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(Video) Meeting of the
ISSF Council
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1. Welcome of the President

The President welcomes the members of the ISSF Council to this hybrid meeting on 8th of December in 2021 in Wroclaw, Poland and via Zoom. He expresses his delight to see the majority of the Council members in person.

2. Roll Call

The Secretary General Alexander Ratner welcomes the members of the ISSF Council. The following members are present:

- Mr Vladimir Lisin, President
- Mr Robert Mitchell, Vice-President
- Mr Raninder Singh, Vice-President (Zoom)
- Mr Yifu Wang, Vice-President (Zoom)
- Mr Jörg Brokamp, Chairman of the Technical Committee, EXCO Member
- Mrs Kimberly Rhode, Chairman of the Athletes Committee, EXCO Member (Zoom)
- Mr Yair Davidovich, EXCO Member
- Mr Alexandros Dimakakos, EXCO Member
- Mr Pekka Kuusisto, EXCO Member
- Mrs Catherine Fettell, EXCO Member (Zoom)
- Mr Dalgan Lee, EXCO Member
- Mrs Christina Ahlstedt, Council Member
- Mr Ali Dadgar, Council Member
- Mr Egbert Willem Jan IJzerman, Council Member
- Mr Rafael Guerra Mollinedo, Council Member
- Mr Chun Liang, Council Member (Zoom)
- Mr György Nagy, Council Member (Zoom)
- Mr Hugues Senger, Council Member
- Mr Gerardo Trotta Arnone, Council Member
- Mr Peter Underhill, Chairman of the Judges Committee, Council Member
- Mr David Goodfellow, Chairman of the Rifle Committee, Council Member
- Mrs Susan Abbott, Chairman of the Pistol Committee, Council Member
- Mr Demetris Lordos, Chairman of the Shotgun Committee, Council Member (Zoom)
- Mrs Biserka Vrbek, Chairman of the Statutes and Eligibility Committee, Council Member
- Mr Dr. James Lally, Chairman of the Medical Committee, Council Member
- Mr Hazem Hosny Ahmed, President of the African Shooting sport Federation, Council Member
- Mr Carlos Silva Monterroso, President of the Confederation of the Americas, Council Member
- Mrs Anna Leshchikova, Nominee of the European Shooting Confederation, Council Member
- Mr Ewen Pirie, President of the Oceania Shooting Federation, Council Member (Zoom)

The following members are excused:

- Mr Kevin Kilty, Vice-President
- Mr Michael Vaz, Council Member
Mr Hans-Heinrich von Schönfels, Council Member
Mr Claes Johansson, Chairman of the Running Target Committee, Council Member

30 of a total of 34 Council members are present which means the quorum for decisions according to the ISSF Constitution is reached.

Mr Paul Fischer, ISSF Legal Advisor, and Mr Willi Grill, ISSF Technical Director, also attend the meeting. Further guests are Mrs Ghislaine Briez, Chairman of the ESC Technical Committee, Mr Cassio Rippel, Athletes Committee Member, Mr Daniele Di Spigno, Athletes Committee Member.

3. Approval of the Agenda
The Secretary General asks if the Council members have any questions regarding the agenda that was circulated prior to the meeting. No questions are raised.

Decided: The Council unanimously approves the Agenda.

4. Report on the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 7, 2021
The Secretary General takes the floor. He informs the Council members that the meeting was very long and productive and that he will present a summary of the meeting:

He reports that the Executive Committee proposes the membership of the PSF to the Council and that it approved the change of nationality of Mr Yaroslav Startsev from Russia to Georgia and cancelled the waiting period.

Mr Grill takes the floor. He presents a summary of the competition season of 2021 supported by the table presented to the Council members on screen.

The Secretary General takes the floor again. He informs about the decisions of the Executive Committee on dates and hosts of World Championships in 2022. The Executive Committee has also decided on Juries and Technical Delegates for the ISSF Championships of the first half of the year 2022.

The Secretary General expresses his gratitude towards the organizers of the competitions especially with regards to the restrictions following the pandemic situation.

Mrs Leshchikova takes the floor. She presents the development of the broadcasting and streaming numbers of the ISSF competitions as already provided during the Executive Committee meeting and answers the relating questions from the Council members.

Mr Kuuisisto, the ISSF Treasurer, takes the floor and informs the Council about the financial situation. The ISSF has already received EUR 7.7 million from the IOC for the Tokyo 2020 revenues. There will be a further part paid by the IOC from such Olympic revenues. For the moment, ISSF finances are in good standing.

The Secretary General informs the Council that the Executive Committee has approved the activities with respect to the Development Fund Program.
The Council is introduced to the approved approach regarding Paris 2024 shooting venue and to the Qualification System for Paris 2024 via a presentation by the Secretary General. Explaining the situation with the Olympic venue he points out that from a technical point of view the ISSF will insist on a fully covered Final Hall and three Shotgun ranges and if necessary, the ISSF will cover the additional costs for a third Shotgun range. The ISSF will also request to increase the number of firing points in qualification hall above the number of 40. The Secretary General moves on and explains in detail the main approaches of the 2024 Qualification system. These approaches have been approved by the Executive Committee with remarks from the Athletes’ Committee.

The Council agrees with the decisions of the Executive Committee.

After a short coffee break, the Secretary General moves on to the presentation of the events competition formats for 2022 to 2024. The presented formats were approved by the Executive Committee the day before and result from testing at competitions and from discussions in the Executive Committee and the Athletes’ Committee. The formats for 25 m Pistol Individual and 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol Individual still have to be tested. The further details will be elaborated with involvement of the respective committees.

