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MINUTES

MEETING OF THE

ISSF

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL

ASSEMBLY

June 25, 2017

Munich, GER

A G E N D A
for the GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the International Shooting Sport Federation - ISSF -

Date:
June 25, 2017

Time:
13:00 hours

Place:
Hilton Munich Park Hotel

1.	Welcome
2.	Roll-call
3.	Provide a solution to prevent cancellation of three major shooting events: 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap, in compliance with the IOC standards and the Olympic Charter.

Roll Call for the Extraordinary ISSF General Assembly Munich, GER June 25, 2017

Nr.		Country	Name of Member Federation	No. of votes	Name(s) of Delegate(s)
1	ALB	Albania	Albanian Shooting Sport Federation	3	Proxy from BUL Trap Stefan Rrufa (Pres.) Koco Mikerezi (Sec.Gen.)
2	ALG	Algeria	Federation Algerienne de Tir Sportif		
3	AND	Andorra	Federacio Andorrana de Tir	0	Proxy to NED
4	ANG	Angola	Angola Shooting Federation	2	Francisco L.G. Afonso (Pres.)
5	ARG	Argentina	Federacion Argentina de Tiro	4	Proxy from NCA Raul Daniel Simo
6	ARM	Armenia	Armenian Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from NGR Areg Saribekyan (Sec.Gen.)
7	ARU	Aruba	Aruba Shooting Association	2	Harold Heyliger (Vice-Pres.)
8	AUS	Australia	Shooting Australia	2	Catherine Fettell (Pres.) Damien Marangon (Gen.Man.)
9	AUT	Austria	Austrian Shooting Sport Federation	1	Florian Neururer (Sec.Gen.)
10	AUT	Austria	Austria Shooting Fed. Clay Target and Combined	1	Thomas Steinmüller (President)
11	AZE	Azerbaijan	Shooting Federation of Azerbaijan Republic	4	Proxy from TKM Emin Jafarov (Sec.Gen.)
12	BAN	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Shooting Sports Federation	0	Proxy to CRO
13	BAR	Barbados	Barbados Shooting Council		
14	BEL	Belgium	Royal Belgian Shooting Sport Federation	2	Proxy from BEL Clay Lionel Cox (Pres.)
15	BEL	Belgium	Belgian Clay Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to BEL Royal
16	BHU	Bhutan	Bhutan Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to GRE
17	BIH	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Shooting Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	Nijaz Sahinovic (Pres.) Momcilo Bodiroga
18	BLR	Belarus	Belarusian Shooting Sport Federation	2	Yuri Arkhipenko (Pres.) Vasili Iourtchik
19	BOL	Bolivia	Federacion Boliviana de Tiro Deportivo	0	Proxy to URU
20	BRA	Brazil	Brazilian Shooting Sport Confederation	2	Cassio Cesar de Mello Rippel
21	BRN	Bahrain	Bahrain Shooting Association	4	Proxy from NEP Hamad Alkhalifa Ebrahim Albinali
22	BUL	Bulgaria	Bulgarian Shooting Union	1	Dimitar Todorov (Sport Direc.)
23	BUL	Bulgaria	Bulgarian Trap and Skeet Federation	0	Proxy to ALB
24	CAN	Canada	Shooting Federation of Canada	2	Ms Shari Akow (Sec.Gen.)
25	CAY	Cayman Islands	Cayman Islands Sport Shooting Association		
26	CHI	Chile	Federacion de Tiro al Vuelo de Chile	0	Proxy to ITA Volo
27	CHI	Chile	Federacion Deportiva Nacional de Tiro al Blanco de Chile	0	Proxy to GUA Shooting Fed.
28	CHN	People's Rep. of China	Chinese Shooting Association	4	Proxy from MAC Yifu Wang (Vice-Pres.)

29	CMR	Cameroon	Cameroon Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to SUD
30	COL	Colombia	Federacion Colombiana de Tiro y Caza Deportiva	2	Hernando Ignacio Vega Camerano (Exec. Com. Advisor)
31	CRC	Costa Rica	Federacion de Tiro (Costa Rica)	0	Proxy to VEN
32	CRO	Croatia	Croatian Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from BAN Dragutin Vrbek (Sec.Gen.) Zoran Celic
33	CUB	Cuba	Federacion Cubana de Tiro	4	Proxy from ISV Carlos Silva Monterroso
34	CYP	Cyprus	Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation	4	Proxy from FIJ Demetris Lordos (Pres.) Biserka Vrbek
35	CZE	Czech Republic	Czech Shooting Federation	2	Ivana Ertlova (Vice-Pres.)
36	DEN	Denmark	Danish Shooting Union	2	John Hansen (Pres.) Tommy Sørensen (Sec.Gen.)
37	DOM	Dominican Republic	Federacion Dominicana de Tiro	0	Proxy to POR Caca
38	DOM	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic Clay Target Shooting Federation	1	Jose Mera (Pres.)
39	ECU	Ecuador	Federacion Ecuatoriana de Tiro Olimpico	0	Proxy to MEX
40	EGY	Egypt	Egyptian Shooting Federation	2	Hazem Hosny Ahmed (Pres.)
41	ESA	El Salvador	Federacion Salvadorena de Tiro	0	Proxy to ESP
42	ESP	Spain	Royal Spanish Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from ESA Fernando Suinaga
43	EST	Estonia	Estonian Shooting Sport Federation	4	Proxy from LAT Riho Terras (Pres.) Meelis Loit (Sec.Gen.)
44	FIJ	Fiji	The Shooting Association of Fiji	0	Proxy to CYP
45	FIN	Finland	Finnish Shooting Sport Federation	2	Risto Aarrekiivi (Sec.Gen.) P Pia Aarrekiivi
46	FRA	France	French Shooting Federation	2	Hugues Senger
47	GBR	Great Britain	British Shooting Limited	2	Dr. Hamish McInnes (CEO) Evans Paul
48	GEO	Georgia	Georgian National Shooting Federation	2	Kakhaveri Sikharulidze (Pres.)
49	GER	Germany	German Shooting Sport Federation	4	Proxy from SGP Hans-Heinrich v.Schönfels (Pres.) Heinz-Helmut Fischer
50	GHA	Ghana	Ghana Shooting Sports Federation	4	Proxy from KEN Cillian Walsh (Chairman)
51	GRE	Greece	Hellenic Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from BHU Alexandros Dimakakos (Vice-Pres.)
52	GUA	Guatemala	Asociacion Dep. Nac. de Tiro con Armas de Caza (Guatemala)	1	Pablo Manuel Duarte (Pres.)
53	GUA	Guatemala	Guatemalan Shooting Federation	2	Proxy from CHI Blanco Mrs. Edna Yessenia Monzon Villatoro (Pres.)

54	GUM	Guam	Guam National Sport Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to ISR
55	GUY	Guyana	Guyana National Rifle Association		
56	HKG	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong Shooting Association		
57	HON	Honduras	Federacion Nacional de Tiro de Honduras	0	Proxy to PAR
58	HUN	Hungary	Hungarian Shooting Federation	2	Laszlo Molnar
59	INA	Indonesia	Indonesian Target Shooting and Hunting Association	2	Robby Atmadja
60	IND	India	The National Rifle Association of India	4	Proxy from SRI Singh Raninder (Pres.)
61	IRI	Islamic Republic of Iran	Shooting Federation Islamic Republic of Iran		
62	IRL	Ireland	Target Shooting Ireland CLG	0	Proxy to IRL Clay
63	IRL	Ireland	Irish Clay Target Shooting Association	2	Proxy from IRL Shooting Declan McQuillan (Hon.Sec.)
64	IRQ	Iraq	Iraqi Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from YEM Zahid Noori Gatea (Pres.)
65	ISL	Iceland	Icelandic Shooting Sports Federation	2	Halldor Axelsson (Pres.)
66	ISR	Israel	Israel Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from GUM Itzchak Yonassi (Pres.)
67	ISV	Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Shooting Sports Federation	0	Proxy to CUB
68	ITA	Italy	Italian Shooting Union	1	Ernfried Obrist (Pres.)
69	ITA	Italy	Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo	2	Proxy from CHI Vuelo Luciano Rossi (Pres.)
70	JAM	Jamaica	Jamaica Rifle Association	0	Proxy to PAN
71	JOR	Jordan	Jordanian Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from MYA Ghassan Shaban (Sec.Gen.)
72	JPN	Japan	National Rifle Association of Japan	1	Kiichiro Matsumaru (Pres.)
73	JPN	Japan	Japan Clay Target Shooting Association	1	Chiemi Brokamp
74	KAZ	Kazakhstan	Sport Shooting Federation Republic of Kazakhstan		
75	KEN	Kenya	The Kenya Sports Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to GHA
76	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan Shooting Sport Federation	0	Proxy to RUS
77	KOR	Republic of Korea	Korea Shooting Federation	2	Kap Seok Jang Bumsik Chung
78	KOS	Kosovo	Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo	2	Gezim Hazrolli (Pres.) Gjoke Shalaj (Sec.Gen.)
79	KSA	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian Shooting Federation	2	Saeed Alqarni (Sec.Gen.)
80	KUW	Kuwait	Kuwait Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from MAR Duaij Alotaibi (Pres.) Obaid Alosaimi (Sec.Gen.)
81	LAO	Lao People's Dem. Republic	Lao Shooting Federation		

82	LAT	Latvia	Latvian Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to EST
83	LBA	Libya	Libyan Shooting Federation		
84	LBN	Lebanon	Lebanon Shooting and Hunting Federation	2	Boutros Jalkh (Pres.)
85	LCA	Saint Lucia	Saint Lucia Shooting Association		
86	LIE	Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein Shooting Association	2	Emanuele Burgada
87	LTU	Lithuania	Lithuanian Shooting Sport Union	2	Algirdas Antanas Kersulis (Pres.)
88	LUX	Luxembourg	Federation Luxembourgeoise de Tir aux Armes Sportives	2	Marco Fardellini (Sec.Gen.) Natalia Fardellini
89	MAC	Macau	Macau China Shooting Association	0	Proxy to CHN
90	MAR	Morocco	Moroccan Shooting Sports Federation	0	Proxy to KUW
91	MAS	Malaysia	National Shooting Association of Malaysia		
92	MDA	Republic of Moldova	Shooting Federation of the Republic of Moldova	4	Proxy from SUR Arcadie Bostan (Pres.) Constantin David (Sec.Gen.)
93	MDV	Maldives	Shooting Association of Maldives	2	Ahmed Thohir (Sec.Gen.)
94	MEX	Mexico	Federacion Mexicana de Tiro y Caza, A.C.	4	Proxy from ECU Jorge Alfonso Pena Soberanis (Pres.)
95	MGL	Mongolia	Mongolian Shooting Sport Federation	2	Lkhamsuren Damdinsuren
96	MKD	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	Macedonian Sport Shooting Federation	2	Vladimir Pandovski (Pres.) Aco Zdravkovski
97	MLT	Malta	Malta Shooting Sport Federation	2	Saviour Portelli (President) Angelo Galea (Sec.Gen.)
98	MNE	Montenegro	Shooting Federation of Montenegro	2	Dragan Samardzic (Pres.) Savo Milasinovic (Sec.Gen.)
99	MON	Monaco	Monaco Shooting Federation	2	Christian Zabaldano (Pres.) Fabienne Pasetti (Vice-Pres.)
100	MTN	Mauritania	Federation Mauritanienne de Tir Sportif	2	Sidine Cheikhna Mohamed Ahid (Sec.Gen.)
101	MYA	Myanmar	Myanmar Shooting Sport Federation	0	Proxy to JOR
102	NAM	Namibia	Shooting Union of Namibia	0	Proxy to UGA
103	NCA	Nicaragua	Federacion Nacional de Tiro Deportivo de Nicaragua	0	Proxy to ARG
104	NED	Netherlands	Royal Netherlands Shooting Sport Association	4	Proxy from AND Egbert IJzerman (Pres.) Sander Duisterhof (Sec.Gen.)
105	NEP	Nepal	Nepal Shooting Association	0	Proxy to BRN
106	NGR	Nigeria	Nigeria Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to ARM
107	NOR	Norway	Norwegian Shooting Association	2	Haavard Larsen (Pres.) Arild Groven (Sec.Gen.)
108	NZL	New Zealand	New Zealand Shooting Federation Inc.	4	Proxy from PNG Ewen Pirie (Pres.)
109	OMA	Oman	Oman Shooting Association		
110	PAK	Pakistan	National Rifle Association of Pakistan	2	Javaid Shamshad Lodhi (Sec.Gen.)

111	PAN	Panama	Federacion Panamena de Tiro	4	Proxy from JAM Antonio Ortiz
112	PAR	Paraguay	Federacion Paraguaya de Tiro	4	Proxy from HON Robert Mitchell
113	PER	Peru	Peruvian National Sport Shooting Federation	2	Francisco Boza (Pres.)
114	PHI	Philippines	Philippine National Shooting Association	2	Richard T. Fernandez (Pres.)
115	PNG	Papua New Guinea	Shooting Association of Papua New Guinea	0	Proxy to NZL
116	POL	Poland	Polish Sport Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from UKR Tomasz Kwiecien (Pres.) Jolanta Tolczyk (Sports Direc.)
117	POR	Portugal	Portuguese Shooting Federation		
118	POR	Portugal	Federacao Portuguesa de Tiro con Armas de Caca	2	Proxy from DOM Tiro Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz
119	PRK	Democratic People's Rep. of Korea	Shooting Association The Democratic People's Republic of Korea		
120	PUR	Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Shooting Association	2	Proxy from PUR Shotgun Reinaldo Irizarry Rodriguez (Pres.)
121	PUR	Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Shotgun Federation	0	Proxy to PUR Shooting
122	QAT	Qatar	Qatar Shooting & Archery Association	2	Abdulla Al-Hammadi
123	ROU	Romania	Romanian Shooting Sport Federation	2	Sorin Babii (Pres.) Francesco Repich
124	RSA	South Africa	South African Shooting Sport Confederation	4	Proxy from ZIM Hendrik Christiaan Jacobs (Pres.) Hendrik Johannes Van der Linde
125	RUS	Russian Federation	Russian Shooting Union	4	Proxy from KGZ Anna Leshchikova (Exec.Dir.) Alexander Ratner
126	RWA	Rwanda	Rwanda Archery and Shooting Sports Federation	0	Proxy to SEN
127	SAM	Samoa	Samoa Shooting Association		
128	SEN	Senegal	Senegalese Shooting and Hunting Federation	4	Proxy from RWA Mamadou Ba (President)
129	SGP	Singapore	Singapore Shooting Association	0	Proxy to GER
130	SLO	Slovenia	Shooting Union of Slovenia	2	Janez Slapar (Pres.)
131	SMR	San Marino	Federazione Sammarinese Tiro a Segno	2	Proxy from SMR Volo Giuseppe Mario Muscioni (Pres.)
132	SMR	San Marino	Federazione Sammarinese Tiro a Volo	0	Proxy to SMR Segno
133	SRB	Serbia	Serbian Shooting Sport Federation	2	Nenad Petkovic (Sec.Gen.) Nikola Maric
134	SRI	Sri Lanka	National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka	0	Proxy to IND

