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**MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE**

**ISSF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

**28 November 2018**

**MUNICH, GER**

# Meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council

**Date:**  
November 28, 2018

**Time:**  
10:00 hours

**Place:**  
Hilton Munich Park Hotel  
Munich, GER

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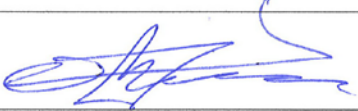

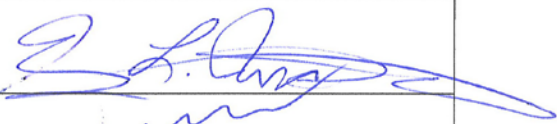

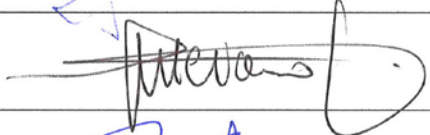

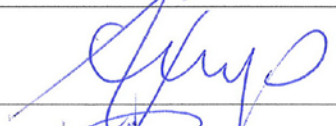


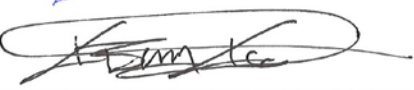
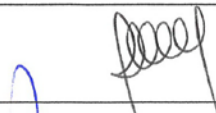
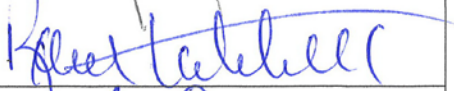

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7.	Report of the Continental Shooting Confederations:
7.1	African Shooting Sport Federation
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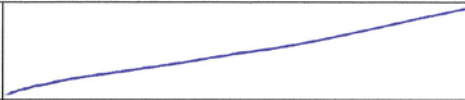


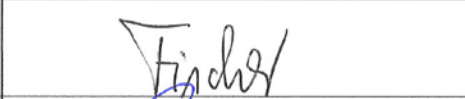


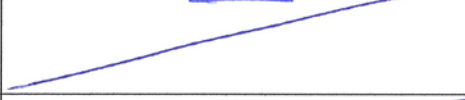
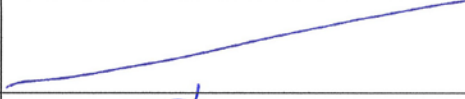
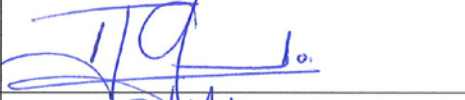
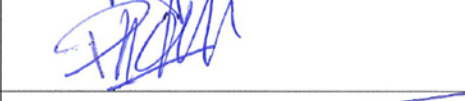
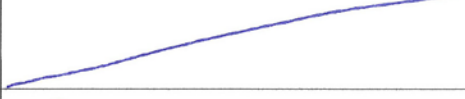
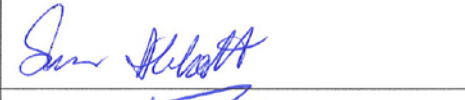

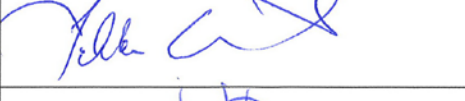


7.3	Asian Shooting Confederation
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7.5	Oceania Shooting Federation
8.	Report on the 52 <sup>nd</sup> World Championships in Changwon, KOR
9.	Report on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, ARG
10.	Preparation of the ISSF General Assembly in Munich, GER on 30 November and 1 December 2018 according to the agenda
10.1	Necessary amendments of the ISSF Constitution regarding the Bavarian State Ministry of Finance (agenda point 6 of the General Assembly)
10.2	Election of outgoing President Olegario Vazquez Rana as ISSF Honorary President (agenda point 8 of the General Assembly)
10.3	Necessary changes in the ISSF General Regulations regarding ISSF Championships program as of 2020, ISSF Target Sprint (agenda point 11 of the General Assembly)
10.3.1	Approval of Target Sprint Rules
10.4	Report of Review Committee regarding letter National Rifle Association of Pakistan (agenda point 13.1 of the General Assembly)
10.5	Membership fees for the period 2019/2020 (agenda point 15 of the General Assembly)
11.	Preparation of the 2nd Council meeting in Munich, GER on 2 December 2018 according to the agenda
12.	Recognition for outgoing members of EXCO and Council
13.	Report on the preparations for the XXXII Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo, JPN from 24 July to 9 August 2020
14.	Report on Financial Status
15.	Report of the Awards Committee
16.	Miscellaneous
17.	Place and date of next Administrative Council meeting: 2 December 2018 at 09:00 hours in Hotel Hilton Park Munich, GER

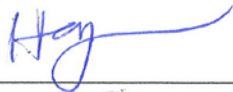

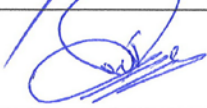
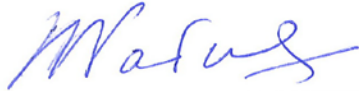







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**ISSF Administrative Council I**  
**Munich, GER**  
**November 28, 2018**

**Roll Call**

Olegario VÁZQUEZ Raña, MEX President	
Franz SCHREIBER, GER Secretary General	
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	
Kimberly RHODE, USA Chairman Athletes Committee	
Alexandros DIMAKAKOS, GRE Member Executive Committee, ISSF Auditor	
Kevin KILTY, IRL Member Executive Committee	
Rodrigo de MESA Ruiz, ESP Member Executive Committee	
Robert MITCHELL, USA Member Executive Committee	
Raninder SINGH, IND Member Executive Committee	

Dr. Ahmed AL RAISI, UAE Member Administrative Council	
Kerstin BODIN, SWE Member Administrative Council	
Yair DAVIDOVICH, ISR Member Administrative Council	
Heinz-Helmut FISCHER, GER Member Administrative Council	
Juha HIRVI, FIN Member Administrative Council	
Derek R. IVY, GBR Member Administrative Council	
Woo Jae LEE, KOR Member Administrative Council	
Feng LI, CHN Member Administrative Council	
Gerardo TROTTA, VEN Member Administrative Council	
Peter UNDERHILL, GBR Chairman of Judges Committee	
Tomislav SEPEC, CRO Chairman of Rifle Committee	
Susan ABBOTT, USA Chairman of Pistol Committee	
Demetris F. LORDOS, CYP Chairman of Shotgun Committee	
Pekka KUUSISTO, FIN Chairman of Running Target Committee	
Antonio FERNANDEZ Arena, MEX Chairman of Statutes & Eligibility Committee, ISSF Auditor	
Dr. James M. LALLY, USA Chairman of Medical Committee	

Hazem Hosny AHMED, EGY African Shooting Sport Federation	
Carlos SILVA MONTERROSO, GUA Shooting Confederation of the Americas	
Ali Mohammed AL KUWARI, QAT Nominee Asian Shooting Confederation	
Alexander RATNER, RUS Nominee European Shooting Confederation	
Ewen PIRIE, NZL Oceania Shooting Federation	
<b>Honorary Members</b>	
Trudy ANLIKER-NICK, SUI Honorary Member	
Max MÜCKL, GER Honorary Member	
Unni NICOLAYSEN, NOR Honorary Member	
Jacques TROUVÉ, FRA Honorary Member	
Medhat M. WAHDAN, EGY Honorary Member	
<b>Present as guest</b>	
Abhinav BINDRA, IND Former Chairman Athletes Committee	

**International Shooting Sport Federation  
Minutes of the Meeting  
of the ISSF Administrative Council  
in Munich, GER on 28 November 2018**

**Date:**  
28 November 2018

**Time:**  
10:00 hours

**Place:**  
Hilton Munich Park Hotel  
Munich, GER

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**Present:**

**Executive Committee**

Olegario Vázquez Raña	MEX	President
Franz Schreiber	GER	Secretary General
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 of the Technical Committee
Kimberly Rhode	USA	Chairman of the Athletes Committee
Alexandros Dimakakos	GRE	Member of the Executive Committee, Auditor
Kevin Kilty	IRL	Member of the Executive Committee
Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz	ESP	Member of the Executive Committee
Robert Mitchell	USA	Member of the Executive Committee
Raninder Singh	IND	Member of the Executive Committee

**Members 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
Gerardo Trotta Arnone	VEN	Member of the Administrative Council

**Chairmen of the Section Committees**

Peter Underhill	GBR	Chairman of the Judges Committee
Susan B. Abbott	USA	Chairman of the Pistol Committee
Demetris F. 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.
Ewen Pirie	NZL	Nominee Oceania Shooting Federation

**Excused:**

Tomislav Sepec	CRO	Chairman of the Rifle Committee
Feng Li	CHN	Member of the Administrative Council
Woo Jae Lee	KOR	Member of the Administrative Council
Dr. Ahmed Al Raisi	UAE	Member of the Administrative Council

**Honorary Members:**

Unni Nicolaysen	NOR	Honorary Member
Jacques Trouvé	FRA	Honorary Member
Medhat Wahdan	EGY	Honorary Member

**Guest:**

Abhinav Bindra	IND	Former Chairman of the Athletes Committee
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**Minutes:**

Franz Schreiber	GER	Secretary General
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**ITEM 1 Welcome**

The President welcomed all members of the Administrative Council to this meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council in Munich on November 28, 2018. The President informed the members of the Administrative Council that simultaneous translation is available on the following channels: English 1, Spanish 2, French 3, German 4, and Russian 5.

