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EVECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES MEETING OF THE ISSF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 LONATO, ITA

Meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council

Date:

Time:

Place:

September 9, 2015

09:00 hours

Palazzo Arzaga, Lonato, ITA

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ISSF Administrative Council Lonato, ITA September 9, 2015

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Hazem Hosny AHMED, EGY African Shooting Sport Federation	Hag
Carlos SILVA MONTERROSO, GUA Shooting Confederation of the Americas	E/M
Ali Mohammed AL KUWARI, QAT Asian Shooting Confederation	
Alexander RATNER, RUS European Shooting Confederation	Mary
Nick SULLIVAN, AUS Oceania Shooting Federation	
Honorary Members	
Trudy ANLIKER-NICK, SUI Honorary Member	
Dr. med. Heinz LÖSEL, GER Honorary Member	
Max MÜCKL, GER Honorary Member	
Unni NICOLAYSEN, NOR Honorary Member	
Fritz SCHATTLEITNER, AUT Honorary Member	
Björn SCHULLSTRÖM, SWE Honorary Member	
Jacques TROUVÉ, FRA Honorary Member	
Medhat M. WAHDAN, EGY Honorary Member	
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Present:

Executive Committee

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

Members of the Administrative Council

Dr. Ahmed Al Raisi	UAE	Member of the Administrative Council
Duaij Khalaf Al-Otaibi	KUW	Member of the Administrative Council
Kerstin Bodin	SWE	Member of the Administrative Council
Yair Davidovich	ISR	Member of the Administrative Council
Heinz-Helmut Fischer	GER	Member of the Administrative Council
Juha Hirvi	FIN	Member of the Administrative Council
Derek R. Ivy	GBR	Member of the Administrative Council
Feng Li	CHN	Member of the Administrative Council
Gerardo Trotta Arnone	VEN	Member of the Administrative Council

Chairman of the Section Committees

Peter Underhill	GBR	Chairman of the Judges Committee
Susan B. Abbott	GBR	Chairman of the Pistol Committee
Pekka Kuusisto	FIN	Chairman of the Running Target
		Committee
Antonio Fernandez Arena	MEX	Chairman of the Statutes and Eligibility
		Committee, Auditor
Dr. James Lally	USA	Chairman of the Medical Committee

Representatives of the Continental Federations

Hazem Hosny Ahmed	EGY	President African Shooting Sport Fed.
Carlos Silva Monterroso	GUA	President of the Confed. of the Americas
Ali Mohammed Al Kuwari	QAT	Nominee Asian Shooting Confederation
Alexander Ratner	RUS	Nominee European Shooting Confed.

Excused:

Alexandros Dimakakos	GRE	Member of the Executive Committee,
		Auditor
Woo Jae Lee	KOR	Member of the Administrative Council
Nick Sullivan	AUS	President Oceania Shooting Federation
Demetris Lordos	CYP	Chairman of the Shotgun Committee
Tomislav Sepec	CRO	Chairman of the Rifle Committee

Minutes:

Franz Schreiber GER Secretary General

ITEM 1 Welcome

Mr. Olegario Vázquez Raña, President of the ISSF, expressed a warm welcome to all members to this first meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council after the election on December 2014 in Munich, GER.

A special welcome was extended to all new members of the Administrative Council, namely Dr. Ahmed Al Raisi, Mr. Gerardo Trotta, Mr. Heinz-Helmut Fischer, Mr. Peter Underhill and Mr. Alexander Ratner.

The President explained that, unfortunately, the shooting family lost a great personality since the last meeting of the Administrative Council in December and kindly asked the members of the Administrative Council to stand for a moment of silence in memory of our very good friend, Mr. David Parish, GBR, a long-time member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Technical Committee.

After a moment of silence, the President thanked all members of the Administrative Council and informed them that interpretation is available as follows: English on channel 1, Spanish channel 2, and German channel 3.

ITEM 2 Roll-Call

President Vázquez Raña gave the floor to Secretary General Mr. Franz Schreiber who thanked the President and also welcomed everyone to this meeting at the nice hotel in Italy, Palazzo Arzaga. He also welcomed all new members of the ISSF Administrative Council to this first meeting and said he was looking forward to very fruitful and good cooperation in the best interest of the shooting sport.

Concerning the Roll Call, Mr. Schreiber informed the Administrative Council, that unfortunately, some members had to cancel their participation in this meeting:

Mr. Alexandros Dimakakos was unable to participate for family reasons.