135	SUD	Sudan	Sudanese Shooting Federation	4	Proxy from CMR Safe Eldin Hamad (Pres.) Mohamed Soliman
136	SUI	Switzerland	Swiss Shooting Federation	2	Paul R�othlisberger (Vice-Pres.) Beat Hunziker (Manag.Direc.)
137	SUR	Surinam	Surinam Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to MDA
138	SVK	Slovakia	Slovak Shooting Federation	2	Barbora Reichova (Sec.Gen.)
139	SWE	Sweden	Swedish Shooting Sport Federation	2	Kerstin Bodin
140	SYR	Syrian Arab Republic	Syrian Arab Shooting Federation	2	Mounzer Al Khatib
141	TGA	Tonga	Shooting Association of Tonga		
142	THA	Thailand	National Shooting Sport Association of Thailand		
143	THA	Thailand	Skeet and Trap Shooting Association of Thailand		
144	TJK	Tajikistan	Tajikistan Sport Shooting Federation	2	Anatoli Aktov
145	TKM	Turkmenistan	Shooting Sports Federation of Turkmenistan	0	Proxy to AZE
146	TLS	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	East Timor (Timor Leste) Shooting Federation		
147	TPE	Chinese Taipei	Chinese Taipei Shooting Association		
148	TTO	Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad Rifle Association		
149	TUN	Tunisia	Federation Tunisienne de Tir	2	Tarek Fakhfakh (Pres.)
150	TUR	Turkey	Turkish Shooting & Hunting Federation	2	Melis Giraud (Vice-Pres.) Levent Ergun (Vice-Pres.)
151	UAE	United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates Shooting Association		
152	UGA	Uganda	Uganda Shooting Sport Federation	4	Proxy from NAM Annie Mungoma (Pres.)
153	UKR	Ukraine	Ukrainian Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to POL
154	URU	Uruguay	Federacion Uruguay de Tiro	4	Proxy from BOL Hugo Vera Lozada
155	USA	United States of America	USA Shooting	2	Jeffrey Price (Chairman) David A. Johnson (CEO)
156	UZB	Uzbekistan	Sport Shooting Federation of Uzbekistan	2	Jaloliddin Atabullaev (Sec.Gen.)
157	VEN	Venezuela	Federacion Venezolana de Tiro	4	Proxy from CRC Gerardo Trotta Arnone
158	VIE	Vietnam	Vietnam Shooting Federation		
159	YEM	Yemen	Yemen Shooting Federation	0	Proxy to IRQ
160	ZIM	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Shooting Sport Federation	0	Proxy to RSA

Number of votes

251

Maximum possible participation:
160 Member Federations from 147 countries with a maximum of 294 votes!

Participation in the Extraordinary General Assembly on June 25, 2017 in Munich, GER:
137 member federations from 125 countries with 251 votes!

**Suspended
Member Federations**

1	AFG	Afghanistan	Afghanistan National Shooting Sport Federation		suspended
2	ANT	Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua & Barbuda Rifle Association		suspended
3	BER	Bermuda	Bermuda Target Shooting Association		suspended
4	BIZ	Belize	Belize Sport Shooters Federation		suspended
5	BRU	Brunei	Brunei Darussalam Shooting Association		suspended
6	DMA	Dominica	Dominica Rifle Club		suspended
8	MLI	Mali	Shooting Sport Federation of Mali		suspended
9	SOM	Somalia	Somali Shooting Sports Federation		suspended
10	SWZ	Swaziland	National Shooting Association of Swaziland		suspended
11	TAN	United Republic of Tanzania	Tanzania Amateur Shooting Association		suspended
12	TUV	Tuvalu	Tuvalu Shooting Federation		suspended

**International Shooting Sport Federation
Minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly
in Munich, GER on June 25, 2017**

Date:
June 25, 2017

Time:
13:00 hours

Place:
Hilton Munich Park Hotel

Present:

Executive Committee

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

Administrative Council:

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
Woo Jae Lee	KOR	Member of the Administrative Council
Gerardo Trotta Arnone	VEN	Member of the Administrative Council

Chairmen of the Section Committees

Peter Underhill	GBR	Chairman of the Judges Committee
Tomislav Sepec	CRO	Chairman of the Rifle Committee
Susan B. Abbott	GBR	Chairman of the Pistol Committee
Demetris Lordos	CYP	Chairman of the Shotgun Committee
Pekka Kuusisto	FIN	Chairman of the Running Target Committee
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
Alexander Ratner	RUS	Nominee European Shooting Confed.
Ewen Pirie	NZL	Nominee Oceania Shooting Federation

Honorary Members:

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

Excused:

Dr. Ahmed Al Raisi	UAE	Member of the Administrative Council
Derek R. Ivy	GBR	Member of the Administrative Council
Feng Li	CHN	Member of the Administrative Council
Antonio Fernandez Arena	MEX	Chairman of the Statutes and Eligibility Committee, Auditor
Ali Mohamed Al Kuwari	QAT	Nominee Asian Shooting Confederation

Minutes:

Franz Schreiber	GER	Secretary General
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ITEM 1 Welcome of the delegates

President Olegario Vázquez Raña welcomed all delegates to the ISSF Extraordinary General Assembly on June 25, 2017 in Munich, GER. The President extended an especially warm welcome to Mr. Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director, the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council as well as the ISSF Honorary Members. Mr. Vázquez informed the Extraordinary General Assembly that simultaneous interpretation was available on the following channels:

English	1
Spanish	2
German	3
French	4
Russian	5

The President reminded all delegates to use the headphones to listen to the interpretation.

ITEM 2 Roll-Call

The President gave the floor to the Secretary General who also welcomed all delegates to Munich. The Secretary General explained that first, he would like to come to some technical matters: As in the past, the delegates will be seated in the meeting hall at the tables of the countries they represent. Press and Media is allowed to the room and is seated in a special designated area in the back of the hall. Mr. Schreiber asked everyone to note that only delegates and accredited persons have access to the meeting hall. If after one matter there was anyone who wanted to ask questions, that person should raise the hand and the country and name would be noted. First, all speakers will be registered and then one after the other will be given the floor. After all speakers had spoken – answers will follow. Before the roll call, Mr. Schreiber wanted to quickly talk about why and how this meeting was called.

Starting in February, the ISSF office had received letters from some national federations requesting an Extraordinary General Assembly. But there were not the necessary numbers to call an Extraordinary General Assembly according to the Constitution at that time. Because there were several federations which had changed their mind even more than once if they wish to apply for an Extraordinary General Assembly or not, it was necessary to complete a verification process on the letters we received. Finally, by April it was clear that it would be best to organize a proper postal vote and ask all member federations to determine if the Extraordinary General Assembly should be held or not. Therefore, the ISSF had sent out a circular on 12 April 2017, inviting all member federations to vote if they request an Extraordinary General Assembly or not until the deadline which was 26 April 2017. But already some days before the end of such deadline the ISSF saw there were enough votes in favor of the Extraordinary General Assembly and the required minimum 25 federations were reached. The date of this day's meeting was requested by a number of federations, according to which the Extraordinary General Assembly should be organized before July 9, 2017. Originally it was expected that we would be having this meeting before the final decision of the IOC Executive Board on the Olympic Program for Tokyo 2020. But as we now know, this decision was made earlier than expected, on June 9, 2017, and Mr.

Schreiber stated he was sure that Mr Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director will give further details later in this regard. Since according to the Constitution the invitation has to be sent out with the agenda a minimum of 2 months before the Extraordinary General Assembly, the time was short to find a suitable date for organizing the Extraordinary General Assembly before 9 July 2017 as originally requested by several member federations. At the end of the deadline the result of the postal vote was that 49 federations were in favor, 53 against an Extraordinary General Assembly and two federations had abstained. So the majority of member federation did NOT want the Extraordinary General Assembly to be conducted. However, since there were more than 25 federations asking for such, the ISSF followed the Constitution and organized it.

The ISSF had sent the invitation and agenda according to the ISSF Constitution two months before this Extraordinary General Assembly on April 25, 2017. Therefore, the Extraordinary General Assembly will be conducted according to the ISSF Constitution.

Mr. Schreiber continued with the actual Roll Call and informed the delegates that the ISSF has in total 160 Member Federations from 147 countries with a total of 294 votes. The list is in the documents.

The quorum according to the ISSF Constitution Article 1.6.12 is 25% including proxies which means a minimum of 73,5 votes which means 74 votes or 40 member federations have to be present. This was of course the case.

Mr. Schreiber explained that the roll call was currently 251 votes from a total of 137 member federations from 126 countries that were registered for this Extraordinary General Assembly. Mr. Schreiber further explained in case there was an update with regard to the roll call, he would inform the delegates accordingly.

Mr. Sorin Babii, delegate of the Romanian Shooting Sport Federation handed over a document to the Secretary General.

President Vázquez informed the delegates that he would now speak in Spanish and asked everyone to put the headphones on. The President gave the following speech:

My dear friends,

It is my pleasure and honor to be here today with you. On behalf of all those of us who are a part of this Extraordinary General Assembly, I wish to welcome Mr. Kit McConnell, who is here representing the International Olympic Committee. Please convey to President Thomas Bach the regards and admiration of this International Shooting Sport Federation, for his leadership of the Olympic Movement, as well as for his implementation of Agenda 2020.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the delegates present here today.

The ISSF has historically been a highly respected member of the Olympic movement and this means the Shooting Sport has always been recognized as an essential element of the Olympic Games. This respect and recognition existed because we have always been willing to listen and accept the points of view of our members

and because we have presented one voice united and strong speaking for our beloved Sport.

Since the Seoul 1988 Games, we have worked hard to ensure that the Shooting Sport maintains the privilege of having the first medal of the Olympic Games that is presented by the President of the International Olympic Committee.

Shooting is a Sport that is increasingly attracting the attention of the public and young athletes. In the Rio 2016 Olympics our Shooting competitions were watched by over 70 million viewers. This is a very encouraging number, because we have sparked the interest of millions of young urban people around the world. This has placed the future of our Sport in a solid position.

However, in a constantly changing world, we cannot stay still. We must continue innovating and not only move forward with the times but anticipate the future.

Agenda 2020 is a visionary call to action and the ISSF responded in the most positive ways in terms of equality and ensuring that the Olympic movement not only remains relevant but will spearhead social change in the world through its universal platform.

In keeping with Agenda 2020, by replacing Rifle Prone 50m, Pistol 50m, Double Trap with Mixed Teams event in 10m Air Rifle, 10m Air Pistol and Trap, we have been able to increase our number of Olympic Gold Medals from 15 to 18, while maintaining our 15 Events in the Olympic Games and attaining gender equality. These changes were proposed by the ISSF purely for the benefit of our Sport and our athletes, with no other motivation or interest in mind.

I want to propose that our Federations now focus all their efforts on working together to promote feminine participation and to attract more young athletes to our events at World Cups and International competitions. The Olympic Program will be dynamic and the Olympic Movement will continue to be evaluated, so we must give our athletes the best opportunities to continue enjoying the privileged position we hold in the Olympic Games.

I also wish to take this opportunity to make it perfectly clear that we have never even remotely considered substituting conventional guns for laser guns because doing that would betray our roots and the essence of our sport. This is a proposal that was never presented nor would we allow it to be because the Council and Executive Committee members would never accept such a suggestion. Indeed, a laser gun company approached me about 20 years ago and they showed me their guns. I told them we could not use them in our Sport. Then about 5 or 6 years ago, at an International Federations meeting, they had an exhibit and a demonstration and asked if they could take some photos with the guns. I said they could and they could publish them but that laser was definitely not something we were interested in and we would never use them because we like the scent of gunpowder.

I respectfully ask all of you to support the program that was approved by the Executive Committee of the International Olympic Committee on June 9th, 2017.

Change is never easy, but it presents opportunities for growth and for strong leadership. This is one of those times. Thanks to the effort and commitment of each one of our Federations, we have built the ISSF into a solid and strong organization. Organizations outline individuals. All individuals can do is leave a legacy. I have worked with passion for the ISSF and for our Sport. I am certain that, as always been traditional in our Federation, we will continue making decisions responsibly, representing the unity of our Federations. For this reason, I hope to have the support of each and every one of you in this important moment in the history of our Sport.

The future of the Shooting Sport is bright and next years I will proudly leave our Federation in the hands of the next generation of leaders, knowing that the ISSF is united and in good hands.

I want to inform you that in the Executive Committee and Council meetings yesterday, after hearing the decision of the IOC Executive Commission of June 9th at which they approved the Tokyo 2020 Program, I asked all the Members if anyone had changed their decision. I am pleased to inform you that they all confirmed their unanimous support for the IOC Program.

For this reason, I wish to propose to this Extraordinary General Assembly that we establish a Forum under the leadership of the Athletes Committee so that the events for the 2024 Games can be analyzed, including the possibility that 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap can be reincorporated into the Olympic Program or any other event the Forum considers important to analyze. The members of the Forum be elected to include individuals from Member Federations, Athletes and Coaches. The first meeting is already programmed for next year. We ask that you send proposals as soon as possible to the ISSF Chairman of the Athletes Committee, if you all agree.

Does the Extraordinary General Assembly agree with this proposal?

President Vázquez asked the delegates of the Extraordinary General Assembly if they approved this procedure. The delegates applauded and there were no objections. Therefore, the procedure was approved by the Extraordinary General Assembly.

The President asked the ISSF's Legal Advisor Mr. Christian Keidel to give some explanations.

Mr. Keidel thanked the President and declared he was honored to be invited to this Extraordinary General Assembly. He further introduced himself for those who do not know him. He said he was Christian Keidel and worked in a legal practice that is specialized in sports law in Munich. Mr. Keidel had been advising the ISSF for nine years now in legal issues. Mr. Keidel explained he was available during the day to answer any questions that may arise related to the ISSF Regulations or the German association law. Mr. Keidel further informed the delegates that he would like to make a special remark. As everybody knew, this was an Extraordinary General Assembly that was called explicitly to discuss one agenda item that is known to everyone. Therefore, it is necessary that all comments are solely on this agenda item and no other matter should be discussed in this Extraordinary General Assembly. This was also to safeguard that

every member federation can give his opinion and there is enough time to discuss the explicit matter that was the reason for this Extraordinary General Assembly. Mr. Keidel thanked all delegates and confirmed again that he is at everyone's disposal should there be any questions.