**ITEM 2 Roll-call**

Secretary General Franz Schreiber also welcomed all members of the Administrative Council to Munich and in particular welcomed Mrs. Kimberly Rhode, who was elected as chair of the ISSF Athletes Committee during the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Championship in Changwon, KOR. Mr. Schreiber informed Mrs. Rhode that Mr. Abhinav Bindra, former Chairman of the Athletes Committee had also been invited to assist her in her first meeting. Further, Mr. Schreiber welcomed the Honorary Members, Mrs. Unni Nicolaysen, Mr. Jacques Trouvé and Mr. Medhat Wahdan. As mentioned in the invitation, the ISSF will cover the hotel costs for a maximum of six nights and Mr. Schreiber asked everyone to pay the extras when checking out. As in the previous meeting, the ISSF is trying to be more sustainable and therefore, no printed documents are available at meetings as most of them were left on the tables after the meetings. So the only printed documents were the agenda, WiFi password and the link to download all documents. The folder also contains a USB flash drive with all documents. Mr. Schreiber expressed the hope that with this action, the ISSF supports the common aim to be more sustainable and save some trees.

Mr. Schreiber further informed the members that the ISSF had received an excuse from Mr. Li Feng stating that he is not able to participate. Also Mr. Woo Jae Lee had informed the ISSF that he could not attend the meeting due to his health condition. Mr. Tomislav Sepec had explained that he could not travel to Munich because of his state of health. All absent members had sent best wishes for a successful meeting. Mr. Schreiber further explained that the ISSF had not received any information from Mr. Al Raisi and since he was not present, Mr. Schreiber assumed that he would not participate. So in total, four members were excused and of the total 34 members, 30 were present. Therefore, the quorum was reached according to article 1.7.3 of the ISSF Constitution as more than 50 per cent of the members were present. Mr. Schreiber stated that the President had also invited Mr. Christian Keidel, the ISSF's legal advisor as a guest. Mr. Schreiber informed the members that Mr. Rossi had requested that the following was added to the agenda: "Proposal to add scrutinizers and submission of the proposal to the General Assembly pursuant to article 1.7.4 of the Constitution". Mr. Schreiber informed the members that this matter would be covered under agenda item 10 where the Administrative Council must discuss the scrutinizer proposal that the Executive Committee and Administrative Council will submit to the General Assembly. Mr. Rossi had been given an opportunity to provide input during the Executive Committee meeting the previous day and since the proposal would be covered under agenda item 10, Mr. Schreiber asked Mr. Rossi if there was anything else. This was not the case and therefore this item was concluded.

**ITEM 3 Minutes of the last meetings of the ISSF Administrative Council in New Delhi, IND on 22 February 2017 and in Munich, GER on 24 June 2017**

Mr. Schreiber informed the members of the Administrative Council that both minutes of the Administrative Council meetings of 22 February and 24 June were sent to all members and a postal vote was conducted. The Administrative Council unanimously approved both minutes by postal vote. The minutes were therefore signed by the President and Secretary General and could be found in the documents.

**ITEM 4 Report on the meeting of the Executive Committee 27 November 2018**

The President asked the Secretary General to report on that matter. Mr. Schreiber thanked the President and informed the members that the ISSF had had one positive doping case at the international level. It referred to a Chinese athlete who had taken a supplement that contained the prohibited substance Higenamine. The case was closed with a one-month suspension and the results were of course canceled.

The Executive Committee had received excellent reports of the Ad Hoc EST Testing Committee which had tested several electronic targets and the new list of approved targets was published on the Website. Mr. Schreiber informed the members that the ISSF had received a report on the Forum 2024, which is now fully functional. Many persons had registered and some posts were already made. However, the ISSF Executive Committee expressed their hope that further posts will be made and good discussions will be held on several matters. Mr. Schreiber stated that the Executive Committee had discussed the election and appointments of the Athletes Committee. After detailed discussions, it was referred to the Athletes Committee which will now discuss the matter and report to the new Executive Committee for a decision. Further, the coming General Assembly was discussed and some of the agenda points will be discussed later that day. The Executive Committee had received a detailed report from the Ad Hoc Election Committee which had made several proposals regarding the coming elections and which were approved by the Executive Committee as follows:

1. After a detailed discussion on "simple majority", which is mentioned in the ISSF Constitution 1.6.13.1, simple majority is clearly defined in both, legal and practical applications as "more than half of the votes cast". Therefore, the ISSF Constitution requires simple majority for any decision in the General Assembly. This means that if an election with more candidates (three or more) is conducted, each candidate to be elected must have the simple majority, 50 per cent plus one of the votes cast. For the first time for 38 years, the ISSF has more candidates for the position as ISSF President or Secretary General and therefore, it is possible that simple majority will not be reached after first voting round. This interpretation is universally accepted by legal and governmental authorities and the ISSF wanted to make sure that all members of the Administrative Council understood this procedure. Mr. Schreiber asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Al Kuwari informed the members of the Executive Committee that the Asian Shooting Confederation had sent a letter and asked for clarification of this matter. A reply was received from the ISSF Headquarters, in particular on the matter concerning the simple majority. The Asian Shooting Confederation did not find the explanations convincing and it may affect the elections with many candidates.

The wording of Article 1.6.13.1 is very clear and requests the simple majority, not a qualified majority nor any other. Since the wording of this article requesting simple majority is clear, the Asian Shooting Confederation requests to go back to the simple majority and not to any other kind of majority for the elections. If this request is denied, the Asian Shooting Confederation requests a vote by the Administrative Council on that matter. The President thanked Mr. Al Kuwari and asked Mr. Christian Keidel to answer this legal question. Mr. Keidel thanked the President and brought up an example to explain the matter. If ten persons are voting, what would be the majority? The answer is five plus one, so six. The simple majority of ten people is six votes. Six people is not a qualified majority but a simple majority. A qualified majority is for example two-thirds of the votes cast. Mr. Keidel further explained that this interpretation is not a change at all. The Constitution had always requested a simple majority.

Mr. Al Kuwari asked if several elections would be necessary if a simple majority is not reached. Mr. Schreiber explained that for example for the positions of Vice-Presidents, there are many candidates. Each delegate can vote for a maximum of four candidates and the results will be announced. Those who have a simple majority are elected. If this applies to four members, the vote will be finished. However, if only one, two or three are elected by simple majority, another round of voting will be conducted. Mr. Schreiber confirmed that the simple majority was never changed in the Constitution and had been valid for many years. The ISSF had followed this rule in principle. For example, if there is a vote for YES or NO, the simple majority is always 50 per cent plus one of the votes cast. However, the ISSF never had an election for President or Secretary General with more than two candidates and it was necessary to clarify beforehand.

Mr. Al Kuwari thanked for the explanations and since this is a very important matter, he requested the Administrative Council to vote on it.

Mr. Keidel once again explained that it is not possible to change the constitution now. The Constitution clearly states that a simple majority is necessary to be elected and if the Administrative Council wants to change this, it has to be done according to the Constitution, which requires a two-month prior to the General Assembly proposal plus the necessary two-third majority according to the ISSF Constitution. It is therefore not possible for the Administrative Council to vote on this as it would not change anything. Again, a simple majority is the majority of the votes cast which is more than 50 per cent and if a person does not receive a simple majority, he will not be elected and a second round has must be held. Mr. Al Kuwari thanked again for the explanations and pointed out that the confusion arised because it had never been done like this, but Mr. Keidel explained that it was never required to do it as there always one or two candidates for the positions as President or Secretary General.

Mr. Al Kuwari further requested that the Administrative Council voted on that. The President thanked Mr. Al Kuwari and informed him that the Administrative Council is not authorized to vote on changes to the Constitution.

Mr. Gary Anderson explained the matter by stating that the interpretation is not a change. The Constitution had always stated that simple majority is required and simple majority is the majority of the votes cast. Mr. Anderson declared that the ISSF had checked the old Constitution and this article had not changed since 1975. Therefore, the requirement of a simple majority had always been in the Constitution and definitely not a change. However, the multiple candidates will make it possible that the first vote will not create a simple majority and it will therefore be necessary to conduct a second or even multiple number of votes to find a candidate by simple majority, which is 50 per cent plus one. But again, it is not a change. Mr. Al Kuwari thanked again for the explanations and again requested to vote on that issue. In case there is no vote, he wanted to make sure that the request of the Asian Shooting Sport Confederation is mentioned in the minutes. The President stated again that the Administrative Council does not have the authority to decide on this matter and a vote is not possible.

2. Mr. Schreiber continued in the agenda and informed the delegates that an electronic voting system should be used to speed up the election process. This became necessary as the ISSF has a large number of candidates for various positions and without electronic voting system, the ISSF would certainly not finish the voting on the first day and probably not even on the second day. As experience showed from previous elections, the counting of the secret paper ballot takes very long. Especially for example the election of the Administrative Council members, which took around three hours. Therefore, the ISSF is pleased to report that the company that is also used by the IOC for the IOC Sessions and all elections including the athletes election during the Olympic Games is available. The company LUMI is well-experienced and informed the ISSF that they would be pleased to organize and conduct all elections of the General Assembly as well as the Council II meeting. Mr. Schreiber explained there would be a video on how to use the system and the ISSF hoped for the approval by the Administrative Council to propose to the General Assembly to use that system as it saves a lot of time and work. The video was shown and afterwards, the President asked for the vote if the Administrative Council approved that electronic voting should be used in the General Assembly. Of course the General Assembly had to accept the use of electronic voting system according to the ISSF Constitution. However, the President asked if the Administrative Council supported the proposal. The proposal was unanimously supported with no vote against and no abstention. The President thanked the members of the Administrative Council and continued in the agenda.