Mr. Woo Jae Lee had informed the ISSF Headquarters that he had urgent business reasons and excused himself.

Mr. Nick Sullivan could not join the meeting for health reasons.

Also Mr. Sepec could not attend due to family reasons.

Finally, Mr. Demetris Lordos had just informed the ISSF the previous day that unfortunately, he could not depart from Cyprus because of bad weather conditions and will therefore only arrive after the meeting.

All absent members had wished the Administrative Council a good and a successful meeting.

The Honorary Members were excused and the newly elected Honorary Member Medhat Wahdan had informed the Secretary General that he is in Lonato but very busy in his position as Technical Delegate and regretted he could not attend the meeting. The maximum participation of the Administrative Council is 35 members plus Honorary Members. This Administrative Council Meeting in Lonato, ITA counted a total of 30 present members with votes and also the quorum was reached according to the Constitution, Article 1.7.3.

ITEM 3 Minutes of the last meetings of the Administrative Council in Munich, GER on November 30 and December 3, 2014 Minutes of the last General Assembly in Munich, GER on December 2 and 3, 2014

The President gave the floor to the Secretary General who started with the Minutes of the Administrative Council Meeting on November 30, 2014. The Secretary General informed the members of the Administrative Council that all members had received the draft minutes by email on July 27, 2015 for comments and corrections. The ISSF Headquarters had received editorial comments and corrections from Mr.s. Kerstin Bodin, Mr. Derek Ivy and Mr. Demetris Lordos. Mr. Schreiber thanked them for their comments and reported that the changes were now included in the draft. He stated that if there were no objections, the minutes of the Meeting of the Administrative Council on November 30, 2014 would then be signed. The Administrative Council unanimously approved the minutes and the President and Secretary General signed them.

Also the minutes of the Administrative Council Meeting II on December 3, 2015 were sent to all members of the Administrative Council by email on July 30, 2015. The ISSF Headquarters had received editorial remarks from Mr.s. Kerstin Bodin, Mr. Derek Ivy and Mr. Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz. Mr. Schreiber thanked them for their comments and reported that the changes were included in the draft of the minutes. He stated that if there were no objections, the minutes of the Administrative Council Meeting II on December 3, 2014 could be signed. The Administrative Council unanimously approved the minutes and the President and Secretary General signed them.

The Secretary General reported that the minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly in Munich on December 2 and 3 had already been approved by postal vote as they were requested by the Court of Arbitration for the case of the appeal from Sheikh Salman Al-Sabah and the Kuwait Shooting Federation against the election of the President in the GA. The Secretary General informed that the postal vote showed 32 votes for approval, one vote against approval and one vote was invalid and one abstention. Therefore the minutes were approved and the final version can be found in the documents duly signed by the minutes committee members.

ITEM 4 Report on the meeting of the Executive Committee

The President reported on the last meeting of the Executive Committee which took place on 8 September 2015 in Lonato.

The President informed the Administrative Council that it had been a great meeting with a lot of discussions and decisions but he also reported that unfortunately there had been four positive doping cases in the last year as following:

- Mr. Luiz Lopez from Peru used a beta blocker in the CAT Championship and was suspended for two years
- Mr. Vladislav Mukhamediyev from Kazakhstan was tested positive for diuretics in the Asian Championship in Al Ain and received a warning
- Ms Hyang Sun Kim from the People's Republic of Korea used stimulants during the Asian Championship in Al Ain and was suspended for two years
- Mr. Naser Meqlad from Kuwait used anabolic androgenic steroids during the Asian Championship in Al Ain and was suspended for two years.

The President further reported that there had been two national cases and one from Italy where Luciano Bacci was tested positive for diuretics and was suspended for six months. The other one is Ms. Nihan GURER from Turkey who was suspended for a period of six months for using stimulants.

The President further reported that the Executive Committee received excellent reports about the 2015 World Cups. The participation in 2015 had been the highest in the history of the ISSF.

The President informed the Administrative Council that the rifle and pistol World Cup Final will be organized in Bologna, Italy, and the shotgun World Cup Final will be organized in Rome. The dates will be published as soon as possible on the ISSF website. The Executive Committee decided that the 2016 World Cup, which had been designated to Granada, will be postponed to a later year in agreement with President Rodrigo de Mesa Ruiz. The rifle and pistol World Cup in Baku, AZE, will now also include shotgun and therefore there would be a rifle/pistol/shotgun World Cup in the month of June. The exact dates would follow soon. All the other World Cups of the year 2016 had not been changed and the exact dates would be published on the website.