The President thanked Mr. Keidel for his explanations and asked if there were any questions. Since there were no questions, the President proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 3 Provide a solution to prevent cancellation of three major shooting events: 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap, in compliance with the IOC standards and the Olympic Charter

The President gave the floor to Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Chairman of the ISSF Technical Committee and Mr. Peter Underhill, Chairman of the ISSF Judges Committee to give a presentation that explains the ISSF Recommendations to the IOC on February 26, 2017. Mr. Brokamp thanked the President and wished all delegates a good afternoon and also welcomed them to Munich. Mr. Brokamp, as Chairman of the Technical Committee wanted to present to all delegates more facts and detailed information in addition to what some of the delegates may have already heard in the European Shooting Confederation meeting in the morning. Mr. Brokamp stated that it was not easy and was actually a difficult issue to give facts and information with regard to the changes of the Olympic Shooting Sport Program for Tokyo 2020. He stated that he is Secretary General of a national federation with a great number of rifle, pistol and shotgun shooters and moreover an Olympic Champions in one of the dropped out events. Several years ago, there was a similar situation with an Olympic silver medalist in Double Trap Women and with the last Olympic Gold Medalist in Running Target in Athens, but Mr. Brokamp wanted to have a closer look at the whole process first. Mr. Brokamp summarized that as early as 2010, during the 50th ISSF World Championship in Munich, GER, IOC President Jacques Rogge made more than clear that the Olympic Games not only feature competitions among athletes but also among sports. Mr. Brokamp informed the delegates that the "good old times" were over. In the past, the Olympic Program was very constant but this has changed dramatically with the Agenda 2020. The International Federations have a strong competition between federations and sports about Olympic Events. The International Federations have to secure that their events survive because they are the most attractive and successful sports or events. The IOC had adopted the Agenda 2020 with its sports-related recommendations. The experts of the IOC Sports Department managed the consultation process with all International Federations and prepared the relevant documents for the IOC Program Commission, composed of highly qualified and respected IOC Members. The IOC Program Commission is working out a detailed report with proposals for each Olympic sport and event for the IOC Executive Board that in the end decides about the Olympic events. The Olympic Charter, Rule 45 is the base and determines that the IOC Executive Board decides the Events Program. The program is established following a review by the IOC of the program of the previous Olympic Games and according to bylaw to chapter 45 "prior to any decision relating to the Events Program, the IOC shall consult the relevant IFs. The IOC Executive Board shall decide on the Events Program not later than three years prior to the relevant Olympic Games". Mr. Brokamp said this is exactly where we are now, in 2017 and Tokyo 2020 is in three years' time. Mr. Brokamp drew the attention to the work of the IOC Program Commission that analyses program and forms proposals for consideration by the IOC Executive Board. The responsibilities of the Olympic Program Commission are to maximize the popularity of the Olympic Games, to contain costs and complexity, ensure relevance to young people, evaluate the sports and respect the Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations 9, 10 and 11. The

Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations limit the number of athletes to 10,500 and limit the events to 310. Recommendation 10 changes the sport-related program to an event-based program, meaning every single event will be checked and evaluated. It will not be as in the past that only the sport as a whole is evaluated. This is a major change Agenda 2020 brought to the Olympic Movement. Another very important modification refers to Recommendation 11, which fosters gender equality. It is meant to be achieved in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, which means to reach 50 % female and 50 % male participation. Further, the IOC encourages the International Federations to use mixed-gender team events which the ISSF had already very successfully implemented in the Youth Olympic Games with the 10m Air Rifle and 10m Air Pistol Mixed Events. Mr. Brokamp summarized that Agenda 2020 in three words is “time to change”. IOC President Thomas Bach in his New Year’s Speech 2016 said: “Change or be changed”. Mr. Brokamp emphasized the importance of these words and asked everybody to keep this clear message in their minds when the changes in the Olympic shooting sport program will be discussed later. Mr. Brokamp continued with the event-based analysis of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. The IOC had provided its evaluation to the ISSF in January 2017. The chart ranked the 15 shooting events according to their relative performance in each of the 13 IOC data elements and then showed the overall average ranking of each event. The four most popular and attractive shooting events were the four Airgun events, Air Rifle Men and Women, Air Pistol Men and Women. The least popular and least attractive shooting events were 50m Rifle Prone being last, and the 50m Pistol Men event ranked 14 out of 15. In the pistol disciplines, 25m Rapid Fire Pistol clearly ranked out 50m Pistol Men. 25m Rapid Fire Pistol ranked number 5 and 50m Pistol Men ranked 14th. Double Trap Men was the lowest ranking shotgun event but its ranking was very close to Skeet Men. They ranked 12th and 11th respectively.

Mr. Brokamp stated that this was the result of the IOC’s events-based analysis which was carried out objectively by the IOC and not by the ISSF. Mr. Brokamp emphasized again that this was not an ISSF evaluation but an evaluation done by the IOC which strongly supported the ISSF evaluation and conclusions reached during the discussions about the Olympic shooting sport program.

Mr. Jörg Brokamp handed over the microphone to Mr. Peter Underhill. Mr. Underhill explained the decision pathway taken by the ISSF in reaching the recommendations to the IOC. The IOC had requested all International Federations back in 2015 to consult with the IOC as expressed in the Olympic Charter and make recommendations to comply with the Agenda 2020. The tasks were to have equal number of men and women events, to have an equal number of men and women participating in the Olympic Games and to consider Mixed Team Events as a method to achieve gender equality. The IOC had further informed the ISSF to work with the existing and current 15 events and 390 Quota Places to promote and develop the shooting sport and that it is most important to present the ISSF’s status and standing as an Olympic sport. In compliance with these tasks and IOC requirements, the process was established in accordance with the ISSF Constitution and IOC Charter. Mr. Underhill further informed the delegates that the ISSF made recommendations in accordance with the Constitution Article 1.8.2.7 and 1.8.2.9 that clearly stipulate that the ISSF Executive Committee is fully authorized to make these recommendations to the IOC. Article 1.8.2.7 states the ISSF Executive Committee acts on matters not assigned to other Committees. Proposals to the IOC regarding the Olympic Shooting Program were not assigned to or dealt with by any other ISSF Committee or group and therefore, the ISSF Executive Committee was absolutely competent according to this regulation. Mr. Underhill pointed out that such compliance was reinforced by Article 1.8.2.9 which states again “...the Executive Committee establishes and supervises the Special Regulations of the participation in

the Shooting Sport Events of the Olympic Games”. Mr. Underhill said that since some doubts were expressed about this competence, the ISSF had sought independent legal advice from an established and well-recognized German legal practice. It can be found in the documents each delegate was given. Mr. Underhill read out the conclusion of this independent legal advice: “*As a result of both, the applicable rules of the ISSF Constitution, as well as the General Regulations confirm that the ISSF Executive Committee was the competent body within the ISSF to submit the respective proposal for the Olympic Games 2020 to the IOC.*” Mr. Underhill stressed that the IOC had asked the ISSF to submit recommendations to reach gender equality. The ISSF Executive Committee had then appointed and approved an Ad Hoc Committee to provide alternatives and options for recommendations to the IOC. This was seen as sensible and pragmatic way at the time. After two years of protracted reviews, the ISSF Executive Committee unanimously endorsed and approved the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations that were submitted to the IOC on February 28, 2017. These recommendations were approved by the IOC Program Commission on May 5, 2017 and finally approved by the IOC Executive Board on June 9, 2017. Mr. Underhill stated to close this matter then and in the future, that the ISSF General Regulations have to be revised in due course to reflect this new IOC decision. Mr. Underhill said that everybody had to remember that the IOC decision had affected all Olympic sports, not only shooting. The timelines were tight to meet the IOC’s own strict rules and regulations and the Olympic Shooting Program must be in place at minimum three years prior to each Olympic Games. Mr. Underhill explained that as far as the shooting sport was concerned, there can be no delay or postponement to such decisions and the ISSF had to react quickly to respond within the timeframe or the shooting sport would have risked the potential exclusion of some of its events. Therefore, Mr. Underhill emphasized, time and the clock was ticking. Mr. Underhill came back to the inception of the process two years ago and said it would be useful to remember the guidelines provided to the ISSF by the IOC at that time. Agenda 2020 means 2020, as communicated by the IOC Sports Department. There was no doubt and no flexibility. Gender equality must be achieved and be in place for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. The IOC had highlighted the main factors they expected from all International Federations. Any change must support the evolution of the sport for 2020 and beyond. Gender equality changes must further support the worldwide development and increase women’s participation. The changes must emphasize and focus on the most attractive events and the ISSF had just seen the IOC evaluation of the shooting sport after Rio upon which that attractiveness was expressed. The gender equality changes must further emphasize the 10m shooting and add value to the existing events, that is additional participation and medal winning chances to the athletes. The IOC had further suggested in its Agenda 2020 to drop three men’s events and add three mixed gender team events. Therefore, the ISSF should choose three mixed gender team events after considering the following factors that again support what we had already sought, that is the evolution of the sport, expand 10m shooting, increase women’s participation, universality and attractiveness and that mixed gender team events must be World Championship events. The process was long and took around two years, starting in September 2015 with the establishment of the ISSF Ad Hoc Committee. In November 2015, the Committee met for the first time followed by a review by all ISSF Section Committees including most importantly the ISSF Athletes Committee, that had been central to this process. This collaborative approach continued as all experts within the ISSF were engaged. In 2016, more meetings followed both, of the Ad Hoc Committee and of the ISSF with the IOC. Advice and guidance was given by the IOC bodies in a collaborative effort to achieve the best possible results for the sport. At the end of 2016, on November 24, the Ad Hoc Recommendations were made public through a press release which invited the shooting family to comment and to voice opinions. Mr. Underhill pointed out that in this process, the Ad Hoc Committee and the Section Committees, as well as other experts on the matter had to adopt a

holistic approach, always looking to the future but mindful of the past. That meant that the ISSF had to think of what was best for the whole shooting sport and not just for one discipline, event or fraction within the ISSF. Moreover, it meant that personal or national interests and other pressures had to be laid aside to ensure impartiality and to guarantee an objective review leading to a reasoned outcome, again best for the sport as a whole. Mr. Underhill stressed out that this decision-making process could and would not be undermined by self-interest or conflict of interest. This led to some long passionate emotive and often painstaking discussion with the Committees making hard and brave decisions at every level and stage. Mr. Underhill explained that the process was not easy, as one can imagine. Good communication, openness and engagement between the ISSF and its members and key stakeholders had been better throughout this period. Mr. Underhill continued with the consultation process. Following the November 24 press release, the following response manifested itself. The ISSF had received 159 responses and only 19 were from national federations. 22 were general comments, some had suggested other alternatives but no new ideas were provided. Some had supported all or part of the Ad Hoc Recommendations and many had supported keeping the 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap events. Most responses came from Italy and supported Double Trap. A collection of 190 team messages supported Double Trap Mixed Team. However, it was impossible to verify names and locations so the credibility had to be questioned. Mr. Underhill explained that after January 1, 2017 virtually all comments had agreed with deleting three men's events and replacing them with mixed gender team events. Mr. Underhill went on with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee. The overriding principle of dealing with the situation and formulating a robust solution were to achieve gender equality in the Olympic Program and that it is correct and the best for the future of the shooting sport. Further, the ISSF must cooperate with the IOC by submitting positive recommendations for the achievement of these goals. Doing nothing or seeking others to make decisions for the ISSF is not a responsible way to behave. It would only show a lack of ethical and moral resolve and most importantly, the shooting sport would risk losing events. Mr. Underhill stated that it was decided to keep the parity of disciplines at five events each and there should be no robbing or one to pay for another. This status quo should be maintained in the best interest of the whole sport. Another recommendation was to achieve gender equality in each discipline by converting one men's event into a mixed gender event. Mr. Underhill explained that the IOC Agenda 2020 encouraged the inclusion of mixed gender team events because they best preserve discipline parity. Mixed Air events in the 2014 Youth Olympic Games proved to be very popular and exciting. The European Shooting Confederation had successfully tested mixed gender team events at both, the 2015 European Games and the 2016 European Championship in Győr. They were successfully tested at Junior World Cups in 2016 and at most World Cups 2017. The mixed gender team events are an exciting new initiative for the shooting sport. They further add opportunities and encourage national federations to promote women's participation and promote national spirit and flag identification much better than individual events. Finally, shooting now had 18 gold medals instead of 15 due to the additional three mixed gender team events. Mr. Underhill handed the microphone over to Mr. Brokamp.

Mr. Brokamp continued the presentation by having a detailed look at the actual ISSF recommendations. In the rifle disciplines, it was suggested to adopt a 10m Air Rifle Mixed Gender Team Event. Mr. Brokamp asked if there was an alternative. Yes, of course, the alternative would have been a 50m Rifle Prone Mixed Gender Team Event but this would have had the same disadvantage as the individual prone event. The ISSF had to keep in mind that the IOC had focused on 10m events. Each ISSF Member Federation has the possibility to organize 10m Air Rifle individual and team events. Advantages also included costs and accessibility. Air Rifles have much less legal restrictions and 10m Air Rifle is much more popular among youths

all over the world. 10m Air Rifle is much more attractive than prone, as the athlete is shooting from a standing position and it is more athletic and challenging. The 10m Air Rifle and 50m 3 Positions events will ensure a high participation in the mixed gender team events and 25 to 30 teams are expected in the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Mr. Brokamp continued with the pistol recommendations where it was suggested to adopt 10m Air Pistol Mixed Gender Team Events. An alternative would have been 25m Standard Pistol or 50m Pistol. However, Mr. Brokamp pointed out that there are no women events for 50m Pistol or 25m Standard Pistol. The IOC wants mixed gender events based on established World Championship events. Again, universality plays an important role, just as in the rifle discipline and the same holds true for costs and accessibility with Airgun ranges and legal restrictions that are the same as in rifle. Further, double starts from 10m Air Pistol and 25m Pistol Events will again ensure a high participation in the mixed team events. He expected 22 to 27 teams in the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Finally, Mr. Brokamp came to the shotgun disciplines. Here, it was recommended to adopt Trap Mixed Gender Team Event. The alternatives would have been Skeet or Double Trap. Mr. Brokamp explained that one has to keep in mind that Double Trap Women had not been an official event in the past four World Championships and six of the last seven World Championships had to be cancelled due to low participation in the women events. He further stated that this was a clear message that Double Trap Women does not have any participants and had to be canceled even as championship event. Mr. Brokamp declared that Trap is the most universal shotgun event and more countries would promote the Trap Mixed Gender Team Event as the average number of nations in last 12 World Championships was 57 for Trap Men and 31 for Trap Women versus Double Trap Men with 28 and Double Trap Women with 6. Mr. Brokamp emphasized that all shotgun events need to increase the number of women. Trap mixed teams would promote more women's participation than Double Trap mixed teams, said Mr. Brokamp.