Mr. Hazem Hosny Ahmed requested that the use of this electronic voting system should be explained well, even if it is very easy to use, it is nonetheless important that all delegates fully understand how to use it.

The President thanked Mr. Ahmed for his comment and confirmed that the use will be precisely explained. One of the representatives of the company LUMI will show a video and give a presentation on the use of the devices.

Mr. Al Kuwari asked if there will be one electronic vote for several votes or how the devices will be distributed. Mr. Schreiber means each vote means one device. Therefore, it will be the same as with paper voting. For each vote, a delegate will have one device. If a delegate has two votes, he will receive two devices. Mr. Schreiber explained that several test votes will be conducted before the first real vote will be held.

Mr. Raninder Singh asked how proxies will be handled. Mr. Schreiber explained that for proxies, additional devices will be distributed. This means that if a delegate has four votes, because he had received a proxy, he will receive four devices. If a federation has two votes, the delegate will have two devices. For one vote, only one device will be handed out.

Mr. Schreiber informed the members of the Administrative Council that the Executive Committee had further discussed several points concerning the elections. First of all, the Guidelines for the election were discussed and no changes were proposed. The guidelines that were sent out to all member federations and members of the Administrative Council are still valid. Further, the Executive Committee confirmed the procedure in case the necessary majority is not reached for one or more candidates. As already discussed, it is proposed to follow the IOC procedure as the ISSF Constitution does not specify it. There are two possibilities:

- a) If no candidate reaches the necessary majority in the first round of an election, a second round will be conducted but the candidate who had received the lowest number of votes is eliminated from the list
- b) In case of multiple candidates to be elected, those candidates who had received the necessary majority are elected and will be announced. If not all candidates receive the requested majority, the remaining candidates will be listed for the second round of election and the election will continue until all candidates are elected. This may need several rounds of elections.

Further, the Executive Committee confirmed that those applications for the elections which arrived too late are not valid. The following five applications were sent in too late:

- Maria Grozdeva, BUL as member of the Administrative Council
- Dale Caswell, CAN, Member of the Judges Committee
- Bernard Harrison, CAN, Member of the Pistol Committee
- David Kostelecky, CZE, Member of the Shotgun Committee
- Hassan Al-Nuainmi, UAE, Member of the Rifle Committee

Finally, Mr. Schreiber explained that the Executive Committee had confirmed that Judges Licenses are necessary for any Committee member or Chairman of Section Committees as well as for Technical Committee and Judges Committee. Applications can only be considered if the candidate holds a valid Judges License. This is mainly due to the fact that the rules intend to secure that only experienced candidates are proposed and elected. Mr. Schreiber thanked for the attention.

Since there were no questions, the President proceeded with the next agenda item.

**ITEM 5 Membership matters**

The President informed the members that no membership matters are to be reported.

**ITEM 6 Report of the different section committees by their chairmen:****ITEM 6.1 Technical Committee**

Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Chairman of the ISSF Technical Committee thanked the President and since the very demanding agenda, he referred to his written report but is available for any questions. The same applies for the coming General Assembly.

**ITEM 6.2 Athletes Committee**

The President welcomed Mrs. Kimberly Rhode, newly chair of the ISSF Athletes Committee. He informed the members that also the former Chairman, Mr. Abhinav Bindra was invited to assist Mrs. Rhode. The President asked Mrs. Rhode and Mr. Bindra to give their report.

Mr. Bindra thanked the President and referred to his written report that is in the documents. He further informed the members of the Administrative Council that the meeting of the ISSF Athletes Committee was attended as usually by Ms. Danka Bartekova, Member of the IOC Athletes Commission.

The Athletes Committee, in cooperation with the Medical Committee and Coach Advisory Committee had published the ISSF Athletes Handbook. The handbook is an initiative to recognize and address the dynamic requirements of the shooting sport. Mr. Bindra was pleased to inform the members of the Administrative Council that the handbook was extremely well received by the athletes and the Athletes Committee had received a lot of positive feedback. The handbook was also very much appreciated by the IOC and the ISSF became the only IF to publish such an in-depth educational document which covers athletes career in a holistic manner.

Further, Mr. Bindra explained that the Athletes Committee had worked with all Section Committees to finetune the mixed-team rules as well as to come to a satisfactory agreement on the issue of parity of shots based on the feedback received from the athletes. The Athletes Committee was represented at the IOC Athletes Forum in Lausanne, SUI in November and the cooperation was great and all new information and initiatives of the IOC had already been adopted in the ISSF Handbook. The ISSF was also represented at the IOC E-Sports Forum earlier in 2018 and gave feedback to participants from the perspective of a traditional sport but also highlighting the peaceful and save nature of the shooting sport. Mr. Bindra informed the members that this was the last report of the outgoing Athletes Committee Chairman and the Athletes Committee was very grateful that he had the opportunity to represent the athletes' community at key initiatives. Mr. Bindra referred to various aspects that were dealt with and mentioned the opening up of sponsorship rules for athletes and in particular thanked the Eligibility and Statutes Committee and the Executive Committee for their support. Further, he thanked the IOC for the recognition as best practice of an International Federation Athletes Committee. He confirmed that the Athletes Committee will remain committed to the long-term growth of the shooting sport and playing a part in the correct transition of the Olympic Shooting Program to conform to Agenda 2020.

The Athletes Committee had received a lot of positive feedback on the changes at the recent World Championship in Korea, especially from young athletes. Mr. Bindra further mentioned that the very close work with the Medical Committee to implement common anti-doping initiatives was welcomed.

Mr. Bindra concluded his report by thanking the members of the Administrative Council and the ISSF staff for their kind cooperation, encouragement and assistance over the years. On behalf of his colleagues of the Athletes Committee, he said it was a great honor and privilege to work for our athletes, our sport and the ISSF.

Finally, Mr. Bindra warmly welcomed the new chair of the ISSF Athletes Committee, Mrs. Kimberly Rhode and wished her and all the new members the very best for their term. Mrs. Rhode thanked all for the kind welcome and informed the Administrative Council that she is very much looking forward to the coming four years. However, she also mentioned that she has some big shoes to fill and she will do her best to master all upcoming tasks.

President Vázquez thanked Mr. Bindra for his last report and also thanked Mrs. Rhode for her words. The President again mentioned that he is very pleased that a six-time Olympic medal winner is part of the ISSF leadership and again welcomed Mr. Rhode.

### **ITEM 6.3 Judges Committee**

Mr. Peter Underhill, Chairman of the ISSF Judges Committee thanked the President and first of all referred to his written report and detailed statistics. However, he also wanted to mention some specific items, to start with the routine work of the issuance of new Judges and Shotgun Referee licenses. Mr. Underhill highlighted that the renewal and new issuance of licenses will now be much faster since the applications will not only be checked in the traditional January meeting but all year long. There are presently around 600 A-License holders and Mr. Underhill estimated that one-third of them are active. Further, around 2,500 B-License holders are registered. Concerning the Shotgun Referee Licenses, Mr. Underhill reported that an increase in courses and license holders was noted and around 700 Shotgun Referees are registered. Mr. Underhill explained that the Judges Committee had prepared documents of course material for those federations that do not have a known judges license system. The federations are free to use those course materials for their own judges courses. The aim of providing such material is to increase the level of all judges around the world. This was already done with electronic scoring target license holders and there it is practiced that before conducting an international EST course, a national EST course should be conducted first. Mr. Underhill thanked in particular Mr. David Goodfellow and Mr. Paul Gumn for collecting all the necessary material for the documents and their hard work to update all those documents. Mr. Underhill referred to the upgrade procedure and explained that it is intended to hold a yearly course for interested persons. Further, Mr. Underhill reported that it was the aim that all judges working for Rifle/Pistol in any competition or championship must have a valid EST license. This was implemented and is now fully functioning. Finally, Mr. Underhill reported that a second instructors course was held and eight very enthusiastic students had attended. Further workshops and instructor's courses will follow. Mr. Underhill thanked his Committee members for their excellent work and he is confident all judges matters will be dealt by the Committee in the best possible way.

**ITEM 6.4 Rifle Committee**

The President informed the delegates that unfortunately, Mr. Sepec, Chairman of the ISSF Rifle Committee could not attend due to his health conditions. However, his written report could be found in the documents.

**ITEM 6.5 Pistol Committee**

Mrs. Susan Abbott, Chair of the ISSF Pistol Committee informed the Administrative Council that her written report is in the documents. Of course, Mrs. Abbott mentioned that she is available for any questions.

**ITEM 6.6 Shotgun Committee**

Mr. Demetris Lordos, Chairman of the ISSF Shotgun Committee stated that the ISSF Shotgun Committee had had a very productive two-day meeting on November 19-20, 2017 in Munich. A total of 21 agenda items were discussed and finals proposals were made to the Technical Committee. In this meeting, all members of the Shotgun Committee were present and Mr. Lordos thanked every one of them for their good work and great support. Mr. Lordos also thanked the member of the Executive Committee, Mr. Robert Mitchell and Mr. Petros Kyritsis, member of the Technical Committee for their continuous presence and assistance. Mr. Lordos further thanked the Secretary General Franz Schreiber as well as Vice-President Gary Anderson for attending the meeting and for discussing many items and exchanging ideas. The Committee had further met Mr. Tyler Anderson from IPC on the development of para-trap events and also meetings with the Coaches and Athletes Committee were very productive. Mr. Lordos referred to the minutes of the Shotgun Committee, which are enclosed and said he is available for any questions. Before closing his report, he thanked everyone for the excellent support and friendship. Special thanks go to the ISSF staff who were and are always very helpful.

