKO

Presentation of the African Judo Union report: Complete presentation in [Appendix 11](#).

No remarks from the delegates.

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

Presentation of the Judo Union of Asia report: Complete presentation in [Appendix 12](#).

No remarks from the delegates.

### 10.3. Report of the European Judo Union President: Mr. SOLOVEYCHIK

Presentation of the European Judo Union report: Complete presentation in [Appendix 13](#).

No remarks from the delegates.

### 10.4. Report of the Oceania Judo Union President: Mr. DAVIO

Presentation of the Oceania Judo Union report: Complete presentation in [Appendix 14](#).

Mr. DAVIO says that it is a pleasure for him to be part of the Judo family. Last August in Tonga the OJU has proceeded to the election of three new OJU Executive Committee members.

Now the OJU has a new technical director, Mr. CALLEJA, the second Vice-President, Ms. Jennifer ANSON and the President, Mr. DAVIO.

Mr. DAVIO informs that his first act as a new President was to renew all the commissions' members to start working with a new team for this Olympiad.

Mr. DAVIO explains that after several years of financial administrative irregularities, the accounts audit is now finalized. He adds that last month, the OJU run the first strategical plan meeting in Sidney where the new objectives were set for the new Commissions.

The OJU members put in place an independence governance revue body. They received the report and will work following the recommendations.

Mr. DAVIO hopes that with the new team, they will be able to give a better image of the OJU and to develop our sport in Oceania.



No remarks from the delegates.

10.5. Report of the Pan America Judo Confederation President: Mr. LARRANAGA

Presentation of the Pan American Judo Confederation report: Complete presentation in [Appendix 15](#).

No remarks from the delegates.

**Point 11. General Secretariat**

**General Secretary Mr. ROUGÉ**

11.1 General Secretariat Information.

Mr. ROUGE reminds that the International Olympic Committee requires a good governance and transparency from the International Federations, Continental members and member Federations.

Mr. ROUGE informs that a meeting is scheduled in Zagreb on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 regarding this matter in order to propose some modifications to the IJF Statutes. These modifications should be then reflected in the statutes of the Continental Unions and member Federations.

Finally, Mr ROUGE explains that the following statutory modifications are proposed in this framework.

11.2 Statutory modifications.

Complete presentation in [Appendix 16](#).

Article 11.2 Composition

The EC is composed of the following Members:

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- *the Head of the Athletes Commission elected by their peers in accordance with this Commission rules.*

Article 11.11 Decisions

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*The EC members shall not take part in the vote if they have a direct or indirect interest regarding the treated subject.*

Mr. ROUGE explains that if there is a subject which directly involves the Federation to which an EC member belongs or if he /she has an interest of any kind regarding the treated matter, he/she cannot vote (decision regarding an EC member Federation, company or family).

Mr. ROUGE reminds that the statutory modifications have to be adopted by the 2/3 majority of the present delegates.

**Seventh resolution**

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

**Point 12. Proposition of the Continental unions and National Federations**

Mr. ROUGE informs that no points were submitted from the Continental Unions and National Federations.

**Point 13. Reports of the IJF Commissions**

Complete presentations in [Appendix 17](#).

Military and Police Commission  
Veterans Commission  
Medical Commission  
Judo for Peace Commission  
Kata Commission  
Ethics Commission  
Athletes Commission  
Media Commission  
Children Commission  
Gender Equity Commission

Mr. MARGINEAN  
Mr. BONDOR  
Mr. SWIRSKY  
Mr. MESSNER  
Mr. CAPELLETTI  
Mr. PALENFO  
Mr. RINER  
Mr. MESSNER  
Mr. TABACZNIK  
Ms. RIVERA



Mr. ROUGE says that the reports were sent to all the delegates. He listed all the commissions' reports.

No questions from the delegates.

13.1 IJF Academy: Mr. GALEA.

Mr. GALEA introduces the report by explaining that he will focus on points for the future and by thanking President VIZER who having launched the Academy and for his continuous support.

Complete presentation in Appendix 18.

No remarks from the delegates.

**Point 14. Distinctions**

- **Ms. Larisa KISS, IJF Gold plate**
  
- **Ms. Elisabetta FRATINI, IJF Gold plate**
  
- **Mr. Armen BAGDASAROV, 8<sup>th</sup> DAN**

**Point 15. CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS**

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

President VIZER reminds that the delegates are always free to ask questions, make remarks and contact the IJF Presidential office, General Secretary, General Treasurer, Continental Unions and all the involved people.

President VIZER underlines the importance of a free dialogue within the Judo family.

President VIZER wishes successful Gala and good luck for the World Championships.

**The agenda being exhausted, the Congress is closed at 13:09**