At the end of the presentation, Mr. Brokamp made some comments on the future of 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap in the ISSF shooting sport program. Mr. Brokamp stressed that those three events would not be canceled. On the contrary, the ISSF bodies and in particular the ISSF Technical Committee would intensely discuss a new structure of the ISSF calendar. As one can see, it will be proposed to have a World Championship each year, either for juniors or for seniors. Further, it is planned to have ISSF Junior World Championships between the years of Senior World Championships. The ISSF Junior World Championship in Suhl, GER had a great number of participants and starts showed that it was the right decision and the ISSF will follow that way with an additional World Championship. Moreover, the ISSF thinks about introducing ISSF World Master Championships. There is a strong demand from this age group, 45 and above to shoot at the international level. This also includes rest and supported shooting up to the age of 70. Mr. Brokamp explained that in his home country, GER, and also in several other countries, this event format is very popular and successful and it would be a win-win situation for athletes, federations and the industry with all supplying tools for this group. Mr. Brokamp further pointed out that for example the three events appear also in the existing Junior World Cups and of course stay on the Continental Shooting Sport Program. All these Championships show in a quite impressive way that the three events, 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap will still have a strong appearance in the ISSF Shooting Sport Program. Mr. Brokamp finally made some general remarks and said the ISSF firmly believes that the changes to the Olympic Shooting Sport Program represent what is best for the sport. However, the ISSF also recognizes that this is not the end of the journey. All events, from all sports in the Olympic Games will continuously be

reviewed by the IOC as part of the Olympic Agenda 2020. The ISSF does not want to wait four years before reviewing the Olympic events again but wants to start soon. Therefore, the ISSF plans to create a platform to review the Olympic events. All stakeholders will and must have a voice on this platform and be able to contribute with their ideas. The ISSF is still in the process of finalizing its plans but all stakeholders will be informed. Mr. Brokamp stated that there is always room for improvement and by creating such a platform, the ISSF will be able to work with the IOC to actively drive, shape and change its Olympic future.

President Vazquez thanked Mr. Brokamp and Mr. Underhill and gave the floor to Mr. Abhinav Bindra, Chairman of the ISSF Athletes Committee to explain the athletes' point of view. Mr. Bindra thanked the President and first read an email that he had received some days ago. *"You have betrayed the shooting community. You have displayed cowardice and treachery"*. This is an extract from an email Mr. Bindra had received some weeks ago sent by a very senior 50m Rifle coach. Mr. Bindra explained that he, as professional athlete, was used to criticism but that was the first time he had received such severe accusations. A few days later, Mr. Bindra had received another message, which read: *"I have found the proposals made by your committee excellent. They will, in my opinion, add an exciting new dynamic to shooting. I am a 16-year old shooter and that is exactly what shooters of my age want. Thanks for your great work and ongoing support for us young shooting athletes."* Mr. Bindra explained that the two comments were made on the same recommendations but were obviously extremely different.

Leading the ISSF Athletes Committee had been a privilege and honor for him, Mr. Bindra stated. He pointed out that his Committee was the first Committee to be contacted for the Olympic Agenda 2020 and this approach was in 2015. Since then, the IOC Olympic Agenda requirements became clear to the ISSF Athletes Committee. The focus was on an open dialogue requesting feedback from all athletes and making sure that the decision-making process for the recommendations was the result of a fair process based on appropriate data. Mr. Bindra stressed that it was very clear that the mandate was to ensure that both, events and quotas were equally shared between men and women. These were constraints they had to start with and they were not given the freedom or the opportunity to question those IOC mandates. The ISSF Athletes Committee was also explicitly advised that it would not be possible to expand the number of events. They were also conscious of the fact that under the IOC Agenda 2020, the Olympic Program would no longer be a contest among shooting events alone. Instead, each shooting event would have to justify its place on the program against events from other sports. Mr. Bindra thought it was worth mentioning that for Tokyo and beyond, the attractiveness of each shooting event to young people would be analyzed alongside skateboarding, surfing, BMX free-style, sport-climbing and other new sports. As athletes having the choice to compete in so many different events, it was a great privilege and it has to be the goal to ensure that this privilege is extended to both, male and female athletes alike. Mr. Bindra wanted to note at this stage that if anyone would like to challenge the principles and protocols of the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020, the IOC would be the right forum to approach. Questioning and attacking him and the members of the Athletes Committee or the ISSF is misconceived and misplaced and would achieve little, if anything at all. Mr. Bindra pointed out that the mandate required by the Athletes Committee was to make two recommendations. First, recommending what should stay unchanged and which should be subject to revisions. Second, recommending what the revisions would be. The Committee members started the process open-mindedly without any preconceptions. Mr. Bindra explained that in their view, it was unanimous that the three male only events would be the ones recommended for revision. While the Committee seriously considered the possibility converting those three events into mixed team events, the overwhelming number of viewers had convinced

the Athletes Committee that 10m Air Rifle, 10m Air Pistol and Trap were the most appropriate events for mixed competitions. Mr. Bindra declared that simply opening the old events to both genders, the practice of Olympic past, had clearly shown poor results in gender parity and was not an avenue proposed by the IOC. The mixed team events, in view of the ISSF Athletes Committee, were keeping with the spirit of what they had aspired for their sport. The recommendations were made carefully, thoughtfully and diligently and Mr. Bindra was extremely proud of his Committee for its dedication, thoughtfulness and integrity during this difficult process. He stated that if the Committee had asked again, Mr. Bindra could sincerely state that the Athletes Committee would come to the same conclusions again. Mr. Bindra was very heartened to understand that recently, the IOC had appreciated the process followed and recommendations made at all levels of the ISSF, including the Athletes Committee and took them as the basis for retaining the 15 shooting events on the program for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. With 18 gold medals, shooting takes 7th place out of 33 disciplines in terms of medal opportunities. Mr. Bindra explained that he was confident that the ISSF found the right balance as endorsed by the IOC. Mr. Bindra was contacted by the next Olympic host in Japan, appreciating the process that led to the decisions. The ISSF had been widely recognized and commended as pro-active and responsible partner in the process. Mr. Bindra explained that this was achieved alongside the foremost goal of retaining the integrity of the shooting disciplines and Olympic positions. This was satisfying and all concerned should be proud. The recommendations can only be positive for the future of our sport, Mr. Bindra said. He is aware that the recommended changes and for that matter, any changes, will be extremely disappointing for some shooting athletes. That said it will give more shooters whose events were replaced the chance to focus using the same skills with sufficient training and competition opportunities left in the Olympic cycle. At times like these, Mr. Bindra says, we will all think of ourselves and our personal interests and he does not blame anyone for doing so. It is natural and human and he respects that. But there will always be a bigger picture into which everybody fits as athletes, professionals and as people. The world is changing and sport is evolving. The young shooters, girls and boy give flight to their Olympic dreams Mr. Bindra said.

Mr. Bindra closed his speech by asking where we choose to place ourselves in this context. That was the questions for all of them and he thanked the delegates for their attention.

The President thanked Mr. Bindra for his interesting speech and welcomed Mr. Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director who would speak on behalf of the IOC.

Mr. Kit McConnell thanked President Vázquez and expressed on behalf of the IOC, his team and everyone involved including IOC President Dr. Bach their appreciation for the relationship with the ISSF right from the President Olegario Vázquez Raña to everyone seated at the table here, including their daily interaction with Franz Schreiber, ISSF Secretary General. Mr. McConnell praised the fantastic cooperation between the IOC and the ISSF. This is often about opportunities and sometimes also challenges. Any discussions are done in an open partnership and very much with the focus on the sport and the athletes. Mr. McConnell referred to the previous presentation held by Mr. Brokamp, Mr. Underhill and Mr. Bindra which he would seize on in a wider context for the Olympic Program. Mr. McConnell stated that with regard to the Olympic Program, the IOC had the clear vision to have the best sports mix in the program of the Olympic Games but also sports at its best. This could mean many different things but hopefully everybody will recognize that the Olympic Games remain the world's greatest sporting stage, the world's greatest sporting event. It is of course also important to evolve and to continue to make sure the IOC has the best mix of sports and events in the program and also retain them in the best way

moving forward. Mr. McConnell said we all live in a world of change, as it was highlighted before. He stated that we also live in a world that continuously evolves at an even faster pace. Asking other questions than maybe three years ago. We have to find solutions for those questions and we have to find different opportunities to what has been done in the past, Mr. McConnell explained. This also concerns the environment, not only in sports but for the wider world. The program of the Games has continued to evolve. Mr. McConnell referred to the earlier mentioned Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing 2014, where mixed events in shooting had been conducted, to Rio, now to Buenos Aires and Tokyo 2020. The IOC brought in new sports. The IOC had rugby and golf coming into the Olympic Program in Rio and five new sports will start in Tokyo. There were also several new events in a number of sports, with new competition formats. The IOC had also a clear focus on gender equality, on youth and youth engagement and the IOC had introduced new ways of looking into the program with the opportunity that Organizing Committees could make proposals. This shows that we are in a place of continuing evolution, continuing movement within sports in the Olympic Program. Mr. McConnell explained that Nanjing was the start of this journey of change, of evolution, of development. The IOC had introduced new disciplines in a number of sports and also new formats. There was a new concept that was not about medal events but about showcasing youth types of events and engaging with the public. And of course there were the mixed gender team events in shooting. Six years before Tokyo, these events were already part of an Olympic event in the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing. Mr. McConnell stated that in Rio, two new sports were on the Olympic Program, namely rugby and golf. For Buenos Aires the following year, the IOC will continue the innovations. For the very first time there will be full gender equality at the Olympic level. The Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games will have exactly the same number of male and female athletes across the whole Games. There will be innovations in a number of sports. For example, all team sports will have the youth format of the sport, in basketball, beach volleyball, football and soccer. In other sports like rowing, they will go from 2,000m courses at the Olympic Games to only a 500m course in the middle of the city of Buenos Aires, reducing also the number of lanes and taking the sport to the people in the middle of the town, and not the people to the sport. Mr. McConnell explained that there was a consistency of approach in terms of searching for ways that keep the true spirit of each sport but also look to innovate and grow. And, very important, the Olympic Games still remain the world's greatest sporting stage. Last year in Rio, all NOCs were represented, there was also an Independent Olympic Team and a Refugee Team. 87 NOCs won medals. This shows universality. More than half of the world population watched the Games. It was the most consumed Games ever. However, also the way people are watching the Games changes. The IOC remains one of the world's most recognized brands and the Olympic rings that everyone associates with their sport is part of our partnership. This brand is more recognized than Coca Cola, Nike and more than any other brand worldwide. But that does not mean that we can be complacent about where we are as a movement, as organization, as a sport event and we do continue to need to evolve. Mr. McConnell stated that he had just mentioned that each NOC was involved in the Games. This universality is also reflected in the shooting sport. In Beijing, 104 NOCs, in London 108 NOCs and in Rio 98 participated. The medal distribution between the continents in shooting is also very positive compared to other sports where about half of the medals are won by Europeans, but also Asia, America and Oceania are involved in the medal chart of shooting. Mr. McConnell then came to gender equality. He stated that gender equality continued to level out to a gender equal competition. The IOC wanted to reach 50 % gender equality in the London Games. The female participation was 44.4 % in London and 46.1 % in Rio and in Tokyo it is estimated to be 48.8 % across the 10,500 athletes. The IOC will have the highest number of women events ever in Tokyo and will have the highest number of female athletes ever in Olympic Games. The IOC is reaching historical milestones in terms of female

participation. Full equality at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires 2018 and close to parity in Tokyo. For the IOC, those are not just numbers, said Mr. McConnell. It was a reference that each female event in the Olympic Games is not just a number on a piece of paper that allows the IOC to reach the 50 %. Mr. McConnell stated that each athlete and each event also means investment at the national level, it means investment at the international level and it means development, opportunities, it drives forward an impact on women's sports around the world.

Earlier, the broadcast figures were mentioned. Again, Mr. McConnell explained that Rio were the most consumed Olympic Games ever but the landscape of that consumption is changing. More and more young people are engaging not through traditional TV channels, not through traditional rights-holders, but through digital platforms, watching what they want, when they want, how they want and we clearly see this in Olympic consumption. The numbers of traditional channels came down and the numbers of digital platforms went up at an ever faster pace. It is therefore very important to change with that landscape. In terms of the shooting sport at the Rio Olympic Games, Mr. McConnell pointed out that the ISSF brings the shooting audience to the Games but the IOC equally provides new audiences to the shooting sport. There were more than 312 million total viewer hours for shooting in Rio 2016. A maximum audience, that is the highest peak audience if you add up the 70 countries where the IOC had tracked the audience of over 150 million for shooting. The average viewers per minute, that means the average number of people watching shooting at any given minute of coverage in Rio was almost 50 million for shooting. Mr. McConnell explained that as mentioned earlier, the focus is increasingly on digital channels. The internet, apps, cell phones, that is driving consumption in the future. Within that numbers is a significant variation, especially at event level. Shooting is strong in the Olympic Program but there is a strong variation between events and there was a change how this is seen by the IOC. Agenda 2020 changed the view from a sport-based evaluation to an event-based evaluation.

Mr. McConnell explained that Agenda 2020 came with the new President Thomas Bach and he had a clear vision and ideas that he had outlined when he was running for President of the IOC. However, this is not a personal manifest that became a strategic plan. For the IOC, an organization or the Olympic Movement, there was a huge amount of consultations over 18 months evolving the full IOC membership but also all stakeholders such as NOCs, IFs and the ISSF also had full input and gave some fantastic ideas. All athletes were involved and all working groups under Agenda 2020 and also the public. Mr. McConnell said that there were around 20,000 public submissions in terms of the direction the Olympic Movement should take. The key principles that came out were

- 1. Sustainability**

And that is not just sustainability in terms of environment, it refers also to the Olympic Movement, the Olympic Games

- 2. Credibility**

How do we, as sport, as the Olympic Games remain credible with young people around the world. Those young people have to remain a focus for the IOC moving forward. Mr. McConnell said he would not go through all visions but just wanted to state that the quote has been highlighted a couple of times already and is in fact very important. It is the sentence Mr. Bach had said: "*Change or be changed*". And that is never a threat, and not meant as threat for our stakeholders but it is the reality of the landscape the IOC is operating in today and that came through very clearly again. So changing for the best benefit of the sport is the key. This is the Olympic Agenda 2020 which was finalized at the end of 2014. The IOC is still halfway through the cycle of implementation but that is

not something for the future, it is something for now. The goals of the Olympic Agenda 2020 must be implemented now. The roadmap with regard to the Olympic Program is clear. 40 Recommendations covered the five themes. Three clearly focused on the Olympic Program which are 10,500 athletes, approximately 310 events, which is now reflected in the Olympic Charter and not only in the Olympic Agenda 2020. The move to an event-based program, which means there is no longer a maximum number of sports but a limit to the number of events. The overall analysis is now done event specific. In Rio, McConnell said, the analysis that was put on the screen was event-based and that was done for each of the 306 events. As far as possible, the IOC knows exactly how many people were watching each shooting event, athletics event, swimming event; every single event is known. The IOC had further analyzed how many people were watching in which part of the world, how much they covered through digital media, how much they covered through traditional media, what is the ticket demand, all those elements in all events were evaluated. Mr. McConnell reported that now we come to gender equality which is clearly the focus for the IOC. This is of course first of all on the field of play but also refers to gender equality in all working groups, from the Executive Board of the IOC, staff, media coverage, quantity of media coverage and also in the bodies of all stakeholders of the Olympic Movement.