The President thanked Mr. Lordos for his report and since there were no questions, he continued in the agenda.

**ITEM 6.7 Running Target Committee**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Pekka Kuusisto, Chairman of the ISSF Running Target Committee. Mr. Kuusisto first of all thanked the Organizing Committee of the very successful World Championships which were excellently conducted and the Running Target events were very successful. Mr. Kuusisto especially thanked the President and Secretary General as well as members of the Executive Committee who were present for the medal matches. Mr. Kuusisto reported that several changes were decided which will come into effect in the near future. First of all, Mr. Vázquez' idea to re-name Running Target to Moving Target was well accepted. Mr. Kuusisto explained that it is proposed to change the 50m targets from an animal figure to a symbolic target as in 10m. Finally, the Committee proposed to include Mixed Team events in Running Target at official World Championships. Mr. Kuusisto informed the members of the Administrative Council that the French Shooting Federation had informed the Running Target Committee that they are prepared to conduct and organize a separate Running Target World Championship in 2020 at the



newly built shooting center in Chateauroux, FRA.

This has of course first to go to the Executive Committee for a final decision. Mr. Kuusisto again thanked the ISSF for the great support the Running Target had been receiving.

The President thanked Mr. Kuusisto and congratulated the Running Target Committee on its excellent work.

#### **ITEM 6.8 Statutes and Eligibility Committee**

Mr. Antonio Fernandez Arena, Chairman of the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee thanked the President and reported that no specific meeting was held during the year. However, Mr. Fernandez Arena reported that the Committee had worked hard on several items. He pointed out that the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee is the only ISSF Committee with gender parity. Mr. Fernandez Arena thanked all members for their kind and excellent cooperation.

#### **ITEM 6.9 Medical Committee**

Dr. James Lally, Chairman of the ISSF Medical Committee thanked the President and referred to his written report in the documents. The Medical Committee had had a one-day meeting in November 2017 and Dr. Lally thanked Ms. Janie Soublière, the ISSF's Anti-Doping Legal Counsel. Thanks to Ms. Soublière the ISSF is in good standing with WADA and there are no anti-doping issues. Dr. Lally reported that there was a misunderstanding as the Medical Committee and the Athletes Committee had discussed the matter of kinesio-taping and decided that its use is forbidden. However, the Medical Committee had heard that some athletes are still using some kind of kinesio-taping and he asked all athletes to respect the decision of the Athletes Committee and Medical Committee that kinesio-taping is forbidden in all disciplines. Further, the Medical Committee continues to be very active and supports the IOC with regards to anti-doping. Dr. Lally reported that the ISSF is seen as one of the clean sports, which is very positive. The ISSF Medical Committee took a very clear position on safeguarding and harassment, which was fully supported by the ISSF Executive Committee and Dr. Lally thanked them for their support. Detailed rules on that matter were written and approved. Finally, Dr. Lally thanked President Olegario Vázquez Raña, Secretary General Franz Schreiber and Vice-President Gary Anderson for their outstanding support.

#### **ITEM 6.10 Coach Advisory Committee**

Mr. Kevin Kilty, Chairman of the ISSF Coach Advisory Committee thanked the President and referred to his written report. He thanked his Committee members for their excellent work and expressed his hope that the Coach Advisory Committee will soon be a fully-recognized permanent Committee of the ISSF. Mr. Kilty reported that one of the main topics of the Coach Advisory Committee is the close cooperation with all discipline Committees to give them feedback from the coaches. He thanked all Committee members for their kind cooperation. Mr. Kilty further reported that it is the wish of the Coach Advisory Committee to have coaches permanently participating in each discipline to be represented. Mr. Kilty stressed that the Coach Advisory Committee cooperated greatly with Mr. Bindra and the Athletes Committee to publish the ISSF Athletes Handbook. Mr. Kilty congratulated the Athletes Committee and thanked in particular Mr. Bindra for his excellent work in the Athletes Committee in the past years. Mr. Kilty also welcomed Mrs. Kimberly Rhode, new Chair of the Athletes Committee and said he is looking forward to excellent

cooperation in the future.

The President thanked Mr. Kilty and all Committees for their hard and excellent work. President Olegario Vázquez Raña thanked especially all Chairmen for their support, work and commitment for the shooting sport.

## **ITEM 7 Report on the Continental Shooting Confederations:**

### **ITEM 7.1 African Shooting Sport Federation**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Hazem Hosny Ahmed, President of the African Shooting Sport Federation. Mr. Ahmed thanked the President, the Secretary General and Vice-President Anderson for their excellent work for the ISSF in the past years. He stated that he had provided a written report which is included in the documents and is available to answer any questions.

### **ITEM 7.2 Shooting Confederation of the Americas**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso, President of the Shooting Confederation of the Americas. Mr. Silva referred to his written report but wanted to mention some items. He informed the members of the Administrative Council that a small recognition was provided to Mr. Robert Mitchell, who had left USA Shooting but all CAT member federations recognized the support and cooperation received from him in the past years. Mr. Silva stated that CAT had organized several World Cups, such as the World Cup in Acapulco, MEX, the Ibero-American Shooting Championship, GUA and the Caribbean Games, ESA and DOM. Further, Guadalajara hosted a World Cup with all Olympic events. A lot of effort and investments were needed to have the venue ready. Another World Cup followed in Fort Benning, organized by USA Shooting. USA Shooting had organized also a Shotgun World Cup in Tucson. Further, CAT had held the first ever Class C Coaches Course in Spanish. The course was organized by the Federacion Ecuatoriana de Tiro Olimpico with great support of the ISSF. The course was well accepted by all Latin American countries. Mr. Silva further reported that only a few weeks ago, the 12<sup>th</sup> Championship of the Americas was conducted in Guadalajara which was attended by several ISSF leaders. On that occasion, CAT also conducted its General Assembly, where an updated Constitution was approved, a new Athletes Commission was created and its Chairman became a member of the Executive Committee. During this General Assembly, President Olegario Vázquez Raña was also honored as founder of the Shooting Confederation of the Americas, which was founded 45 years ago. Also, during this General Assembly, the IOC's Agenda 2020 Recommendations were included and a term limit of 12 years for officers was established. Further, at least one female must be included in the Committee. Further, in the new Constitution, the adoption of the Code of Ethics was approved. Mr. Silva explained that CAT had conducted its election and the list of all elected members can be found in his report.

### **ITEM 7.3 Asian Shooting Confederation**

The President gave the floor to the nominee of the Asian Shooting Confederation, Mr. Ali Mohammed Al Kuwari. Mr. Al Kuwari thanked the President and reported that the Asian Shooting Confederation would like to express its gratitude to all honorable members of the ISSF Administrative Council. The Asian Shooting Confederation had had a very productive and successful year with many Asian Championships, Youth Training Camps, Coaching Courses and

Meetings, including the General Assembly.

The Asian Shooting Confederation is very proud of the achievements of the Asian athletes during the Youth Olympic Games, in particular of the number of medals of Indian, Chinese and Korean athletes with several World Records. Mr. Al Kuwari further referred to his written report and expressed that gratitude to the Asian Shooting Confederation to President Olegario Vázquez Raña and Secretary General Franz Schreiber of their support of the Asian Shooting Confederation.

#### **ITEM 7.4 European Shooting Confederation**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Alexander Ratner, nominee of the European Shooting Confederation. Mr. Ratner thanked the President and referred to his written report in the documents. The report is also published on the website of the European Shooting Confederation but Mr. Ratner pointed out some important matters: The European Shooting Confederation was very active in the past years and the calendar was full of championships and events. In March 2017, the IOC delegation had visited the European Championship in Maribor, SLO to evaluate the attractiveness and popularity of the Mixed Team Air Rifle and Air Pistol events. The success of those events at the European Championship played a major role in the IOC decision to accept them as Olympic events for Tokyo 2020. Mr. Ratner reported that the consolidated European position had helped a lot to safeguard the stability and continuity within the ISSF. The strong consolidation was demonstrated once again in Baku, AZE where the 26<sup>th</sup> ordinary European Shooting Confederation General Assembly took place. During the General Assembly all reports and proposals were unanimously approved and Mr. Vladimir Lisin was re-elected as President of the European Shooting Confederation. Mr. Ratner further reported that the European Shooting Confederation had successfully held many different competitions, including four European Championships, Lapua 25m Pistol and 300m Rifle Cups and European Youth League. The European Shooting Confederation gave great attention to the popularity of the shooting sport and TV broadcasting signals were produced and delivered to the satellite for the European Broadcasting Union. All Finals of Olympic events were on TV and all Finals could be streamed in the internet which was well accepted. The European Shooting Confederation is now engaged with the preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Games in Minsk, BLR where 19 events are on the program. There will be 15 Olympic events as well as Mixed Team events in Prone, 25m Standard Pistol and 50m Pistol and Skeet. Further, the formats of the new events were created by experts and approved by the ESC Presidium. It was also intended to include the Double Trap Mixed Team Event, but unfortunately, the number of teams was not sufficient and it had to be canceled. Mr. Ratner reported that the European Shooting Confederation had received money from the European Olympic Committees participation in the European Games and this money goes to a development fund. In 2017/2018 the grants were given to 10 European and 3 African National Federations. Further, around 649 winners and finalists of the 2017/2018 European Championships from 39 countries had received prize money offered by the ESC President amounting to almost 330,000 EUR. Mr. Ratner explained that European athletes have successfully started the 2020 qualification and it will continue in 2019 and finish in spring 2020 with two separate Olympic qualification tournaments, one for rifle and pistol and one for shotgun. Mr. Ratner closed his report by confirming that the European Shooting Confederation and all its members will do their best to protect the unity and strength of the shooting community.