The Executive Committee also decided on the locations for the World Cups 2017. For the disciplines rifle and pistol the locations will be Munich, Gabala and New Delhi, for shotgun it will be in New Delhi, Nicosia and Acapulco.

Concerning the World Cups 2018 it was decided that for rifle and pistol they will be organized in Munich, GER, Changwon, KOR, Fort Benning, USA and Guadalajara, MEX. The shotgun World Cups will be held in Changwon, KOR, Mosta, MLT, Tucson, USA and Guadalajara, MEX.

The Executive Committee further decided that the Junior World Cups will be continued because they had been very well accepted and the participation had been very positive. For the year 2016 the Junior World Cups would be organized in Suhl, GER and Gabala, AZE. Both locations will have all disciplines.

The Junior World Championship 2017 will be organized in Suhl, GER for rifle and pistol disciplines. As decided upon by the General Assembly, the shotgun World Championship will be organized in Moscow, RUS. The second Junior World Cup in 2017 will be organized in Porpetto, ITA for shotgun disciplines.

Upon decision of the Executive Committee there will be a combined Junior World Cup for rifle/pistol/shotgun in Suhl, GER, and a combined Junior World Cup or rifle/pistol/shotgun in Sidney, AUS, both in 2018.

The President further reported that the Executive Committee decided to create an Adhoc Committee to deal with questions concerning the IOC Agenda 2020, Championship programs, qualification format and Finals. The aim of this committee is to make recommendations for next year's meetings and the Adhoc Committee consists of

Franz Schreiber
Gary Anderson
Yifu Wang
Kevin Kilty
Abhinav Bindra
Jörg Brokamp
Petros Kyritsis
Carlos Silva Monterroso
Alexander Ratner
Yair Davidovich
Marco Dalla Dea
Wolfgang Schreiber
Jan Ketzel

The President further informed the Administrative Council that the Executive Committee discussed the difficult situation after the World Cup in Fort Benning where many disqualifications due to post-competition tests had happened. It was decided to introduce an "ISSF equipment control panel" which includes

Wilhelm-Xaver Grill Georgios Papapanagiotou Wanda Jewell Gabriele Hartmann

This panel will conduct all equipment controls in 2016 at all ISSF Championship to secure the professional conduct at a high level. Further this panel will educate so-called "ISSF Master Equipment Control Officers" for future support.

The President reported that the Executive Committee thoroughly discussed the shotgun ammunition tests and it was decided to continue in the testing as the rules of the ISSF are very clear and no ammunition with more than 24.5 grams is allowed, also in the future. A detailed procedure will be published on the website and it will be explained in the technical meeting of the forthcoming World Championship in Lonato.

The Executive Committee also designated Technical Delegates for World Cups, Junior World Cups, Junior Championship, World Championship and the persons had been informed separately.

Finally the President informed the Administrative Council that the constitution will be reviewed under the coordination of Vice President Mr. Lisin and the plan is to have the first draft ready for the Statutes Committee in November. Of course it will then be published afterwards. In the documents a questionnaire could be found which had been prepared by Mr. Lisin and which had already been circulated within the European Federations. The President asked the Administrative Council members to study it and return the answers to the Headquarters.

This concluded the report of the President concerning the recent Executive Committee and at the end he invited Vice President Lisin if he wanted to add something to the constitution.

Mr. Lisin thanked the President and asked Mr. Alexander Ratner to give a report concerning the present status of the review of the constitution. Mr. Ratner informed the Administrative Council about a short presentation which will be shown via power point. Mr. Ratner started his presentation to inform the Administrative Council that the main goals are to make the process of the revision of the ISSF constitution open, transparent and clear for all members of the ISSF family, to inform Member Federations on the possible changes, to involve everyone in the process of the revision of the ISSF constitution and to take all opinions and comments into account.