Mr. McConnell stated that many discussions were on the mixed team events and he wanted to state that the mixed team events were specifically referenced in regard to gender equality in the Olympic Agenda 2020. They were specifically mentioned as something that the IOC would aim for in future programs in the Games. For the IOC, mixed gender team events are the ultimate embodiment of equality on the field of play. Men and women competing as equals on the same field of play for a combined result. The IOC took the decision to include mixed gender team events in many sports, not only shooting but also in athletics, swimming, archery, triathlon, table tennis and others. With regard to the scope of approximately 310 events and 10,500 athletes, Mr. McConnell stated that this is certainly a goal the IOC will try to reach. However, this allows little flexibility where there is a strong value proposition that reaches wider goals to go above that numbers. The IOC is aiming at getting down to 10,500 athletes but it was too early to do so for Tokyo. The IOC is however clearly moving towards it as could be seen in the decisions taken in several sports to adjust the Quotas for Tokyo 2020. Mr. McConnell stated that it was very clear that with any changes in the Olympic Program in a sport, the International Federation is fully independent with regard to its own programs and events. Of course, there is a link between the championships of an International Federation and the Olympic Program but this does not have to reflect either the number of athletes or the full program of events in the respective sports in the program. The progression of the events and athletes was shown on a slide and it started with 28 sports in Beijing and Rio and 26 in London, where baseball and softball had been excluded from the program. The events amounted to 302 in Beijing and London and to 306 in Rio as golf and rugby were included in the program in Rio. However, with regard to the number of athletes, the challenge was to come closer to 10,500 which was achieved from Beijing with 10,942 athletes to London, where 10,568 competed. However, for Rio, the number of athletes was again increased to 10,902 in order to fulfill the requirements of the new sports. In terms of the principle of the Olympic Program, the IOC had identified some at the beginning of the process. It is obvious that with 28 sports on the Olympic Program, the IOC has a very balanced program, a mix of team and individuals, a mix of indoor and outdoor, racket sports, combat sports, water sports. Another principle is history and tradition, which is also very important for the IOC. Further, the IOC is aiming at moving forward in innovation and youth but this does not, in any way reduce the respect for tradition that each sport has and the IOC and Olympic Games have.

It is a matter of finding a balance between moving forward and respecting tradition, understanding the strength, but also involves moving forward and embracing the future of innovation and different types of engagement. And that is what the modern taste and the new trends are about: reflecting changes in the society, reflecting changes in the sport and embracing them as opportunities. Mr. McConnell explained that the costs and complexity of the Games in terms of the overall size and the demands that the IOC places on organizers and host cities have to be taken into consideration.

Mr. McConnell then drew the attention to the Tokyo Olympic Games. The Olympic Program Commission has clear demands of the process. It is the mission of the Olympic Program Commission to review the program of the sport events and athletes in each Games. The Olympic Program Commission that is chaired by Franco Carraro from Italy and is comprised of 21 members, among them athletes, and Athlete Commission Representatives, and representatives from International Federations, both, summer and winter and representatives from NOCs. The Program Commission is not a decision-making body, Mr. McConnell explained. It develops recommendations for consideration for the IOC Executive Board. Mr. McConnell pointed out that at the time when Tokyo was elected, only 28 sports were on the program. For the first time, the IOC had received proposals from the Organizing Committee for new sports on the program. The IOC Executive Board had approved these new sports but only for the program of the Tokyo Olympic Games and there is no confirmation at this stage that these sports will also be on the program for 2024 or beyond. Mr. McConnell continued his presentation by stating that the third piece of the jigsaw is the event program itself and he pointed out that the Program Commission Meeting took place on May 5, and as most of the people are aware, it was planned that the recommendations from that meeting would be included in the next meeting of the IOC Executive Board. That had always been the plan. The next meeting in the diary of the Executive Board was scheduled for July, in a couple of weeks' time but then, with all the discussion about 2024 Candidate City process and the debate to not only have a look at 2024 but also 2028 at the same time, an additional meeting of the IOC Executive Board was called for June 9 to discuss this matter. Of course the discussion had to take place before the Candidate City Briefing in early July and before the next meeting of the Executive Board. Therefore, the additional meeting of the IOC Executive Board was put in the diary for June 9, specifically for the reason to look at the 2024 and 2028 Candidate City process. So all the IOC did was to follow the same principle the IOC had and since the Program Commission had made its recommendations, the IOC Executive Board took those recommendations to the next meeting which was then instead of July in June. This was for everyone's benefit, especially for the athletes who would have certainty about their event. It was further important of the International Federations and most importantly for Tokyo and the NOCs in terms of funding. Mr. Kit McConnell repeated that he wanted to be very clear on that point and mentioned again that the principle remained the same, of going to the next Executive Board meeting of the IOC only that the additional Executive Board Meeting was held in June.

Concerning the Tokyo 2020 Program, Mr. McConnell had already touched the topic of the five new sports and he wanted to point out that the IOC had received proposals from the 26 International Federation out of the 28 Olympic Sports for either new events, modifications to event programs and modification to athlete quotas. Across those, there were requests for 38 additional events and many of them were in a small number of sports that had made a large number of requests. There were requests for nearly 800 additional athletes, one sport, wrestling had proposed as part of its review a reduction of 56 male athletes and it links back to the discussions in 2013 regarding the wrestling's place on the program. Based on that, the IOC Sports

Department had worked very closely with the Olympic Program Commission and went through a very thorough evaluation of all of the information which led to many dialogues and discussions with each of the International Federations to make sure the IOC clearly understood the motivation and the decision-making process of all information supporting the proposals. The IOC Sports Department had also, in some cases, attended competitions in the newly proposed events and at these occasions, the IOC not only spoke with the representatives of the federation but also tried to speak with the athletes. With regard to the proposals from the ISSF, the IOC Sports Department had visited the European Championship in Maribor and Mr. McConnell stated that he honestly can say that when this proposal was taken forward, it was fully supported by the Program Commission and by the IOC Executive Board. It was fully supported because the proposal clearly meets the IOC goals in terms of gender equality, both in the individual and the mixed events. It further clearly meets the IOC goals in terms of athlete numbers and also the goal of innovation. Innovation with credibility because new events that have already a place in the ISSF Championships. The proposal also reflected the Olympic Charter in terms of working within the maximum number of events and maximum number of athletes as clearly highlighted earlier. Therefore, the ISSF's proposal ticked all boxes and had the full support from both, the IOC Program Commission and the IOC Executive Board. Mr. McConnell declared that with the proposals for the Tokyo 2020 Program, the IOC got a lot closer to the goal of 50 % gender equality. In addition to shooting, the IOC had four other sports which had reached full gender equality for the first time. Sports like rowing and canoeing had made big steps forward and other sports like boxing and wrestling, had reached full gender equality for the first time. Further, the IOC had doubled the number of mixed events that were in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games with the clear goal on gender equality. At the same time, the IOC had to reduce the overall number of athletes to reach the number of 10,500 athletes as set out in the Olympic Charter. The IOC is aware that it is never easy to make changes and especially for International Federations it is never easy to reduce the number of Quota Places and it is obviously even harder to reduce the number of events in the Olympic Program. The Quota reduction for Tokyo 2020 is relative to the overall size of the number of athletes in the wider sports. Four sports made higher contributions and had higher cuts in the number of athletes. The percentage of reduction is relative to the other reductions looking at similar sized individual sports. Of course the IOC knows that it is not easy but equally, from the IOC side it is not a political decision. It has always been a process of reviewing the event program, reviewing the athlete numbers, based on clearly outlined parameters and frameworks that have hopefully been clear in the earlier presentations and this one. And it was applied fairly and consistently across sports in making those final decisions. Mr. McConnell asked where we have ended up. The Tokyo Games will be more youthful, more women and more urban than ever before. Keeping the traditions, keeping what has made the Olympic Games such an incredible event, but also embracing the future and reaching out to young people around the world. Mr. McConnell stated that there were two other key decisions with impact on the discussion that the Executive Board had taken based on the full recommendation of the Olympic Program Commission. All recommendations were presented as a package because it is very hard to take decisions in isolation in one sport without the fairness and consideration for all sports. So it was presented across the 28 sports unanimously supported by the IOC Executive Board. And Mr. McConnell wanted to make clear that this was a decisions taken by the IOC Executive Board. This is not to be discussed by the International Federations. The process of discussions and consultations has happened and is finished. Decisions were taken by the IOC Executive Board following the specifications of the Olympic Charter. Equally, the IOC Executive Board acknowledged that the timeline of decision-making three years before the Games can cause challenges. It is too late in the cycle for the IOC to use this timeline in the future. Therefore, Mr. McConnell said, in the future, the IOC will take decisions regarding the

event program and the athletes Quota as early as possible. For 2024, the IOC will look to take the final decision on the events program and the athlete Quotas in December 2020. This means that the first meeting of the Executive Board after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will take the decision on the event program and the athletes Quotas for 2024. Further, the future evaluation will be an ongoing dialogue between the IOC and the International Federations and that dialogue will continue from now to 2024 already. Mr. McConnell pointed out that there were decisions taken for 2020. However, after the 2020 Olympic Games, the IOC will give all International Federations the evaluation, broadcast and media research as early as possible. The IOC Executive Board had recommended that all 28 sports that were on the program for Rio and Tokyo will also be on the program for 2024. Of course that means the sport and the events and the quotas within that sport are subject to that process that was just outlined, leading to decisions by the Executive Board in December 2020.

Mr. McConnell emphasized that shooting as a sport looked at ways of evolution. There is the scoring system, there is the Finals format, these things are important to the IOC and when the IOC looks at the types of formats, it wants formats as in the shooting sport. Formats that are dynamic, exciting and friendly to broadcast at all traditional platforms but also digital platforms. The IOC, together with the International Federations need to find ways of showcasing everything that is fantastic about the shooting sport or any sport on the program and to reach the greatest possible audience around the world. Mr. Kit McConnell wanted to emphasize a matter that was mentioned earlier, and that concerns laser shooting. There were some media comments on that and again, Mr. McConnell wanted to be very clear. He pointed out that he personally had raised the question in one of the many discussions with Franz Schreiber about what the shooting sport would do with laser shooting. Knowing that modern pentathlon was moving towards it, he wanted to understand what is happening in terms of development, mechanism, training scenarios around the world. The IOC never raised the question of changing the nature of shooting competitions to laser. The IOC did never raise that point. The context of the discussions that Mr. Kit McConnell had raised were how laser shooting could be used for development or training purposes. It was never mentioned in connection with competition and the IOC did not and will not push for this to happen. The IOC respects the integrity of the formats shooting has in place at the moment. Once again, Mr. McConnell wanted to be clear that there were no secret discussions, no push from the IOC. The essence of the shooting sport is not in that space and the IOC fully respects that. Mr. McConnell explained that he had made this already clear to the President and the Secretary General but he also wanted to be clear in front of everyone. The delegates applauded to the last statement and Mr. Kit McConnell thanked everyone. He stated that with regard to sport presentation, he does not want to explain that now that the program is finalized, now that the Quotas are finalized, we have to make the most out of it how we present shooting in Tokyo. All delegates can see what the IOC is trying to do with the program, that the IOC is trying to be innovative, that the IOC is trying to keep the core and the essence of what makes the Games special and what makes shooting special. However, we have to be innovative and reach out and present things in an even better way than we have in the past with the help of each other. The IOC is the partner of the ISSF and together they are seeking innovations.

The last words Mr. McConnell wanted to say were about the athletes. He praised the presentation that was made by Mr. Abhinav Bindra on behalf of the ISSF Athletes Committee which was in his opinion fantastic and he was happy to see representatives of the athletes sitting at the table and speaking on behalf of the athletes not only in terms of focus but as part of the decision-making process. Mr. McConnell turned to the President and stressed his reference to the review for 2024 starting with the athletes is something the IOC thinks is not only a great solution but

something that really reflects the place, the IOC thinks athletes have in decision-making and in moving the focus. The IOC has on the screen the number of athletes including of course the shooter Danka Bartekova who is one of the leading members of the IOC Athletes Commission. Having an Olympic Gold Medalist sitting at the table with the ISSF Administrative Council here and being involved in the decisions is something very important to the IOC. The athletes should be the focus, not only on the field of play but in everything we do off the field of play. The IOC thinks that the involvement of athletes in decision making leads to better decisions, more engagement and acceptance from the athlete community and athletes are the focus for everybody. Mr. McConnell concluded his presentation, as he knew it has been a long afternoon, and came back again to where we started, which is the fantastic relationship shared between the ISSF and the IOC. Hopefully, this has given everyone a little bit of context to the discussion and considerations and the process from the IOC side. Mr. McConnell called upon the delegates to seize the opportunity now that decisions had been taken for Tokyo to make the most of what will be an outstanding event program for Tokyo 2020 and everything that goes beyond it and in that, the IOC is the partner of the IOC.

Mr. McConnell thanked all delegates for their attention and said he was ready to answer any questions.

The President thanked Mr. Kit McConnell for the excellent explanations on the process within the IOC.

The President proposed for the Extraordinary General Assembly to accept the shooting events approved by the IOC for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The delegates applauded and there were no objections, so the President confirmed that the events were approved for the program of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Another round of applause was given. The President gave the floor to the Secretary General Franz Schreiber who thanked the President and stated that these were indeed highly interesting presentations. As President Vázquez had said in at the beginning, we now have to look united into the future and start working on the program of the Olympic Games 2024. The President had just asked the Extraordinary General Assembly to approve the events for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the ISSF hopes that the federations' doubts could be cleared. Very soon, the ISSF would inform all its member federations on the next steps and how to proceed with regard to the 2024 Olympic Program. However, Mr. Schreiber said, the ISSF has to finalize all preparations for this Olympic cycle and the qualification period which will start very soon, in August the following year. The ISSF had already lost a lot of time and the ISSF had put many hours of work into the preparation of this Extraordinary General Assembly, and unfortunately, the ISSF staff is rather small. Therefore, there was not much time to proceed with the regular work. However, it was now time to quickly continue. That day, Mr. Schreiber said, we should have been in Suhl at the Junior World Championship and the new World Championship Target Sprint. Mr. Schreiber explained that he hoped that we could concentrate now again on the sport that we love. He said there is a lot to be done for the future of the shooting sport and hopefully, we will do it united again. After the presentations, it was now time for questions and comments and if anyone had any questions, Mr. Schreiber said the person should raise his hand, say country and name and the President would then give that person the floor. The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Sorin Babii, President of the Romanian Shooting Sport Federation asked for the floor. He said he did not understand and asked if there was a vote. He raised the red and green voting cards and asked what these are for if we do not use them and if they were just a souvenir. Mr. Babii

mentioned that at the beginning of the meeting, he had handed over a document signed by 50 federations, which ask according to the Constitution for a secret vote. So far he had not received an answer.