### **ITEM 7.5 Oceania Shooting Federation**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Ewen Pirie, President of the Oceania Shooting Federation. Mr. Pirie thanked the President and referred to his written report. Mr. Pirie reported that the Oceania Shooting Championships were conducted in conjunction with the Commonwealth Shooting Championships in Goldcoast, AUS which also served as test event for the Commonwealth Games. Shooting was very popular and many visitors came to see the shooting events, and some days were sold out in advance. The President thanked Mr. Pirie for his report and thanked all Continental Confederations for their excellent work in the spirit of the shooting sport. The President announced a coffee break.

### **ITEM 8 Report on the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Championships in Changwon, KOR**

Mr. Gary Anderson, ISSF Vice-President and Technical Delegate, together with Mr. Demetris Lordos reported on the very successful 52<sup>nd</sup> ISSF World Championship all events in Changwon, KOR from August 31 to September 15, 2018. Mr. Anderson reported that the World Championship was the highlight of the shooting sport in 2018 and President Olegario Vázquez Raña had officially opened the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Championship on September 1, 2018. Mr. Anderson reported that a detailed PowerPoint presentation could be found in the documents and he will not go into details now. The World Championship was organized by the city of Changwon and the Korean Shooting Federation. The 52<sup>nd</sup> World Championship was closed by ISSF Secretary General Franz Schreiber together with the President of the Korean Shooting Federation, Mr. Hwang Young deug, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Lee Dal-gon and the mayor of Changwon, Mr. Huh Sung moo on September 14. Mr. Anderson explained that the Technical Delegates were Mr. Gary Anderson and Mr. Peter Underhill for Rifle and Pistol and Mr. Demetris Lordos and Mr. Mohamed Wahdan or Shotgun. Dr. James Lally served as Medical Director. The Jury Chairmen were also mentioned, Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso (Appeals), Mr. David Goodfellow (Rifle), Mrs. Susan Abbott (Pistol), Mr. Pekka Kuusisto (Running Target), Mrs. Jadranka Strukic (RTS) and Mr. Willi Grill (Equipment Control). Mr. Anderson reported that one of the key success of those great World Championship was the detailed preparation and that the ISSF was always involved. There were several coordination meetings as well as NTO training courses and, of course the World Championship Test Event which was the World Cup 2018. The Organizing Committee consisted of the Korean Shooting Federation, which was responsible for the competitions and the city of Changwon, which was in charge of all competition functions under the leadership of Dr. Lee Dal-gon. The World Championship had 14 competition days with a total of 53 individual events, 59 team events and four individual and three team Target Sprint events. Finals were conducted for 15 senior and 15 junior events and the program included five 300m events, six Running Target events and four individual and three team Target Sprint events. 66 Victory Ceremonies in a total of 27 sessions were held. The venue proved to excellent with 9 firing points for 10m, 70 firing points for 25m, 80 firing points for 50m, five 10m Running Target ranges and two 50m Running Target ranges. The rifle and pistol finals range had a capacity of 540 spectator seats and the venue had six shotgun ranges. Mr. Anderson further reported that the Organizing Committee had many temporary facilities, such as industry service and display areas. The 300m range could be reached in a 30-minute drive. A naval base had be reconstructed at very high costs. Mr. Anderson explained that 88 nations participated, 61 of them had registered juniors. A total of 1,805 athletes competed at the World Championship, 1,066 male and 739 female, unfortunately not meeting gender parity. The ISSF leadership has to work on the gender parity. 3,314 starts were registered among them 1,046 juniors.

As many as 2,139 tickets were sold. Great universality was reached as 36 different nations won medals, 21 nations won junior medals. 50 individual events were conducted and three Grand Prix as well as 52 team events with 7 Grand Prix. The highest entry numbers were recorded in the Air Rifle Mixed Team event with 142, Trap 130 and Air Pistol Mixed Team with 124 participants. Mr. Anderson reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Target Sprint World Championship was also conducted on occasion of the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Championship and nine nations participated with 44 athletes. 11 medals were won by German participants and six medals by Italians. Mr. Anderson explained that China won the Nasser Trophy, which is awarded to the most successful nation. The medal count leaders were China with 43 medals, followed by the Republic of Korea with 36 medals and India with 27 medals. The Russian Federation ranked fourth with 37 medals. In the junior events, China lead the ranking with 22 medals, followed by India with 19 medals. As many as 42 World Records were broken or equaled. Mr. Anderson continued his report and said the victory ceremony were well planned and perfectly executed and probably the best ever. A total of 66 ceremonies were held during the 14 competition days. The economic impact of the World Championship for the city of Changwon was tremendous and it was estimated that around 20 million EUR were involved. More than 2,400 people stayed in paid accommodations in 21 different hotels. Around 16,550 bed nights were counted. Communications during the World Championship were well planned and conducted. MBC Sports had more than 22 broadcast hours. There was immense news coverage, internet broadcasting of all finals and of course excellent coverage on the ISSF Website. 353 accredited media were registered and 6,750 articles were published all over the world on the World Championship. All junior and senior finals were broadcasted live on the ISSF website and around 600,000 online viewers were registered. 26 TV stations took Championships highlights and six TV stations took Championship live transmissions, which were full-length finals and 28 TV stations took video news features. On the ISSF website, 135,850 unique users were recorded during the Championship. The ISSF President had announced that these 52<sup>nd</sup> ISSF World Championship were the best in the ISSF history. All aspects of the World Championship were exceptional, there were exemplary cooperation of the Organizing Committee and the ISSF with outstanding venues and ranges, great NTOs, very professional Organizing Committee staff and extremely friendly and helpful volunteers. Mr. Anderson reported that there were several recommendations and concerns and one of them is that the World Championship became too that only a few federations have the possibility of organizing such a huge Championship. Also the events program is not gender equal. There are 18 men's events and only 11 women's events and also in the junior category, there are more men's events (15) than women's events (9). The construction of 300m and Running Target venues in countries that do not practice these events is prohibitively expensive. Mr. Anderson closed his report by announcing that the ISSF extended its sincere thanks to the Korean Shooting Federation and the World Championship Organizing Committee for planning, organizing and conducting a truly great World Championship.

Mr. Demetris Lordos, Technical Delegate of the Shotgun events at the World Championship thanked Mr. Anderson for the excellent report and added that the shotgun events were one of the most successful and best conducted events during the World Championship. He also recommended to separate the junior from the senior World Championship to give more countries the possibility to organize World Championships.

**ITEM 9 Report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, ARG**

The President gave the floor to Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso who acted as Technical Delegate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires 2018. Mr. Silva thanked the President and first of all wanted to emphasize the excellent reports Mr. Gary Anderson gave during all meetings. He mentioned that one of the things the new leadership and ISSF will most miss are his excellent reports. They are very detailed, comprehensive and informative. On behalf of the Administrative Council, Mr. Silva wanted to thank Mr. Anderson for his excellent report which was most likely his last. He further mentioned that the recently held World Championship in Changwon were truly excellently organized and conducted. He reminded that in 2010, when the German Shooting Sport Federation had organized the World Championship in Munich, everybody believed that this could not be done better. However, as the World Championship in Changwon was extremely well organized and were utmost successful.

Mr. Silva stated that the recently held 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires were very successful. After the great 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010, and the beautiful and fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, these 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires were very different but also extremely successful. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games were organized in the middle of the city in amazing parks where many people had the possibility to attend the competitions. Many kids came to see the competitions where also interactive events were organized. In the shooting sport, the Athlete Role Model, Anna Korakaki and Federico Gil were great ambassadors of the shooting sport and performed excellently and had interactive discussions with athletes and spectators. Mr. Silva reported that several visits to Buenos Aires were organized starting in 2016 with Secretary General Franz Schreiber followed by a visit with President Olegario Vázquez Raña in May 2017. In both visits, the Organizing Committee explained the plans in detail and discussions concerning various cultural programs were held. During the visit, the President Olegario Vázquez Raña had approved the final venue which was constructed in a multi-sport hall in the Park Sarmiento where shooting, beach handball, BMX and archery were conducted. The Organizing Committee with Mr. Raul Simo, who acted as Competition Manager did a good job in preparing the venue and field of play. Mr. Jan Ketzel, ISSF Competition Manager and the expertise of the SIUS technicians had helped tremendously to prepare to prepare great competitions for the young athletes. Mr. Silva reported that the 80 Quota Places were filled by 58 countries, competing in six Youth Olympic Games events in the 10m Airgun disciplines. The Youth Olympic Games shooting events were very successful and India, Korea, Russia, Serbia and Switzerland as well as Denmark and Georgia gave great performances. Mr. Silva very much praised the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team events which were extremely positive. Athletes as well as spectators had great joy. Mr. Silva stated that the visit of Dr. Thomas Bach, IOC President at the shooting venue, was very positive and also the local national athletes were able to win a medal in the team events. There was also a new activity, the so-called "Focus Day". It was well accepted by the athletes. The ISSF and the Athlete Role Models Anna Korakaki and Federico Gil were did a great job at the Focus Day, which was organized under the IOC Athletes Education Program. Each International Federation had developed different activities for athletes, participating in the Youth Olympic Games. Together with the Athlete Role Models, Ms. Janie Soublière lead an excellent education workshop on doping and awareness of athletes' rights. Mr. Silva concluded his report by stating that in general, the new concept of the Youth Olympic Games to be more urban proved to be very successful as each day, all parks were crowded every day with kids and youngsters willing to learn about the different sports. Mr. Silva recommended for the future, to also look at new disciplines for the Youth Olympic Games and recommended that the new Target Sprint would be very suitable.