Mr. Ratner further informed that the schedule of the process is the following: the process started with the letter of the ISSF President and Secretary General to all Member Federations where it was announced that the process of a review of the constitution will be done and Vice President Vladimir Lisin has been appointed to be in charge. In the beginning of May the work on the questionnaire on the possible changes in the ISSF constitution begins. The presentation of the questionnaire was made at the European Shooting Confederation General Assembly in Ljubljana, Slovenia on July 19. On July 22 the questionnaire was placed on the website of the European Shooting Confederation. By September 1st the European Shooting Confederation received answers from 37 member federations and 29 individual experts. Mr. Ratner further continued in going through all 18 questions giving some of the backgrounds and results.

1. Do you agree that the ISSF Constitution needs to be revised?

Member Federations: 36 answered "YES" 1 answered "NO" Individual Experts: 28 answered "YES" 1 answered "NO"

2. Do you agree that the ISSF Constitution must comply with the fundamental Principles of Olympism and such provisions of the Olympic Charter as structure and powers of the governing organs, approach to the formation of the Executive Board, differentiation between the governing elective organs and the administration guaranteed representation of women, age limitations etc.?

Member Federations: 36 answered "YES" 1 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 28 answered "YES" 1 answered "NO"

3. Do you agree that the distribution of powers should be as following: General Assembly, Executive Committee, President?

Member Federations: 33 answered "YES" 3 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 24 answered "YES" 3 answered "NO"

4. Do you agree that all members of the Executive Committee must be elected by the General Assembly?

Member Federations: 35 answered "YES" 2 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 28 answered "YES" 0 answered "NO"

5. Do you agree that the Continental Confederations should have more authority and responsibility than they do currently in respect of ISSF activity and in the development of the shooting sport worldwide?

Member Federations: 28 answered "YES" 7 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 26 answered "YES" 3 answered "NO"

6. Do you agree that the Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun and Running Target Section Committees should be within the structure of the Technical Committee?

Member Federations: 31 answered "YES" 5 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 26 answered "YES" 2 answered "NO"

7. Do you think that there should be a limit on the President's term?

Member Federations: 30 answered "YES" 7 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 27 answered "YES" 2 answered "NO"

If yes, please precise:

Member Federations:
6 answered "8 years"
18 answered "12 years (8 years the first term and four years the second, as in the IOC)
3 answered "16 years"
0 answered "20 years"
2 gave a different answer

Individual Experts:
6 answered "8 years"
13answered "12 years (8 years the first term and four years the second, as in the IOC)
2 answered "16 years"
0 answered "20 years"
5 gave a different answer

8. Do you think there should be a limit on the membership term in the Executive Committee?

Member Federations: 29 answered "YES" 8 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 27 answered "YES" 2 answered "NO"

If yes, please precise:

Member Federations:
6 answered "8 years"
9 answered "12 years
3 answered "16 years"
8 answered "a minimum of two years interval after each 8 years term (as in the IOC)
2 gave a different answer

Individual Experts:
6 answered "8 years"
4 answered "12 years
2 answered "16 years"
11 answered "a minimum of two years interval after each 8 years term (as in the IOC)
3 gave a different answer

9. Do you think that there should be an upper age limit for the Executive Committee members?

Member Federations: 28 answered "YES" 9 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 23 answered "YES" 5 answered "NO"

If yes, please precise:

Member Federations: 10 answered "70 years" 16 answered "75 years" 1 answered "80 years" 2 gave a different answer Individual Experts:
10 answered "70 years"
10 answered "75 years"
1 answered "80 years"
2 gave a different answer

10. Do you agree that the location of the ISSF Headquarters should be fixed and not depend on the domiciles of the President or Secretary General?

Member Federations: Individual Experts: 34 answered "YES" 27 answered "YES" 3 answered "NO" 1 answered "NO"

11. Do you agree that all members of the Executive Committee elected by the General Assembly should work on a voluntary basis?

Member Federations: Individual Experts: 31 answered "YES" 21 answered "YES" 4 answered "NO" 8 answered "NO"

12. Do you agree that the position of Honorary President should be introduced in the ISSF?

Member Federations:Individual Experts:30 answered "YES"21 answered "YES"7 answered "NO"8 answered "NO"

13. Do you agree that there should be no proxies allowed in the future?

Member Federations:Individual Experts:26 answered "YES"26 answered "YES"11 answered "NO"2 answered "NO"

14. Do you agree that Member Federations with outstanding debts, including the membership fee, should lose the right to nominate candidates to the elective positions and to vote during the General Assembly?