The President asked what the secret vote should be on. This was an open Extraordinary General Assembly. Mr. Babii mentioned the ISSF Constitution Article 1.6.13.1 and started to read part of the motion as following: *“The ISSF General Assembly, in disagreement with the recommendations sent by the ISSF last February 23 to the International Olympic Committee, deeming the procedural method not sufficiently inclusive, not sharing anyway its content, invites the ISSF Executive Committee and all other ISSF competent bodies to seriously engage for the reintegration in the Olympic Program in compliance with the equity gender IOC requirements, of the three major shooting events: 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap.”* Mr. Sorin Babii further stated that this is the document he had handed over to the Secretary General at the beginning of the General Assembly and this document was signed by 50 federations. Mr. Sorin Babii explained that he was a former pistol shooter and Olympic Champion of the Free Pistol Event and he said he is in love with it. This is a story, a love story. The Free Pistol event was on the Olympic Program of the very first modern Olympic Games and is one of the sport shooting roots. It is the only event using the same targets that were used more than 100 years ago. This is a romantic story. Free Pistol is also the event that requires the athletes most important skills, according to Mr. Sorin Babii. He further stated that the targets are small and far away enough, as small as possible causes a very high deviation of the bullet at 50m. Athletes need to have extreme skills, he said, and the World Record is 17 points away from the absolute score. The last world record was set 34 years ago, the team World Record in the same event is still standing after 32 years but this is another story, a technical story, stated Mr. Babii. He further declared that we have to wake up and are not here to talk about stories but about facts. It is a fact that in Barcelona 1992, sport shooting had 407 athletes and 13 events. After that, the number of events increased to 15 in Atlanta and to 17 in Sydney, but with almost the same number of athletes, 419 and 408 respectively. In Athens, there were 17 events and the number of athletes decreased to 390. Beijing, London and Rio had 15 shooting events and now, we expect the same number of events, but with only 360 athletes. Mr. Sorin Babii explained that it is easy to observe that sport shooting with all the efforts made by the leadership is going down and Mr. Babii cannot be happy with that. He further stated that on the shooting range are technical rules for good shooting sport competitions and everybody has to follow those rules. For the ISSF, there is the Constitution and everybody has to follow the ISSF Constitution. Article 3.3.8 says clearly which conditions must be followed to add new events to the ISSF recognized events. Mr. Sorin Babii stated that Article 3.3.8.1 states that a minimum of five member federations in two countries must certify that the event is practiced in that country, followed by 3.3.8.2 saying that the appropriate ISSF Section Committee must develop rules for the event and 3.3.8.3, approval by the Administrative Council and 3.3.8.4, approval by the General Assembly must be made. All those four conditions must be fulfilled. Mr. Sorin Babii said that in his opinion, the ISSF Constitution was violated. Mr. Babii did not want to talk about management transparency and as usual, when changes are made to the Technical Rules, that nobody had asked the shooters, technicians or officials for their opinion. There was only the leadership decision and as Mr. Babii had stated previously, we are not here for stories but for facts. He stated that this Extraordinary General Assembly was here according to the Constitution and had to act. Saving the three events from the cancelation of the Olympic Program must be something that the ISSF leadership, the current or the next one should do. Mr. Sorin Babii was convinced that the IOC would understand the situation and help to find the best solution.

The Secretary General Franz Schreiber thanked Mr. Sorin Babii for his statements and commented on the motion that the ISSF had received. Mr. Schreiber explained that it is correct that the ISSF had received a request from 49 member federations that had signed the letter and they invited the Executive Committee and all other ISSF competent bodies to seriously engage for the reintegration in the Olympic Program in compliance with the equity gender IOC requirements of the three major shooting events, 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap. Further, the letter stated that the undersigning member federations request to vote on the matter by secret vote. The Secretary General explained to the delegates that the President had previously informed the delegates to create a Forum 2024 to discuss these questions and therefore the procedure was fully in line with the measures the ISSF had already taken at the beginning and which the Extraordinary General Assembly had approved. The ISSF does therefore not see any reason to ask for a vote on this matter, in particular not by secret vote. Again, the secret vote is possible when applied for by 20 % of the members present in this Extraordinary General Assembly. It is the same procedure as in the previous year and again. Any application for a secret vote must be made by a delegate or member federation during the Extraordinary General Assembly. If such an application has been made, of course it will be asked for a secret vote and the secret vote will be conducted if 20 % of the votes call for such a secret vote.

Mr. Vladimir Lisin, ISSF Vice-President took the floor and said he would not touch the agenda but he believed that transparency should not exist only from top to the bottom but also from the bottom to the top. This day, we are discussing the interest of all, said Mr. Lisin and not about the interest of one federation or of the choice of one or two persons. We should not start comparing the signatures but we have to consider transparency to be equal for all. Therefore, Mr. Lisin asked why a secret vote was requested.

Mr. Boutros Jalkh, President of the Lebanon Shooting and Hunting Federation took the floor and requested a secret vote on the agenda item under discussion pursuant to Article 1.6.13.1 of the ISSF Constitution. Mr. Jalkh stated that the roll call was completed so the 20 % of the members represented could be established. In Mr. Jalkh's opinion, it was sufficient for the execution of the request that only the delegates that want a secret vote raise the green cards. There is no need in his opinion to raise at the same time the red card for "No" or the white "Abstention" card. This may create confusion among the delegates, Mr. Jalkh thought.

Mr. Pablo Duarte, President of the Asociacion Deportiva Nacional de Tiro con Armas de Caza (Guatemala), the Guatemala Shotgun Federation, stated that he wanted to clarify that the request and proposal in the motion handed over to the ISSF by the Romanian Shooting Federation was not for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Therefore, in his opinion the discussion should be split into two parts, the first part for the Tokyo 2020 and the second for the Olympic Games 2024. Again, Mr. Duarte said that in his opinion, the motion was not meant to be for the Tokyo 2020 Program but the next Olympic Games in 2024. According to Mr. Duarte, the Program of the Tokyo 2020 Games could not be discussed because nothing could be changed anymore as just heard from Mr. Kit McConnell, but this Extraordinary General Assembly could make a motion that the program for the 2024 Olympic Games will be reconsidered and the three eliminated events will be able to be adopted to that program.

President Vázquez thanked the delegates for their remarks and stated that of course we run the risk that the IOC could eliminate the three events and instead of 15 events, the shooting program of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games would only be represented by 12 events. However, as President he agreed that this could also be voted on if requested.

The Secretary General took the floor and wanted to clarify what the delegate from Guatemala had just said. According to Mr. Schreiber there is a need to define what to exactly vote on. The problem or question is that on the one hand, there is the decision of the IOC and the recommendation of the ISSF to the IOC about the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Program. The President, in this Extraordinary General Assembly had asked earlier if everybody agreed to the recommendations of the ISSF Executive Committee regarding 2020. This was the case as nobody had objected and a big round of applause was given. Therefore, the program of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo was accepted. Now, Mr. Duarte mentioned that the motion is referring to the program of 2024. As the President had already mentioned, it was proposed to create a forum with all stakeholders, member federations, athletes, coaches and this forum should look with great detail into what is possible for 2024 and of course it was also mentioned that the three events, 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap should be included in these negotiations and thoughts of this forum 2024. It is of course possible to bring them back in 2024 if decided and proposed. Also this question and proposal of the President was accepted during this Extraordinary General Assembly earlier. Now, Mr. Schreiber asked what the delegates would like to vote on at the moment. He asked if there was a request for a vote and to formulate the request exactly and then, there could be a vote. Before the vote will be taken, the General Assembly will of course be asked about a secret vote and then it can be proceeded according to the Constitution.

Mr. Boutros Jalkh, President, of the Lebanon Shooting and Hunting Federation asked if the way of voting was now to give applause, but in his opinion it is not a way of voting. Therefore, it would be better for them to follow the motion and the request was to vote for the motion. Mr. Jalkh further stated that the motion was clear and that they would like to vote for that, if possible. Mr. Schreiber asked again what the motion was and asked Mr. Jalkh to repeat it so that everybody knew it. Mr. Boutros Jalkh replied that it is there and you read it and he repeated that *“The ISSF General Assembly, in disagreement with the recommendations sent by the ISSF last February 23 to the International Olympic Committee, deeming the procedural method not sufficiently inclusive, not sharing anyway its content, invites the ISSF Executive Committee and all other ISSF competent bodies to seriously engage for the reintegration in the Olympic Program in compliance with the equity gender IOC requirements, of the three major shooting events: 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap.”* Mr. Boutros Jalkh said that this was what they would like to vote on.

Mr. Rossi took the floor and gave the following speech:

Vice-President Rossi

“I need to talk later for other argument because now is incredible chance, we are all together for this extraordinary general assembly. But now I talk only about motion. I put my signature together with other 49 or 50, I don't know exactly, countries federations that signed this motion. It is in the Constitution, we must follow exactly what the Constitution say because now start the season to respect. Why not this decision? No decision under the table or very very very without any explication. We need because we give the Olympic champion from Romania and President from Romania give this motion, motion is signed from 50 federations. This is we must vote in this, in this are, why not? But, ok, in this motion we talk about the future. If the President Olegario Vázquez and the other want put signature for 24 and 28 for this, what they say before, we are completely agree, we are completely agree. After, if it is

possible, I want talk about other argument. Because some report is very good, but other is not true. I am under investigation from Ethics Committee, first time in the story of ISSF, of course, because I write some argument, this argument is very easy, very easy about this and now...

President Vázquez

Excuse me, this is not in the Agenda. You talk only on the agenda.

Vice-President Rossi

Ok ...please, President, please, I talk now, ask...I ask...I ask to talk few words later because it's not true, because they what they say about laser, it is not true. Because in the report about...in your report you have you write in 12 February 2016 you write exactly what was this situation. This is the report McConnell, (Mr. Rossi took out a paper and turned to Mr. McConnell and shook the papers at him) we talk...we agree we respect IOC, we want cooperation, we work together for the shooters, we talk about this, completely agree and the general assembly...this extraordinary general assembly, that we work hard because we are together for around the world for talk, for help, what understand what is for the future. The future go in the wrong direction...the wrong direction is take the corner firearms. Mr. Gary Anderson, my colleague here and Franz Schreiber, here in the report write exactly this report, ok? This report, ok? Meeting...you was there and you say "6.4 The IOC Sports Department encourage the ISSF to give serious consideration to developing laser shooting as new discipline for the future". We believe that IOC is serious about wanting to see the development of laser shooting discipline. But now we receive fantastic news, laser is finished, this was our mission. But other mission is not put in the corner firearms. Because firearms is the story, the origin of shooting and 50 m Prone Rifle go to 10 m Rifle...Air Rifle, 50 m Pistol go to 10 m Air Pistol, so this direction...this is wrong, this is incredibly wrong this way. Of course you say that it is true...it is false that anytime, President, I talk about why we don't have firearms in the Youth Olympic Games, I am false. Now they open investigation against me because I take false. No, now I open investigation against Carlos Monterosso, Schreiber and Vázquez because they write me that is false, bad words against me. I am sorry, I am human limited, but I am my passion and my story. This is very bad. But now if we want talk only about the motion. The motion is signed from 50 federations that is here. They come from around the world...that ask transparency, ask about new season starting this. But the solution is very easy. If we are agree, we vote for 24, 28 and later or...ok...in this direction. Because I am not sure that until September that you say McConnell, we are ready to make other proposal and some decision that come from our group is not...no...we show beautiful view in the...in the...but how many know exactly want the work exactly in this matter? Want the work exactly with...many many cooperation about the countries? Nothing. Because no transparency, no respect and no democracy in this situation. We want the...Please Olegario, I support you for long time, I respect as a gentleman, a gentleman, but please, now the decision, our proposal is ok vote for 24 and later...we will see what happen in the future. You say that we are ok, others say that we are ok, all is ok...ok. Now we do, we must do, because now it is true it start decision about true. The true is we go in this direction about...against firearms or we work in this. And we inform you, in the Paralympic Games we vote firearms now and in the shooting family we make out from Olympic. What is? What happen? What happen? This is, this is big mistake. But please, President, sorry for my passion, my passion. It is my family and we are all

together and we work hard for this extraordinary general assembly, work hard. And many attack against us, many, many action against us, but we are here together. Is a fantastic chance. Not for me, for all. And for the future of a shooting. Put the signature, put first firma come from the President Vazquez...we are...I am happy, I am also the other member that sign. Very happy about this. This is the way. But if made this way, that they say we never talk about laser...they write the report, official report, 16 months ago, 16 months ago, go into to Ad Hoc Committee. I hope also, President, that you don't do another ad hoc committee for ethic committee because I am ready to explain what is my story, what is my passion, but we are...I am honest and I cannot accept that you, Secretary and Señor Carlos Monterrosso, you start the paper of all the Americans federations, put that I am false. No, I am human, with many limit but with a straight passion and the story of me and my passion go...Please put in this we are all happy. Who are against to make this agreement for 24 and later...Mr. McConnell, please...this is...we want not good relations...we believe for the future about equal gender. We want Agenda 2020, we like this but now we talk at what happened in Executive Committee, how many women we have? Zero. Ad Hoc Committee, how many women? Zero. Now we have the ex-Vice President Unni Nicolaisen, we have no women, we need women in sport, in coach and, of course also, in the national and international federation. This is a chance for us. If we make fight, we are ready for fight, ok? Court...I went to the court, I went to the court...I will come...I wait that the Ethic Committee call me and for the first time of a shooting of family of our International Federation, they open and they vote all together for investigation against me. I am ready, but now is officially 22, three days ago, I make official letter with three investigation against them. Because we start with the new season. We must understand that the seasons finish and we must start again and invite the President Olegario Vázquez, please, understand that we need the new...but 50 federation that sign...49 federation that after 2, 3, 4 time what you are agree about the general assembly, you are agree about the...you agree 49...49...

President Vázquez

Mr. Rossi, Mr. Rossi, please talk in the Agenda. Only you talk in the politican. You talk in the Agenda.

Vice-President Rossi

Ok, we are also political here.

President Vázquez

Ok, please. You talk in the agenda.

Vice-President Rossi

Not, not only sport political...like a...but this is the report. It is false...it talk about some argument that is not true. And it's the time to start again. Please, new season. This is my dream. And also we have also other argument."

After Mr. Rossi's speech, Mr. Fernando Suinaga, delegate of the Royal Spanish Shooting Federation asked for the floor and first of all congratulated the President, Mr. Kit McConnell and the others on their excellent presentations and explanations. Mr. Suinaga said that in his opinion, there was a vote at the beginning of the Extraordinary General Assembly to approve the program for 2020 but if that was not the case, Mr. Suinaga suggested to vote again on the program of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games that was approved by the IOC. Mr. Suinaga stated that this was the

only agenda item and nothing else should be discussed in this meeting. Therefore, in his opinion, the delegates should either approve by applauding or a vote should be conducted.