Mr. Silva thanked for the trust that he was nominated as Technical Delegate for the Youth Olympic Games.

Mr. Jörg Brokamp thanked Mr. Silva and the ISSF for the excellent conduct of the shooting events at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires. Mr. Brokamp stated that he was the Technical Delegate in the previous Youth Olympic Games and he emphasized that the Youth Olympic Games are of great importance to the sport as the age group in the Youth Olympic Games is one of the core groups for all sports. He recognized during these Games, that the age group from 14 – 18 years is extremely motivated and interested to learn more about the sport. Mr. Brokamp said there was a great difference at the Youth Olympic Games Nanjing, CHN which was precisely conducted, almost like the big Olympic Games. The Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games were also well organized, though in a completely different way that focused on the athletes and the experience for the locals as it was organized in parks, which created a great atmosphere for athletes and spectators. Mr. Brokamp pointed out that in Buenos Aires it was possible for all spectators to try out the shooting sport in a designated area and this was extremely well received. He in particular wanted to thank the Argentinean Shooting Sport Federation, which had organized this great activity. Mr. Brokamp said that the new approach of the IOC, to organize the Youth Olympic Games slightly differently than the first and second edition, was very successful.

The President thanked Mr. Carlos Silva for his great report and Mr. Brokamp for his comments and since there were no questions, he continued in the agenda.

**ITEM 10      Preparation of the ISSF General Assembly in Munich, GER on 30 November and 1 December 2018 according to the agenda**

Secretary General Franz Schreiber reported that the General Assembly would be held in the same room as the meeting of the Administrative Council. The agenda and some documents are included in the files of each member. Under point 3 of the General Assembly, several Committees will be appointed and under 3.1, the Minutes Committee must be designated. The President proposed Mr. Peter Underhill and Mr. Franz Schreiber for this Committee. In the previous General Assembly in 2016, the Committee was composed of the same persons.

Since there were no objections, the proposal of the President to the General Assembly to nominate Mr. Peter Underhill and Mr. Franz Schreiber for the Minutes Committee was approved. Further, Mr. Schreiber reported that under agenda item 3.2, the General Assembly has to deal with the scrutinizers and as already discussed under item 4 of the agenda of the Administrative Council, the ISSF will propose to the General Assembly to use an electronic system. Of course, Mr. Schreiber reported that depending on the decision of the General Assembly, the number of scrutinizers must be decided. Therefore, if electronic voting will be approved, the proposal is to nominate the following five scrutinizers:

- Mrs. Kimberly Rhode, USA as chair
- Mrs. Maria Grozdeva, BUL
- Mr. Ali Mohammed Al Kuwari, QAT

Two additional persons should be nominated from the floor. However, Mr. Rossi had asked to nominate Mr. Antoine Bechara from Lebanon and Mr. Ebrahim Albinali from Bahrain.

Mr. Schreiber asked the Administrative Council if there were any objections or if there were any additional proposals.

Mr. Ratner thanked the Secretary General for the information and asked if it was possible to add other representatives from other continents as there are members from USA, Europe and Asia but no one from Africa, for example. The President thanked Mr. Ratner for the excellent proposal and asked if there were any proposals for African representatives. Mr. Hazem Hosny Ahmed, President of the African Shooting Sport Federation proposed to add Mr. Tarek Fakhfakh from Tunisia as scrutinizers. So six scrutinizers will be proposed:

- Mrs. Kimberly Rhode, USA as chair
- Mrs. Maria Grozdeva, BUL
- Mr. Ali Mohammed Al Kuwari, QAT
- Mr. Antoine Bechara, LBN
- Mr. Ebrahim Albinali, BRN
- Mr. Tarek Fakhfakh, TUN

The Administrative Council unanimously approved those names and they will be proposed to the General Assembly. Mr. Schreiber further informed the members of the Administrative Council that that the General Assembly might decline the electronic voting system. In that case, many scrutinizers will have to be proposed to be nominated. It is recommended to nominate nine persons and ask for additional proposals from the floor. The Executive Committee proposed the following persons:

- Mrs. Kimberly Rhode, Chairman, USA
- Mr. Florian Neururer, AUT
- Mr. Sander Duisterhof, NED
- Dr. Hamish McInness, GBR
- Mr. Damian Marangon, AUS
- Mr. Obaid Al-Osaimi, KUW

Further, the continental representatives:

- Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso, GUA for America
- Mr. Ewen Pirie, NZL for Oceania
- Mr. Ali Mohamed Al Kuwari for Asia

Mr. Hazem Hosny Ahmed is a candidate for a position and therefore Mr. Cillian Walsh was nominated to represent Africa. Mr. Ratner is also a candidate but there are already European candidates in the list. As mentioned, additional proposals can of course be added now or during the General Assembly. Mr. Schreiber asked if there were any objections, comments or additional proposals. Mr. Hazem Hosny asked who had assigned Mr. Cillian Walsh. Mr. Schreiber answered that there were no assignments yet, those were only proposals from the Executive Committee. However, the names can be changed and persons can be added. Mr. Ahmed thanked Mr. Schreiber for the explanation and asked to include Mrs. Annie Mungoma from Uganda. There were no further proposals and the Administrative Council unanimously approved the list of scrutinizers for the General Assembly in case electronic voting would be declined. Mr. Schreiber further reported that the General Assembly will continue with several reports by the President, Secretary General and auditors, followed by the elections for ISSF Officers.



Immediately after the election of the new President and Secretary General, the authority will be transferred. From that moment on, the new President and Secretary General will continue with the General Assembly. Mr. Schreiber estimated that with the electronic voting, it should be possible to finish all elections on the first day of the General Assembly. On the second day, the General Assembly will be continued with the selection of the Organizers for the 2019 Shotgun World Championship. Mr. Schreiber that three hosts are standing for elections, namely Lonato, ITA, Larnaka, CYP and Granada, ESP. All candidates will have the chance to present their candidacy in a 10-minute presentation, followed by the election. The change of the General Regulations and selection of World Championships as of 2020 will then be on the agenda, and will also be discussed in that meeting of the Administrative Council. Mr. Schreiber asked the Administrative Council members if any of them would like to have a special seat in the meeting room as member of the Administrative Council and who will not be seated as a delegate. It was noted that the following members of the Administrative Council would like to have seats reserved: Mrs. Kerstin Bodin, Mr. Robert Mitchell, Mr. Derek Ivy, Mrs. Susan Abbott, Mr. Pekka Kuusisto, Mr. Peter Underhill, Dr. James Lally, Mr. Alexander Ratner and Mr. Juha Hirvi.

**ITEM 10.1 Necessary amendments of the ISSF Constitution regarding the Bavarian State Ministry of Finance (agenda point 6 of the General Assembly)**

Mr. Schreiber was pleased to report that the ISSF lawyer and tax auditor had continued to discuss with the authorities their request for a change of the Constitution. Now, only some days ago, the ISSF had received the information that no change is necessary. This was due to many discussions with the authorities and lead to the change of their position. Therefore, the proposal which was added to the agenda will be withdrawn again from the agenda.

**ITEM 10.2 Election of outgoing President Olegario Vazquez Rana as ISSF Honorary President (agenda point 8 of the General Assembly)**

Mr. Schreiber informed the members of the Administrative Council that, as all know, President Olegario Vázquez Raña will not be standing for re-election. To recognize his achievements he should be proposed as Honorary President to the General Assembly. The ISSF Executive Committee in its previous meeting had unanimously approved this proposal and recommends to the Administrative Council to support it and to propose it to the General Assembly. Mr. Schreiber explained that the documents contain a letter which was already circulated to all member federations. However, the letter was written in the name of the Executive Committee and it is now to decide if the Administrative Council supports this letter.

The members of the Administrative Council applauded and since there were now objections, the General Assembly will be informed that it is proposed by the Executive Committee and Administrative Council to nominate Mr. Olegario Vázquez Raña as Honorary President.

**ITEM 10.3 Necessary changes in the ISSF General Regulations regarding ISSF Championships program as of 2020, ISSF Target Sprint (agenda point 11 of the General Assembly)**

President Olegario Vázquez Raña gave the floor to Mr. Gary Anderson, who explained that the schedule of the coming World Championship is not fixed yet since there is an approach to change the program. The ISSF Executive Committee had unanimously approved the proposal in its meeting on August 11, 2018. Before presenting the proposal to the General Assembly, the Executive Committee wanted to present the proposal to the Administrative Council. Another proposal is to include Target Sprint in the General Regulations. Finally, Mr. Anderson explained that there is also a proposal to the Administrative Council to approve the Technical Rules for the new discipline Target Sprint.