Member Federations:Individual Experts:35 answered "YES"28 answered "YES"2 answered "NO"1 answered "NO"

15. Do agree that the Member Federations which pay the reduced membership fee should lose the right to nominate candidates for the elective positions?

Member Federations: Individual Experts: 20 answered "YES" 20 answered "YES" 17 answered "NO" 6 answered "NO"

16. Do you agree that a certain number of positions in the Executive Committee should be guaranteed to the representatives of each continent?

Member Federations: Individual Experts: 29 answered "YES" 27 answered "YES" 8 answered "NO" 1 answered "NO"

17. Do you agree that a position of the ISSF General Director/CEO may be introduced?

Member Federations: 27 answered "YES" 9 answered "NO"

Individual Experts: 21 answered "YES" 6 answered "NO"

18. Do you have any other proposals on the basic ideas for possible amendments to the ISSF Constitution?

If yes, please precise

Several Proposals had been received and will be discussed in the coming meetings to finalize the Draft of the Constitution.

Mr. Ratner closed his report by confirming that those members of the Administrative Council who were interested will receive the report by email.

Mr. Ratner kindly asked the members of the Administrative Council to respond as early as possible to the questionnaire which is in the documents and the questionnaire would then be sent out to all Member Federations who should send back the questionnaire until the end of September/beginning of October. The constitution should then be drafted and sent to the Statutes and Eligibility Committee which will have their meeting in November in Munich. After the Statutes and Eligibility Committee has reviewed, approved and recommended the draft, it should be placed on the website for further comments by all interested persons. This would secure that the process is open and transparent. Mr. Ratner closed his report by thanking all members for the attention and wanted to point out once again that all the questions and proposals of course can be changed and adopted to what is wanted by the majority.

The President thanked Mr. Ratner for this detailed report and asked the Administrative Council members if there were any questions.

Raninder Singh took the floor and first of all thanked Mr. Ratner for the report and stated that some of the questions are very difficult to understand. He stated that in his opinion the restrictions for regions to become a candidate are very dangerous and it should be reconsidered if this was an actual improvement. In his opinion the restrictions are negative as the best person should serve the ISSF. Finally Mr. Singh offered to be ready for any support and help in this process if requested.

The President thanked Mr. Singh and gave the floor to Mr. Franz Schreiber who thanked Mr. Ratner for the excellent report. Mr. Schreiber further continued that Mr. Ratner's request that the ISSF Headquarters should be involved in this process is understandable and he confirmed that the questionnaire will be distributed to all the members of the Administrative Council in the coming coffee break. The Headquarters will be sending out the circular by email to all ISSF Member Federation in the next weeks and of course will collect all answers and forward them to Mr. Ratner for further evaluation.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and gave the floor to Mr. Antonio Fernandez Arena who confirmed that once the draft of the constitution had been received by the Statutes and Eligibility Committee it will be working on this draft. Mr. Fernandez Arena stated that the questionnaire has several questions which already suggest a certain answer. He confirmed that the Statutes and Eligibility Committee will fulfil their task to work on a revision of the constitution if requested.

The President thanked Mr. Fernandez Arena and gave the floor to Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso. Mr. Silva Monterroso thanked the President and first of all wanted to point out that the Administrative Council members just received this questionnaire and even if there was not much time to study the questions Mr. Silva pointed out that there are already some very important questions included. If this proposal finds approval the role of the Administrative Council would have no future. In the opinion of Mr. Silva it would be bad if the structure of the ISSF changed in that way. He also mentioned that another issue which he found peculiar is that the ISSF should have a democratic distribution and that the position should not be distributed between continents. This would result in having people who may not be the best choice to fulfil the position and therefore it would be much better to fill the position freely without restrictions, just by finding the best person to be elected. Mr. Silva closed by once again thanking Mr. Ratner and Mr. Lisin for their report and is looking forward to receive the detailed questionnaire which then will be studied, discussed and answered. The President thanked Mr. Silva and gave the floor to Mr. Luciano Rossi who once again confirmed that a new constitution is necessary and it was unfortunate that in 2012 the constitution was not accepted. Mr. Rossi proposed that the start point of the new constitution should be the draft which was presented in the year 2012. Mr. Rossi also thanked Mr. Lisin and Mr. Ratner for the work in reviewing the constitution.