Mr. Yair Davidovich, member of the Administrative Council took the floor and mentioned that we had just heard a very emotional speech of Vice-President Luciano Rossi. Mr. Davidovich said that he would try not to be emotional. He explained that he is a member of the ISSF Administrative Council and of the Ad Hoc Committee that had decided and made the proposals to the Executive Committee. Mr. Davidovich explained that everybody knew that he was against the decision to exclude the chosen events and after the second meeting which was one and a half years ago, he had talked to the shooters, coaches and officials of many countries and they had asked him what would happen. Mr. Davidovich informed them that there was only one solution, and that is to go to the national federation and work from there. Mr. Davidovich asked what they had done in the last one and a half years? He said they did hardly anything. Mr. Davidovich said that now, all of a sudden, they wake up, after the decision was taken and after the IOC had decided and approved the program. Mr. Davidovich declared that now, it was too late. If we change our minds now, that would mean to open a fight against the IOC. Fighting the IOC was almost like suicide, he said. You can kill yourself now, do not wait until they will kill you. Mr. Davidovich explained that we would now have to work for tomorrow, for 2024 and 2028. He urged everyone not to think about 2018. Further Mr. Davidovich urged Mr. Rossi not to think about December 2018 and not to do any propaganda already now. 2018 would come and the elections will be held then.

Mr. Francisco Boza, President of the Peruvian National Sport Shooting Federation stated that everybody here is passionate about our sport. He said he was lucky to have been in many Olympics and that the sport is our passion. Mr. Boza thanked Mr. Kit McConnell very much for his excellent presentation, which perfectly clarified the decision taken by the IOC. Mr. Boza asked everyone to think about the future. Today's agenda is on 2020 and it was already approved by the IOC. If we continue, if we vote against 2020, the only point on the agenda, we run the risk that the IOC cancels some events for 2020 that will then be lost. Mr. Boza stated that we are all passionate, but we must think of the future, as it was said before. On June 9, the decision about Tokyo 2020 was taken by the IOC. Therefore, he proposed that everyone should agree, approve and support that decision made by the IOC, the owner of the Olympic Games. Mr. Boza further explained that the 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap events had only been taken off the program of the Olympic Games but they are still on the program of the World Championships and are still ISSF events. Mr. Boza said the interest of the IOC is clear and so are the rules. Five new sports came in and shooting runs the risk to be excluded from the Games in the future, and that is something we do not want. Therefore, Mr. Boza asked the Extraordinary General Assembly to please support the decision taken by the IOC.

Mr. Mamadou Ba, President and delegate of the Senegalese Shooting and Hunting Federation took the floor and first of all wanted to greet all his Muslim brothers as that day was the highest feast, and therefore a very special day. Mr. Ba stated that it was a big personal sacrifice as they had to leave their families to come to this important Extraordinary General Assembly. Mr. Ba explained that he had sent a letter to the ISSF requesting to postpone the General Assembly for a few days but he had received the reply that the schedule of the President was very tight and the General Assembly had to be organized before a certain date. Therefore, it was not possible to change the date. In Mr. Ba's opinion this was very sad and the sport charter should protect all religions. Mr. Ba said he would be very surprised if the Extraordinary General Assembly would be scheduled during Easter or Christmas. Mr. Ba said we are all very passionate about the sport

and have to put our personal ambitions aside because what we are facing here, is very important. The shooting family should be one family, but at the moment, the shooting family is divided and that was very unfortunate. There had been harsh words between the ISSF and some individuals that are inappropriate to unite the shooting family. Mr. Ba stated that they had been confronted with facts and decisions that cannot be changed and that is what he had learned so far. Mr. Ba asked for a secret vote about this question, just to know what the majority thinks. Otherwise, he said he would not know what to do here, at this General Assembly and everybody could have stayed at home. Mr. Ba said he came from Senegal and was under no pressure from anyone and when he heard about the decision it was like a funeral in Senegal, to hear about the elimination of 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap. Mr. Ba proposed that in the future, if there was again such an important decision such as eliminations of events at the Olympic Games, to have an Extraordinary General Assembly to discuss and decide on that and maybe there should be a commission that could study the question.

The President asked if there were any more questions or comments. He also said that we should come to an end and only one more comment could be heard.

Mr. Jeffrey Price, Chairman of USA Shooting took the floor and stated that, he was new, and with everyone's respect, the motion that Mr. Luciano Rossi had put forward, was signed by him as well and if you read it carefully, he thinks that it is a fact that we are all desirous to perhaps change in the future, those three events. That is what he had signed. Mr. Price further stated that he would repeat again what he had already told the President, that he respected the President and appreciated what he had done for our sport and that he, Mr. Price had simply chosen to disagree with the direction taken. Mr. Price stated, as the IOC's representative had said, this is a completed deal and we cannot make any changes for 2020. However, we can think about changes for 2024 and 2028. Mr. Price believed it was really simple to come together and to work specifically, especially the two gentlemen that have a disagreement. Mr. Price implored them once again to set aside history, to reset history and to work towards coming together for the future. Mr. Price said he did not care if there was a secret ballot or not. He even believed that it is not necessary because in his opinion, the vast majority in this room do not want to put at risk a single event for 2020.

Mr. Vladimir Lisin, ISSF Vice-President took the floor and asked the delegates to remain pragmatic. There were several comments on this Extraordinary General Assembly and the question was formulated in a way that we do not have to vote on anything. There was actually no question to vote on, he said and that was clear before this motion and before this letter and before this Extraordinary General Assembly that the IOC had made the decision and that there was basically no possibility to change it. What is the point of this motion, Mr. Lisin wanted to know. Do we support the Agenda 2020? Yes, of course, let us stay in reality. Mr. Lisin asked what if we voted now and the outcome was no, we do not support Agenda 2020? We would be like naive children. That was exactly what the President had said. If you do not agree with Agenda 2020, you can vote and then count and then, it is maybe ten or twenty or fifty federations that do not support Agenda 2020 and that would be it. Mr. Lisin said this does not need to be discussed as transparency is required. We have openly told you this, the whole process was conducted openly and now you are asking for a secret vote? Mr. Lisin asked. We do not have any other topic on the agenda, so please Mr. Rossi, excuse me, but we have made this decision together. Mr. Lisin said if Mr. Rossi had any problems with laser guns, then he can say it loudly. In Mr. Lisin's opinion it was absolutely senseless to conduct a secret vote. If someone does not agree with Agenda 2020, he can stand up and openly say so. We do not need any explanations. We do

not have any alternative if we do not want to lose the number of gold medals, not to lose the number of athletes at the Olympic Games. All this information about the projects was sent to all member federations a long time ago. Mr. Lisin asked all to pay attention to what the IOC said, that the next Olympic Games will be with more youth, more urban, and how can we guarantee that? That is interesting.

Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso thanked Mr. Kit McConnell for the excellent presentation and said he was very sorry to learn that some delegates did not fully understand what he had explained in his presentation. The question that now arose, to vote on the motion, was already done at the beginning of the Extraordinary General Assembly when President Olegario Vázquez Raña asked the General Assembly and it was agreed by applause without any objections. Further, the Extraordinary General Assembly approved the creation of the Forum 2024 which will deal with the question of how to create the program for the 2024 Olympic Games with the possible inclusion of the just eliminated events. Therefore, both matters were already approved and in Mr. Silva's opinion, it does not make sense to have another vote. Moreover, after Mr. McConnell's presentation, there was unanimous applause which also showed the approval. Further, Mr. Silva said it is not a proposal to eliminate the three events and to exchange them for the three mixed gender team events because they will be on the program for Tokyo 2020 as the IOC had approved that decision and it was now a fact. So the shooting sport should be happy to have fifteen events on the program for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and to have the possibility of awarding 18 medals instead of previously 15. Mr. Silva turned to Mr. McConnell and said he was very sorry about that discussion and in Mr. Silva's opinion, the Extraordinary General Assembly should be concluded.

Mr. Paul Röthlisberger, Vice-President and delegate of the Swiss Shooting stated that we have to keep the ball flat. He was happy because now, we would focus on the topic which is to provide a solution to prevent the cancelation of three major shooting events. In Mr. Röthlisberger opinion, he had heard a lot of arguments that were only justifications of the decision as it was arranged for and even legal statements were made such as the decision-making path was correct. Also in Switzerland, they had a legal opinion drawn up which, however, speaks a different language but this is a matter of the past and not relevant anymore. The program, the Agenda 2020 is set and it is probably not a bad program. However, the Extraordinary General Assembly was called and the question is why it was called. It was called to talk about the cancelation of the Olympic disciplines 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap and if 2024 can be changed, then Switzerland files the motion to be entrusted with the job to prepare such a review and reintegration so that these disciplines can be offered again in 2024.

Mr. Christian Keidel, ISSF Legal Advisor stated after the President had asked him to clarify the matter that the interpretation of the request was important here, as the written request said "*the ISSF Executive Committee and all other ISSF competent bodies to seriously engage for the reintegration in the Olympic Program in compliance with the equity gender IOC requirements, of the three major shooting events*". Mr. Keidel pointed out that the President had said this previously. The President had explained that it is planned to establish a Committee under the leadership of the athletes, integrating the member federations, also asking them to submit proposals for the Olympic Program 2024, also with respect to those three events. The question is if those three events will be as universal and also if women can be integrated in these three events, especially in 50m Pistol and Double Trap, where no women participate currently. Mr. Keidel further stated that in his opinion, this also was the obligation of the member federations, because they have to take care that these events can be proposed to the IOC in the future which can only

be done if the member federations bring women back to these ISSF events. Mr. Keidel explained that the proposal was already unanimously approved by all members by acclamation and therefore, he does not see a need to vote on it again.

Mr. Paul Röthlisberger, delegate of the Swiss Shooting Federation requested that it is recorded in the minutes that these resolutions had been adopted unanimously by applause that their reintegration should be considered and work should be done on this.

Mr. Franz Schreiber, Secretary General stated that he wanted to clarify what Mr. Keidel had just said and also what the delegate from Switzerland had said. The motion that was received and which was under discussion had already been approved at the beginning of the meeting, when the President said that a forum called Forum 2024 will be created, consisting of various stakeholders such as member federations, athletes, coaches and everybody will be involved. The aim is to find the best events for 2024 also taking into consideration the three eliminated events. Mr. Schreiber further explained that the motion had already been unanimously approved because everybody gave applause and no objections had been raised. Therefore, Mr. Schreiber thinks that is exactly what the discussion is about, and therefore, the General Assembly could be closed now.

Mr. Richard Fernandez, delegate and President of the Philippine National Shooting Association repeated the agenda item and stated that it was not about the vote on 2020. As far as he is concerned, 2020 was already approved and he wanted to thank the Committee for the work and he stated that the world was a better place because of the work that had been done by the Committee and the ISSF. Further, Mr. Fernandez had one comment regarding the agenda. We heard that the 50m Rifle Prone and 50m Pistol events were the least popular shooting events in the Olympics. He confirmed that they are unpopular, because they are men's events only. The solution is to add women to the events. He asked why it is not possible to have open events for men and women. It may be possible to introduce open events for 2024 for men and women which would be the next step in gender equality.

The President thanked the delegates for their comments and said there needed to be some clarifications. The President asked if the Olympic Shooting Program 2020 was approved. As there were some objections, the President asked who was against it. He asked the delegates to raise the red cards and stand up to show who is against it. After a while, two "no" votes were registered and the President announced that the Program 2020 was approved with two votes against.

Mr. Sidine Cheikhna Mohamed Ahid, delegate and Secretary General of the Federation Mauritanienne de Tir Sportif took the floor and greeted the President, Secretary General, the members of the Administrative Council, the honorable delegates of all federations. He also welcomed back the Kuwait Shooting Federation that had been suspended and was now back as member federation. The Kuwait Shooting Federation had great athletes and even won an Olympic medal.

The President interferred and reminded the delegate to only speak about the agenda item. The delegate of the Federation Mauritanienne de Tir Sportif excused himself and congratulated the delegates that in 2024, the Olympic Program would be newly generated and the three canceled events might be included again. He continued in stating that he had a legal question, because the forum that would be created for 2024 has no authority to decide anything. Of course, the ISSF with its bodies can work towards a decision, but unfortunately, there are no members from Africa

in ISSF Committees. However, in other sports that is different, said the delegate. He would be pleased if there was more help for Africa from the ISSF.

Mr. Schreiber clarified that the forum is intended to discuss and prepare recommendations and of course, these recommendations would be put forward to the relevant bodies of the ISSF for a decision. Therefore, once again, the forum will discuss and give recommendations, explained Mr. Schreiber.

Mr. Duaij Al Otaibi, delegate and President of the Kuwait Shooting Federation thanked everyone and stated that he was happy to represent the Kuwait Shooting Federation in this Extraordinary General Assembly. He said the Kuwait Shooting Federation shared the same concerns with all federations present that day. The Extraordinary General Assembly was scheduled on that special day, a feast for all Muslims but still, they all came and participated because they think that this day is very important and they respect the ISSF. Mr. Al Otaibi further explained that they came to Munich to share with all colleagues in a democratic way to find and provide a solution to prevent the cancelation of three major events in compliance with the IOC Standards and Olympic Charter. For Kuwait, he said, Double Trap is very important because Kuwait won the Gold Medal in Rio de Janeiro and Kuwait also won a medal in the prone event in Sydney. Therefore, the Kuwait Shooting Federation has history with Double Trap. Mr. Al Otaibi further stated that the people from Kuwait always feel that they are part of the ISSF, even when they were suspended for no reason. But the Kuwait people respect all delegates and the ISSF and of course the Rules and Regulations. Recently, there was a court decision that allowed Kuwait to come back and Mr. Al Otaibi wanted to thank all and the ISSF President, ISSF Secretary General, the Executive Committee, the Administrative Council and all friends in this Extraordinary General Assembly. Mr. Al Otaibi said Kuwait is very happy to see everyone again and to represent the federation. Mr. Al Otaibi explained that this day, he is the federation's President but maybe tomorrow, another President would represent Kuwait but we are all, in the spirit of the sport, are friends and we work together and Mr. Al Otaibi hopes that they continue to do the same. Mr. Al Otaibi explained that we all share the same feeling as some shooters who are champions in Rifle or in Pistol or in Double Trap are so much concerned. We have heard the very good news from the President that in 2024, there will maybe be again the chance for them to compete in Double Trap, 50m Pistol or in 50m Rifle Prone. Mr. Al Otaibi said we need to work all together in a democratic way, without any opposition, because we all seek the advantage of the shooter and the advantage of the sport. We do not seek revenge from each other or to oppose each other. Therefore, if the President is happy to consider these events in 2024, let us please take a vote now so we can make a decision in the General Assembly that these events will be present in 2024. Finally, Mr. Al Otaibi again thanked everyone who was present and the IOC Representative who came to attend our meeting here today. Mr. Al Otaibi hopes that he will continue to support our shooting sport and we do not lose these Games, because they are too important for everybody.