Mr. Anderson explained that the ISSF General Regulations, Article 3.2.2 should be amended as follows:

World Championships must be organized every ~~fourth~~ **two** years ~~two (2) years after each Olympic Games~~ **in the year after and the year before the Olympic Games (odd-numbered years)**. World Championships in the years after the Olympic Games may be organized for all events or they may be organized separately by discipline or events with different locations and/or different host nations. World Championships for all events with one location and one host nation must be organized in the year before the Olympic Games, except that separate Running Target Championships may be organized. Junior World Championships must be organized every two years in the year of the Olympic Games and the second year after the Olympic Games (even-numbered years). In the year of the Olympic Games, Junior World Championships may be organized for all events or they may be organized separately by discipline or events with different locations and/or different host nations. Junior World Championships for all events with one location and one host nation must be organized in the **second year after the Olympic Games**. Continental Championships should be organized **at least** every two (2) years ~~following the Olympic Games and the World Championships as decided by the respective Continental Confederations~~. ~~World Championships for Shotgun Shooting may also be organized in the years following World Championships and Olympic Games.~~

Mr. Anderson further explained that the reason behind this proposal is that the World Championship should be organized every two days instead of only every four years. The proposal also includes that there should be the same number of World Championship for rifle and pistol as for shotgun. The proposal further includes separate junior and senior World Championships. The World Championships for juniors should be conducted every two years in odd numbered years. Further, if an organizer is not able to include 300m events or Running Target events, it is possible to exclude those events and have separate World Championships for them. Mr. Anderson further explained that the following schedule is proposed:

- 2020 Junior World Championship
  - (discipline can be separated)
- 2021 Senior World Championship
  - (disciplines can be separated)
- 2020 Junior World Championship (all events)
- 2023 Senior World Championship (all events, with Olympic qualifying)
- 2024 Junior World Championship (all events)

Mr. Anderson informed the members of the Administrative Council that one of the reasons to change the program was that the World Championship all events had become too big for almost all federations to organize. Separating the senior from the junior World Championship will make it possible for more federations to host World Championships. Another reason for the change is that the ISSF had received many requests from Member Federations to have more World Championships because they can more easily obtain support for World Championship than for World Cups. A third reason was the positive feedback received from the participating Member Federations on the separate Rifle/Pistol Junior World Championship in 2017. The juniors are the highlight at their own World Championship and not just the add-on at a World Championship. A fourth reason is to offer equal opportunities for athletes in the rifle, pistol and shotgun disciplines. The shotgun athletes have currently three World Championships within four years, while rifle and pistol only have one. A fifth reason for the change is to encourage separate World Championship for 300m and Running Targets on existing venues can reduce costs for World Championships organizers tremendously. Since there were no questions, the President asked for the vote if the Administrative Council joins the Executive Committee and recommends to the General Assembly to approve the proposed changes in the ISSF World Championship program. The Administrative Council unanimously approved to support the proposal to the General Assembly to change the General Regulations accordingly.

Mr. Anderson further informed the Administrative Council that three valid ISSF World Championship proposals were received from Lonato, Larnaka and Granada. The General Assembly can make the designation on the host, however, the General Assembly cannot decide World Championship hosts for 2020 and later until the World Championship program is decided. Due to the uncertainty for which year a member federations should apply for a World Championship, the ISSF had not received any valid proposals for World Championships all events before the deadline. Many federations were reluctant to submit proposals until they knew what the ISSF World Championship program would be. Therefore, the Executive Committee recommended that the General Assembly should make these decisions in the following order: First decide the host federation for the 2019 Shotgun World Championship between Lonato, Larnaka and Granada. Secondly, they should approve or disapprove the new World Championship program proposed by the Executive Committee and Administrative Council. Thirdly, to defer any decision regarding World Championships in 2020 and beyond until after national federations know what the World Championship program will be to have more time to submit proposals. Mr. Ratner asked why the year 2020 was already included. As the Olympic cycle is ending in 2020, he recommended to start in 2021. Mr. Anderson explained that this matter was discussed in the Executive Committee as well and the reason to include 2020 was that the junior World Championship should already start in 2020 as this is important for the juniors. Mr. Ratner thanked Mr. Anderson for the explanation and confirmed that the junior World Championship should be designated for 2020 but the rest should start with 2021. Since there were no further questions, the President asked the Administrative Council if it supports the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the General Assembly decides the host of the 2019 World Championship Shotgun host, the World Championship program and then defer further World Championship decisions.

The Administrative Council unanimously decided to support the Executive Committee's recommendation with no vote against and no abstention.

Mr. Anderson further reported that the Executive Committee had unanimously approved in its meeting on August 11, the presentation of the following proposal to the 2018 General Assembly: that General regulations 3.3 should be amended as follows:

Add in 3.3.1.1 for Men, 3.3.1.2 for Women, 3.3.1.4 for Men Junior and 3.3.1.5 for Women Junior at the end of each table "**Target Sprint**".

This proposal would add Target Sprint to the official lists of “ISSF-recognized” shooting sport events. Mr. Anderson explained that General Regulations 3.3.9 provides conditions for the addition of new ISSF-recognized events. The following conditions must be fulfilled: five member federations on two continents must certify that the event is practiced in that country. The ISSF had received certifications from Germany, Hungary, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands and Egypt. Rules must be developed, and the ISSF had already posted them on the ISSF Website. A copy of the rules is also in the documents of each Administrative Council member. Another condition is that the Administrative Council as well as the General Assembly must approve it. Mr. Anderson further reported that Target Sprint combines middle-distance running and air rifle shooting at biathlon-type targets. Target Sprint is practiced in many countries and has proven to be highly appealing, especially to youth and it is an excellent spectator event. A ‘Provisional’ Target Sprint World Championship was conducted in Changwon, KOR in 2018 as well as in Suhl, GER, in 2017. National Federations from 13 nations had entered athletes in the two Target Sprint World Championships and the ISSF had sanctioned a Target Sprint World Tour that had 2018 championship events in Germany, the Netherlands and Great Britain.

Since there were no questions, the President asked for the vote, if the Administrative Council approves the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Target Sprint becomes an ISSF recognized event. The Administrative Council by majority vote with one no-vote and no abstention approved the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

#### **ITEM 10.3.1 Approval of Target Sprint Rules**

Mr. Anderson informed the Administrative Council that the Target Sprint Rules had been posted on the ISSF Website since 2013. A copy of the Rules is also in the documents. Those provisional Target Sprint Rules are in use and the past World Championships were conducted according to those rules. The Administrative Council needs to vote on the ISSF Target Sprint Rules as presented.

The President asked for the vote and the Administrative Council unanimously with no vote against and no abstention approved the ISSF Target Sprint Rules as presented.

The President thanked all members and announced to break for lunch.

#### **ITEM 10.4 Report of Review Committee regarding letter National Rifle Association of Pakistan (agenda point 13.1 of the General Assembly)**

Mr. Schreiber explained that the Executive Committee had designated a Review Committee according to article 1.6.4 of the ISSF Constitution and the Guidelines. The Review Committee will meet later that day in the meeting room Picasso/Dalí to examine and make recommendations regarding the proposal of the National Rifle Association of Pakistan. The Review Committee will then report to the General Assembly. The members of the Review Committee are:

- Jörg Brokamp, GER, Chairman
- Gary Anderson, USA
- Abhinav Bindra, IND
- Franz Schreiber, GER
- Hazem Hosny Ahmed, EGY
- Carlos Silva Monterroso, America

- Ali Mohamed Al Kuwari, Asia
- Alexander Ratner, Europe
- Ewen Pirie, Oceania

Mr. Schreiber asked all members to be available after the meeting of the Administrative Council to meet for the Review Committee.

**ITEM 10.5 Membership fees for the period 2019/2020 (agenda point 15 of the General Assembly)**

Mr. Schreiber reported that in the last meeting of the Executive Committee, the membership fees were discussed in great detail. The Executive Committee had unanimously decided to recommend to the General Assembly to change the membership fee. However, President Olegario Vázquez Raña proposed to leave this up to the new leadership as the discussion will be on the second day of the General Assembly. The members of the Administrative Council unanimously agreed to this proposal.

**ITEM 11 Preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting in Munich, GER on 2 December 2018 according to the agenda**

Mr. Schreiber reported to the Administrative Council that the second meeting of the Administrative Council will be organized on the day after the General Assembly. The meeting will start at 9h00. As usually, the members of the Section Committees have to be elected but first, the five members of the Executive Committee must be elected from the fifteen elected Administrative Council members. Mr. Schreiber explained that, as discussed, it is planned to conduct the elections again with electronic voting which will certainly speed up the meeting.

**ITEM 12 Recognition for outgoing members of EXCO and Council**

Mr. Gary Anderson explained that the ISSF President together with the Secretary General will present on behalf of the Executive Committee a special framed diploma of honor to all members of the Administrative Council who are no candidates for any elected position during the coming General Assembly. These distinguished colleagues are ending their service to the ISSF and the ISSF would like to recognize and thank them for their service, support and friendship. Mr. Anderson explained that each diploma varies according to the period the members had served in their position. All members who served up to eight years will receive a bronze diploma, members who served between nine and sixteen years will receive a silver diploma and members who served more than seventeen years will receive a golden diploma. Mr. Anderson called the following persons to come to the podium to receive their diploma.

- **Franz Schreiber**, for 8 years of service as Secretary General and 36 total years of service in the ISSF.
- **Gary Anderson**, for 40 years of service
- **Abhinav Bindra**, 8 years of service
- **Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz**, for 24 years of service
- **Mrs. Kerstin Bodin**, for 20 years of service
- **Heinz-Helmut Fischer**, for 4 years of service

- **Derek R. Ivy**, for 34 years of service
- **Woo Jae Lee**, for 32 years of service (not present)
- **Feng Li**, for 16 years of service (not present)
- **Tomislav Sepec**, for 28 years of service (not present)
- **Antonio Fernandez Arena**, for 34 years of service
- **Carlos Silva Monterroso**, for 28 years of service
- **Ali Mohammed Al Kuwari**, for 8 years of service
- **Ewen Pirie**, for 1 year of service

At the end, the Secretary General will present a specially distinguished diploma in gold to President Olegario Vázquez Raña for 40 years of service.