The Council agrees with the decisions of the Executive Committee.

5. Membership Matters
   a) Application of the Palestine Shooting Federation (PSF)

The Secretary General grants the floor to Mr Fischer. He informs the Council that the Palestine Shooting Federation (PSF) provided all necessary documents for their application according to article 3.12 of the ISSF Constitution, including the report of their activities. The Council has to vote on the Associated Membership in accordance with article 7.3.7 of the ISSF Constitution.

Decided: The Council unanimously votes to grant the Associated Membership to the Palestine Shooting Federation (PSF).

The ISSF will send a corresponding letter to the PSF.

b) Information on status of pending application procedures for ISSF membership

There are two applications pending (Sierra Leone and Guinea). The decision upon these applications will be postponed until the application requirements are fulfilled. There is no need for a decision from the Council today.

6. Approval of the Disciplinary Regulations

Mrs Vrbek informs about the drafting process of the Disciplinary Regulations with a special thanks to the Athletes’ Committee for their proposals. The Secretary General reminds the Council members that the necessity of these regulations was pointed out by the General Assembly of the ISSF.

Decided: The Council unanimously approves the Disciplinary Regulations.
7. **Approval of the Guidelines for Environment**

The Secretary General explains the need for environmental guidelines.

**Decided: The Council unanimously approves the Guidelines for Environment.**

8. **Amendment to Article 7.5.4 General Regulations**

The Secretary Regulations explains that the proposal, which the Council members received in advance, was not met with positive feedback, especially from smaller national federations. The Executive Committee discussed the amendment thoroughly and concluded that a clarification to the Ranking system would be more constructive in comparison to the suggested amendment. In conclusion, the Executive Committee proposes a clarification to the Ranking system but there is no recommendation to change the article. Therefore, there is nothing to be voted on by the Council.

The Council agrees with the decision of the Executive Committee.

9. **Reports of the Continental Confederations**

The Reports have been sent to the Council members prior to the meeting.

Mr Hosny refers to the written report and explicitly thanks Mrs Leshchikova for her support on broadcasting matters.

Mr Silva Monterroso refers to the written report and expresses his gratitude for the support through the Development Fund.

Mrs Fettell and additionally informs that the Oceanian Continental Confederation has its general assembly tomorrow. The Secretary General thanks Mrs Fettell and outlines the difficulties of the ongoing pandemic situation.

Mrs Leshchikova refers to the written report and explicitly thanks the Croatian Federation for the spontaneous possibility to host qualifications for the Olympic Games.

The Secretary General refers to the written report of the Asian Continental Confederation.

No questions were asked.

The reports are taken into consideration.

10. **Reports of the Committees**

The Reports have been sent to the Council members prior to the meeting.

The Secretary General emphasizes that some reports do not include the results from test events and the corresponding conclusions since they were sent out earlier.

Mrs Abbott informs that the athletes appreciate the new format for the final stage, especially for Pistol Shooting. The Pistol Committee seeks to refine the point system.

Mr Underhill explains that the Judges Committee will resume their courses in the beginning of 2022. As the online courses in 2021 were well received such training will be offered in the future as well. He thanks the Judges, the Technical Delegates and everybody
else who made the competitions possible under these challenging circumstances. Mr Underhill highlights his gratitude towards Mr Kuusisto for the support with the constantly changing Covid-regulations provided by the organizers of the Olympic Games.

Dr Lally informs that he has nothing to add to his Committee’s written report. The Secretary General emphasizes the excellent work of the Medical Committee.

Mr Goodfellow mentions problems with the athletes’ clothing brought up by the IOC. The committee is working on a solution. The Secretary General adds to his earlier report of the meeting of the Executive Committee (Agenda Point No. 4) that they discussed the same issue and that Mr Mitchell is therefore forming a working group.

Mrs Vrbek explains that the Statutes and Eligibility Committee has been working intensely on the Disciplinary Regulations.

Mr Rippel adds some clarifications to the report of the Athletes’ Committee answering to some of the remarks from the Secretary General. He expresses that the athletes are concerned that the new implemented semi-finals could not be broadcasted which would not be in the best interest of the athletes and he also confirms that it is in the best interest of ISSF to always be keen on keeping the first medal. Mrs Rhode raises concerns that comments were added by the Secretary General to the report of the Athletes’ Committee prior to forwarding it to the Council members. The Secretary General thanks the members of the Athletes’ Committee for their contribution. He expresses a wish for a more direct and personal exchange of opinions in future discussions which would be the best basis for finding compromises. In addition, he reminds that the Executive Committee took the comments and concerns of the Athletes Committee members into account when deciding on every matter.

Mr Lordos refers to the Committee’s report. The Secretary General thanks Mr Lordos and the Shotgun Committee for their work.

Mr Brokamp refers for details to the report and informs the Council that the Technical Committee had to come up with many adaptions to the regulations to solve problems developing from the pandemic situation.

The Coaches’ Committee and the Environment Committee are not represented. However, their reports have also been sent to the Council members prior to the Meeting.

The reports are taken into consideration.

The Secretary General thanks all committees for their work and efforts and moves on to the next agenda point.

11. Miscellaneous

No points are raised under Miscellaneous.

12. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The Secretary General informs that the next meeting will be held in 2022. However, date and place still have to be determined.

The President thanks everyone for taking part in the discussions and closes the meeting.