Dr. James Lally, Chairman of the ISSF Medical Committee asked if it was possible to make a motion to adjourn.

The President thanked the delegates and gave the floor to Mr. Schreiber. Mr. Schreiber thanked Mr. Al Otaibi for his comments, asking for a vote to include the three canceled events for 2024. The ISSF had mentioned earlier that there will be a forum discussing all those matters, including the three events for a possible re-inclusion. What the decision of that forum will be cannot be predicted and the outcome is unknown. Of course, Mr. Schreiber assumed that the forum would

work hard to bring the best events to the Olympic Games for a proposal. This had been unanimously approved.

Mr. Al Otaibi thanked the Secretary General and said there should be a decision in this Extraordinary General Assembly to include these three events for the 2024 Program.

Again, the Secretary General explained that it is not possible to make a decision for 2024 now because the IOC evaluation and all details that are necessary are not available at this stage. Mr. Schreiber promised that the forum will discuss the events for 2024 in the best possible way.

Mr. Cassio Cesar de Mello Rippel, delegate of the Brazilian Shooting Sport Confederation asked if the three events would be removed from the World Cups and the world ranking. Mr. Rippel referred to Mr. Brokamp's statement that the ISSF will support the three events but if the three events are removed from the World Cups and world ranking, the NOC of his country will not support the federation and 90 % of the funds come from the Olympic Committee. Therefore, Mr. Rippel requested to vote now to keep the three events in the World Cups as it is unsure if they will be on the 2024 or 2028 Olympic Program. Mr. Rippel said it was an idea to try to find a solution to keep these events in the World Cups and he thinks ISSF will treat these events as possible Olympic Events for 2024 and 2028. He further referred to Mr. McConnell who had stated that the ISSF can manage its sport at its competitions and of course, the 2020 Agenda will not be changed. It is not about the agenda, it is about the events. Mr. Rippel confirmed that we need gender equality but the way it was done, had caused disagreement. He had therefore thought about the three events and that a solution needs to be found. In Mr. Rippel's opinion, those three events, though they are not on the Olympic Programme for 2020, should still be part of the World Cups and the world ranking.

Mr. Gary Anderson, ISSF Vice-President took the floor and commented on the proposal. If he had understood correctly, Mr. Rippel wanted to keep the three excluded Olympic Events as World Cup events. Mr. Anderson explained that this had already been discussed but there was another practical problem here, that needed to be evaluated before such a decision could be made. We are not in the era of gender equality. If we have again three additional men's events in the World Cup Program, there will be no gender parity at World Cups. Therefore, the ISSF has to look into that matter and see how to deal with it. However, Mr. Anderson said it would be premature to make any decisions at this point and we have to be very cautious about trying to make any decision that would lock us into a 2024 proposal. Mr. Anderson explained that the ISSF President and Secretary General have both presented very clear proposals for establishing a consultative body, a Forum 2024 that would engage in the evaluation that is necessary before the ISSF makes its recommendations for the 2024 Program and to make any fixed decision now other than to say those eliminated events should surely be considered. Mr. Anderson further stated that we have heard Mr. McConnell, who praised our federation for the thorough, detailed evaluation that was done. The President and Secretary General are proposing a forum that would, according to Mr. Anderson, expand that consultative process. Therefore, it would be a mistake to make any further decisions to lock that process into a fixed solution already.

Mr. Rippel, delegate of the Brazilian Shooting Sport Confederation stated that he may not have explained his thoughts correctly, but the main idea is not to lock 2024. The main idea is to keep these three events once the forum could decide. Mr. Rippel said if we stop shooting in those three events during the World Cups, the Olympic Committees will not support the shooters and that is the main point. Therefore, we must look for a way that this is not going to happen.

Mr. Anderson replied that they had fully understood what Mr. Rippel had said, but there are some complications that need to be evaluated and one of them is for example how to keep gender equality in the World Cup Program.

Mr. Rippel answered that he understood, but the solution was simple. He accepted that there would be no gender equality in the World Cup Program, but in the Olympic Program. It would be temporary, for four years, to find the best solution.

Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Chairman of the ISSF Technical Committee thanked Mr. Rippel for his proposal and said that it was a good proposal. First, Mr. Brokamp did have the same idea. He wanted to emphasize that it were tough months, and for one and a half years there were discussions on those possibilities. Mr. Anderson had mentioned one argument, but there are more. There would be 18 events in a World Cup and three of those 18 would be non-Olympic. Entry fees would have to be paid, and the question will remain if the NOCs would pay the entry fee for those three non-Olympic events. The matter was also discussed with coaches and athletes and they fully agreed that it is the intention of a World Cup to have a series that is a showcase of the Olympic events. It should not be mixed with non-Olympic events. If these extra events would be added, the days of a World Cup also would have to be increased which involves extra costs for the federation. However, if we talk about the three eliminated events, 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap, Mr. Brokamp also would like to include Running Target which was excluded from the Olympic Program some years ago. And also Double Trap Women, which was also excluded several years ago. And that would already make 20 events for the World Cup and the program would be even larger. The ISSF also has to think about what is best for the World Cup Series and how this series is seen in the media. At the moment, it is only for Olympic events and if non-Olympic events are added, will that be accepted by the media? Mr. Brokamp thanked Mr. Al Otaibi for his comment and he confirmed he understood what Mr. Al Otaibi had said but unfortunately, it is not possible to decide on the 2024 Program at this stage. That is a fact. Therefore, Mr. Brokamp asked to first focus on 2020 and make the best shooting sport in the Olympic Program ever and then, the evaluation would begin and from tomorrow on, we could work on a platform that would be created and where we can exchange ideas for 2024 and 2028. All this can of course only be done in close cooperation with the IOC and with the experience gained after Tokyo. Mr. Brokamp asked the Extraordinary General Assembly to come to a final conclusion.

The President thanked Mr. Brokamp and also thanked Mr. McConnell again for coming to this Extraordinary General Assembly and for his excellent presentation. Since Mr. McConnell had to leave, the President thanked him for coming and asked him to present Mr. Thomas Bach his compliments.

Mr. Abdulla Al-Hammadi, delegate of the Qatar Shooting & Archery Association thanked the President, Secretary General, all Vice-Presidents and all friends for their hard work. He further reconfirmed that the Qatar Shooting & Archery Association supported the ISSF and IOC and the Olympic Program for 2020 can no longer be discussed. He further said "Mubarak" to all Muslims and welcomed the Kuwait Shooting Federation back in the ISSF family.

Mr. Jorge Alfonso Pena Soberanis, delegate and President of the Federacion Mexicana de Tiro y Caza, A.C. stated that we have listened with great attention to all points that were raised that day in the Extraordinary General Assembly in Munich. The agenda item of this Extraordinary

General Assembly was discussed in great detail, he stated. It was decided not to fight the decision of the IOC concerning the Program 2020. Mr. Pena stressed that the President had worked for 37 years for the ISSF and for the Olympic Movement and only thanks to the President, the shooting sport is still on the program of the Olympic Games. There was one Olympic Game where shooting was almost off the program. Further, Mr. Pena pointed out that many innovations were introduced by the President during his presidency and all of them have increased the popularity of the shooting sport. Mr. Pena thanked the President for having achieved such good results that the shooting sport is now on place 6 in the evaluation. Mr. Pena further asked the delegates to approve the work the Executive Committee and the ISSF together with the IOC had done and also to approve the creation of the forum to discuss the future of the Olympic Program for 2024 and 2028. Mr. Pena concluded that the 2020 Olympic Program was already approved and he asked all delegates for a round of applause for the President's extraordinary work.

Mr. Mamadou Ba, President and delegate of the Senegalese Shooting and Hunting Federation took the floor again and after having considered everything we have heard from the majority of the participants, Mr. Ba said it was good to have an Extraordinary General Assembly to make a motion and the decision that the motion is finished and that the three disciplines will be reintegrated in the Program for 2024. He believed that the General Assembly is sovereign and that day, practically all countries are represented and that is what is in his opinion necessary. He suggested that the Extraordinary General Assembly proposes that for 2024, the three disciplines in question should be reintegrated.

Mr. Vladimir Lisin, ISSF Vice-President stated that we constantly try to persuade each other that no discussion took place on the decision in question. However, a lot of time was spent talking about this and looking for an appropriate decision. Mr. Lisin further stated that of course we would not be able to make a decision on the three disciplines before having discussions to come to a decision on 2024. As far as 2024 is concerned, a lot will depend on how we perform in Tokyo 2020 and then, information from the IOC will be given and then, we will be able to act accordingly. We will therefore be able to talk about 2024 after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and not before.

Mr. Tarek Fakhfakh, delegate and President of the Federation Tunisienne de Tir greeted everyone and thanked everyone for the work done and efforts made for our sport. However, he wanted to underline that the only federations in the next Olympic Games that have attained equality are only six. He believes that that we could have moved towards gender equality progressively and not so directly and even if we are going to change, we could exchange only one discipline for another one and not three at the same time. Further, he stated that the African federations should also be included in the different consultative Committees in the near future.

Mr. Matsumaru, delegate and President of the National Rifle Association of Japan thanked for the decision on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Program. He is from the host country for 2020 and wanted to point out that the process in which decisions were made was not very transparent. In his opinion, a matter of this magnitude should be discussed by all members, even if the rules may not say anything about that situation. Mr. Matsumaru further believed that measures such as changes of Olympic events that affect the national federations and athletes, should be discussed clearly and openly. He therefore welcomed the proposal of the President to establish a platform to discuss 2024 and 2028.

Mr. Reinaldo Irizarry Rodriguez, delegate and President of the Puerto Rico Shooting Association stated that the agenda item was discussed in great detail and the meeting could be closed.

The President thanked Mr. Irizarry and all delegates for coming to this Extraordinary General Assembly that day. The President further stated that he was sad for two reasons. The first one is because we were not aware of Ramadan and when we found out, all arrangements for this meeting had already been made and preparations were under way. The President truly apologized to all those who had to leave their families to come to that meeting. The President stated that the Extraordinary General Assembly was requested by federations to be convened before a certain date and therefore, only few dates were possible. Unfortunately, this date clashed with the Ramadan, and he again apologized to the Muslims who had to leave their families. Secondly, the President felt sad because for 20 years, he had been working hard with great passion, because he really likes and loves what he does and he loves the shooting sport. The President stated that he was sad and hurt because his great friend Luciano Rossi with whom he had worked for 20 years, and who was a friend of his, and also their families were friends and he had even attended the wedding of his daughter and now, it seems they are no longer friends. This, in the President's opinion is stupid, and are political interests. The President explained he was really sad about this and offered to Luciano and all delegates to continue united in the ISSF and in the shooting sport. There is still enough time to start the campaign for the new ISSF President. So everyone who would like to run for ISSF President can do this and can promote himself but this should and must be done openly. For many years, the President said, Luciano had always confirmed what the President had said and in these 20 years he had never mentioned anything about Rifle and Pistol, but was working for Shotgun only. Of course the President fully understands that everybody and especially Luciano is defending his sport but recently, more and more statements came on Rifle and Pistol and this is definitely only politics. The President said we should all be united. He also welcomed the Kuwait Shooting Federation back to the ISSF and to the shooting family. The Kuwait Shooting Federation stated that the ISSF had suspended them for no reason, which is not correct, the ISSF had reasons. However, even during the suspension, they were able to participate in the qualification competition for the Olympic Games and qualified and even won a gold medal in the Olympic Games. The President explained that as always, he wanted to leave the room united and to work united for the future of our sport. The President confirmed that for 2024, the working commissions will be open for all federations, especially for those which were not satisfied, such as Switzerland. The President said that the workload that is coming is tremendous, we have to work on the rules, we have to work on the Finals, and of course we have to work on the Quota Places in the coming months. The President asked all delegates to work with the ISSF to solve all these problems and matters. He apologized that he had to interrupt Mr. Luciano Rossi in his speech several times because he did not follow the agenda as he was motivated politically and we are not in a parliament here. This is a sport and we need to work for the shooting sport. It is certainly not positive that we had to fight each other. In about one year's time, to be exact on November 30, 2018 the new President of the ISSF will be elected in this very room and he wishes the new President all the best. The President continued that a lot of work was done and they had defended the shooting sport against all attacks. The President further stated that he was a member of the IOC for 21 years and through all those years he had devoted his time and work to the shooting sport. He further explained that during all his presidency in the ISSF and during the time when he was a member of the IOC, he had always tried to unify the two federations and tried to have an excellent cooperation. Recently, during the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations came to the shooting sport and watched a Final. In the past, it would not have been possible that such a great person as Mr. Ban Ki-moon came to watch a shooting event and it was a great honor for the

shooting sport, when he came to watch a Final in Rio de Janeiro together with IOC President Mr. Thomas Bach. Further, China's Vice-President watched a final in Rio de Janeiro and so many other VIPs had watched shooting at the Rio Olympic Games. Also here Mr. Rossi had helped. During the Olympic Games, Mr. Rossi was of course a very happy man because Italy had won so many medals and many IOC Members as well as members of NOCs had visited the shooting sport. The President expressed his joy to watch the shooting sport with so many VIPs and we can be happy that so many people love the shooting sport. The President mentioned that now, even 18 medals will be awarded in shooting. That means that three more athletes will go home showing their medal to their family, federations and friends.

The President asked all delegates to unify and if there are any questions, the President asked to give them immediately to the ISSF. The ISSF intends to be transparent and nothing should be hidden. The President begged all delegates to be united and to continue in friendship as in the past. The President further informed the delegates that during his presidency, the federation even had to change its name. A very smart man, Mr. G. Barani, saw the necessity to include the word "sport" in the international federation's name already many years ago, and so the name was changed to International Shooting Sport Federation. The President thanked all delegates as well as the Executive Committee and the Administrative Council for attending this Extraordinary General Assembly and thanked all for their excellent work. The President further especially thanked the delegates for discussing this matter and for approving the Olympic Program for 2020. Before this Extraordinary General Assembly, the IOC had approved the 15 events for the Olympic Program 2020. Of course, if this Extraordinary General Assembly had not approved this decision, there would have been the great risk that the IOC would be reducing the shooting events from 15 to 12 and the shooting sport would have lost three events in the Olympic Program. Therefore, the President once again thanked the Extraordinary General Assembly and all delegates for approving the Program of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. The President further thanked several federations which had had great doubts of the Olympic Games 2020 but still voted in favor to secure the 15 shooting events in the Olympic Games.

The President invited all delegates to dinner at 7.00 p.m. on the top floor of this hotel. The President said he would be happy to see all delegates that night and to have a toast on the unity of the shooting sport.

The President closed the meeting of the Extraordinary General Assembly on June 25, 2017.



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