Mr. Anderson thanked the members of the Administrative Council and after the outcome of the elections, the President and ISSF would of course also like to provide appropriate recognition to all other members of the Administrative Council.

### **ITEM 13      Report on the preparations for the XXXII Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo, JPN from 24 July to 9 August 2020**

President Olegario Vázquez Raña gave the floor to Mr. Peter Underhill, Competition Manager of the Tokyo 2020 Shooting Sport events. Mr. Underhill thanked the President and informed the Administrative Council that he would give a full report in the coming General Assembly. He just mentioned that the preparations are full on track and the Organizing Committee is doing very well at the moment. Mr. Underhill reported that the venue will be a temporary venue at the Asaka Shooting Range and will be finished in January 2020. Mr. Underhill further reported that the concept of the operations is very similar to the one in London and all is well advanced. The Asaka Shooting Range is a very green venue and fits very well in the common ideas of the Organizing Committee. The next things to come are the schedule and the daily schedule, that are currently under final consideration by the Organizing Committee and ready for approval by the IOC. The shooting sport will again have excellent TV coverage and it is intended that the first medal of the games will be awarded in the shooting sport. The Organizing Committee is also conducting courses and education for the National Technical Officials. Also those preparations are going very well. Mr. Underhill reported that recently, a Judges Course with 37 participants was held, which was extremely successful. Mr. Underhill reported that a few challenges remained, such as the very strict rules and regulations for firearms in Japan. Especially concerning the camera positions, it is a challenge since local laws seem to forbid that cameras are in front of the firing line. However, Mr. Underhill is confident that those challenges can be solved. Mr. Underhill closed his report by stating that of course, the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee is keen to meet the new leadership, which will be decided in the coming General Assembly.

### **ITEM 14      Report on Financial Status**

The President reported that the ISSF is in a good financial situation. The financial reports for 2016 and 2017 will be distributed in the coming General Assembly. The President further reported that the new leadership will receive the amount of 7.8 million USD on the accounts.

**ITEM 15 Report of the Awards Committee**

Mr. Raninder Singh reported that the Awards Committee had proposed the following awards:

Honorary President:	1
Blue Crosses:	7
Gold Medals:	23
Silver Medals:	38
Bronze Medals:	74
Diplomas of Honor:	141

Mr. Singh explained that of course, the Honorary President is proposed to be Mr. Olegario Vázquez Raña. The seven Blue Crosses are proposed to be awarded to:

1. Mr. Heinz Helmut Fischer, GER
2. Mr. Wilhelm-Xaver Grill, GER
3. Mr. Abhinav Bindra, IND
4. Mr. Sungmoo Huh, KOR
5. Mr. Yongdeug Hwang, KOR
6. Dr. Dal-gon Lee, KOR
7. Mr. Jorge Alfonso Pena Soberanis, MEX

Mr. Singh thanked all members of the Awards Committee, the five representatives of the continents. Mr. Raninder Singh closed his report by thanking for the possibility to chair this prestigious Awards Committee.

The President thanked Mr. Singh for his report and asked if the Administrative Council approved the recommended awards as presented by Mr. Singh. The Administrative Council unanimously approved the awards.

**ITEM 16 Miscellaneous**

Mr. Schreiber informed the members of the Administrative Council, that the documents also include an ISSF Communications Report with the title Provisional Report, Social Media and Press Office. It includes impressive statistics on the growth and impact of the diverse elements of the ISSF Communication Programs. Further, there is another PR effectiveness analysis about the World Championship in Changwon, KOR. Finally, the dinner invitation must be mentioned for all members of the Administrative Council and accompanying persons. Dinner will be in the Spatenhaus at 19h00. All members who cannot attend should please inform the office.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and said a few words in his mother tongue, Spanish and asked all members to listen to the interpreters. The President mentioned that it would be his last Administrative Council meeting as ISSF President and he is extremely happy and satisfied. Exactly four years ago, the President had made the decision not to stand for re-election. He reported that he had received many letters from friends, asking him to continue but his decision was made and therefore, this is his last Administrative Council meeting. The President stated that he was very pleased to receive the nice book of 38 years of presidency.

During the past years, he was asked quite often why the President is so many times on the cover page of the ISSF News or former UIT Journal. This was mainly because of a very intensive public relation strategy in favor of the shooting sport, to bring it to the attention of mainly the IOC and the Olympic Movement. During the long presidency of Juan Antonio Samaranch as IOC President, Mr. Vázquez Raña and Mr. Samaranch had a very close friendship and also their wives were good friends. This friendship was one of the main reasons why the shooting sport was firm within the Olympic Movement and in this special remembrance book, you can see several pictures where the ISSF had severe problems to stay on the Olympic Program. This happened during the Los Angeles Olympic Games. On the photos, you can see President Samaranch, Mr. Peter Ueberroth, President of the Organizing Committee, ISSF President Olegario Vázquez Raña and ISSF Secretary General Horst Schreiber, all shaking hands and signing a document which confirmed that the shooting sport will be part of the Games. Unfortunately, within the Organizing Committee of the Los Angeles Olympic Games 1984, there were extreme opinions to exclude shooting from the Olympics. However, due to the friendship with President Samaranch, this crisis could be overcome and the shooting sport once again secured its place in the Olympic Movement. Dr. Jacques Rogge became the next IOC President, with whom President Vázquez again had an excellent friendship and relation as well and also the wives developed a close friendship. President reported that there were many friendly meetings between the four and this had helped tremendously to confirm the shooting sport in the Olympic Movement. After the era of IOC President Dr. Rogge, Mr. Thomas Bach became his successor, with whom President Vázquez also had an excellent friendship. In the books, which were presented to President Vázquez, Dr. Bach was already in the pictures in the era of President Samaranch and Dr. Rogge, where he was already IOC member. The shooting sport was well protected by the three IOC Presidents and President Vázquez was honored to work with them during his presidency. President Olegario Vázquez Raña further explained that he was elected as IOC Member through his country and had the honor to be an IOC member for more than 20 years. Also, as member of the IOC President Olegario Vázquez Raña was always working for the best benefit of the shooting sport, also in his capacity as IOC Member. During the presidency of Olegario Vázquez Raña, there were many IOC Members who strongly supported the shooting sport, such as Mr. Vitaly Smirnov, RUS or Mario Pescante, ITA. President Vázquez pointed out that even it is no longer his business, he strongly recommends to the new leadership to continue the strong bonds with the IOC Presidents which was very helpful during his terms. President Vázquez further informed the members of the Administrative Council that many International Federations try to become an Olympic Sport and those 30 to 40 International Sport Federations are just waiting for mistakes by Olympic International Federations to be eliminated from the Olympic Program so a new sport can be included. President Vázquez congratulated all members of the Administrative Council on their contribution to the success within the Olympic Movement during the past years. Mr. Vázquez in particular mentioned the gender parity decision which were recently taken by the ISSF and which were extremely welcomed by the IOC. Mr. Vázquez further reported that when he started as ISSF President in 1980, the shooting sport was rather for older people and not many found their way to watch the shooting sport. This changed completely. Now, with the new very interesting Finals, the shooting sport is very interesting for spectators to watch. This was confirmed by the IOC and the shooting sport is one of the eight most important sports within the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games. This great success was only possible because all members of the Administrative Council did an excellent job and always supported the work of President Vázquez.



Even though it is sometimes hard to understand why a decision had to be made within the ISSF to be in alignment with the IOC, but in the end, it was the right decision and in the best interest of the shooting sport to remain on the Olympic Program and a strong partner of the IOC. President Vázquez further pointed out that very often, he had mentioned that the athletes can win many medals in World Championships, World Cups or Continental Competitions, but if an athlete wins a medal at the Olympic Games, he returns home as a hero. This was true in the past, when for example Mr. Gary Anderson won his medal at the Olympic Games and is still true, when for example, Mrs. Kimberly Rhode won gold at the Olympics. This was one of the main reasons for President Vázquez to continue to work hard to have the best relation with the IOC and the Olympic Movement to secure that the shooting sport was and will always be part of the Olympic Games. President Vázquez stated once again that the shooting sport was confirmed not only for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 but also for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. President Vázquez informed the members of the Administrative Council that when he became ISSF President, there were only seven Olympic shooting events and seven gold, silver and bronze medals could be obtained in the Olympic Games. During his presidency, the maximum number of Olympic events were seventeen, but due to a lack of participation, there are now fifteen Olympic events. The shooting sport has a large number of medals as well as athletes representing the shooting sport at the Olympic Games. President Vázquez again thanked all members of the Administrative Council for their contribution and support to make that success possible. During the past 38 years, only very few decisions were not taken unanimously and the unity of the ISSF and the shooting sport was one of the key elements to the success.

President Vázquez thanked all members of the Administrative Council for their great work and support as well as the time each member dedicated to the shooting sport. Especially, he wanted to thank all for their great support during the past 38 years.

**ITEM 17      Place and date of next Administrative Council meeting: 2 December 2018 at 9:00 hours in Hotel Hilton Park Munich, GER**

President Vázquez informed the members of the Administrative Council that next meeting for the newly elected members of the Administrative Council would be held after the General Assembly on December 2, 2018. The meeting will take place in the same room at 9h00. The President once again thanked all for the excellent work and officially closed the meeting of the Administrative Council.

The members of the Administrative Council applauded and the meeting was closed.