The President thanked Mr. Rossi and gave the floor to Mr. Lisin who thanked all his colleagues for the very valuable comments in reviewing the constitution. Mr. Lisin further invited all members of the Administrative Council to send any comments regarding the revision of the constitution and he assures that all comments will be evaluated. The President thanked Mr. Lisin and once again confirmed that the revision of the constitution is very important and that everyone was looking forward to the first draft which will be prepared soon and distributed to the Statutes and Eligibility Committee.

ITEM 5 Membership matters

The President asked the Secretary General to report on this matter. The Secretary General informed the Administrative Council that the Executive Committee in its meeting suspended the Shooting Federation of Samoa because of no contact for several years. Further the Executive Committee had to deal with four changes of nationality of athletes and the changes were Mr. Uros Kacavenda, (SRB - CRO), Mr. Vitaliy Dovgun (from KZA to QAT), Mr. Nahla Aboumansour (from IRI to CAN) and finally Mr. Mustafa Ahneish (from LBA to EGY).

The Secretary General continued in informing the Administrative Council that there is a new application for membership which has to be decided on by the Administrative Council in this meeting. The new application for membership has arrived from the Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo (KOS) from the Republic of Kosovo. Mr. Schreiber said:

"You may remember that in 2014 the Kosovo NOC had received provisional acceptance from the IOC. During the IOC Session in Monte Carlo a few days after our General Assembly the IOC approved the NOC of the Republic of Kosovo as full member of the IOC.

In December 2014 we received application documents from the Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo, however without the necessary Anti-Doping Regulations. In January the federation sent an updated version including Anti-Doping part, which however needed some correction. On 14 April 2015 we than received the final version of the Constitution which includes all necessary corrections including a part for the Anti-Doping Regulations.

The other documents required by the Constitution had been sent to ISSF as following:

1.3.4.1	foundation	03.12.2014
1.3.4.2	constitution	Checked by lawyers and accepted Constitution received 14. April 2015 as well as minutes of GA of Kosovo dated 6. January 2015 with approval of constitution
1.3.4.3	Recognition by NOC	03.12.2014
1.3.4.4	Anti-Doping Regulations	17.03.2015 as part of Constitution in Section 40 accepting the ISSF Anti-Doping Regulations

Therefore all necessary documents are okay and the NOC of Kosovo is full member of the IOC since the IOC Session in Monte Carlo on December 9, 2014."

However, it must be pointed out that the Serbian Shooting Sport Federation ("SSSF") has objected to the membership application of the Kosovo. The SSSF has brought forward the following reasons for its objection:

"The unilateral declaration of Republic of Kosovo on February 17th 2008 is not recognized by the Republic of Serbia or by all members of UN and EU. Because of this, the Serbian Shooting Sport Federation [...] is not in conformity with acceptance of shooting organizations from Kosovo [...] in full membership of international shooting organizations until its status is permanently solved by the UN and until self-proclaimed Republic of Kosovo is eventually admitted as independent country in full membership of the United Nations. [...] In particular, we would like to point out that in current circumstances the acceptance of the Kosovo Shooting Federation in full membership of the ISSF would be contrary to the Article 1.3.3 of the ISSF Constitution having in mind that Kosovo is not officially recognized as an independent country and it is still part of Republic of Serbia."

While it is correct that Article 1.3.3. of the ISSF Constitution attaches the possibility of membership of a national shooting sport federation in the ISSF to the requirement that the respective federation represents a "country", a neutral legal assessment suggests that Kosovo is indeed a "country" in the sense of the ISSF Constitution:

• Because the ISSF Constitution itself does not contain a definition of the term "country", it is necessary to turn to general principles of international law to define the term. The so-called 3-elements rule [Georg Jellinek, General Theory of the State 250-258 (1900)] requires a country (state) to have (1) territory; (2) population; and (3) government; Sometimes a fourth element [See Ian Brownlie, Principles of Public International Law

83-85 (5th ed., Oxford, 1998); Hans Kelsen, Principles of International Law 206-207 (1952)] is added: (4) recognition by the international community.

- A majority of scholars and states believe that Kosovo fulfils all requirements under the 3-elements rule to be considered a state. Also, a majority of states in the UN (110 out of 193) have recognized Kosovo as an independent state.
- Furthermore, the declaration of independence of Kosovo was declared lawful under international law by an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice ("ICJ") in 2010.
- Finally, also the IOC has recognized the NOC of Kosovo and thus implicitly accepted that Kosovo is a state. This is because the Olympic Charter in Article 30 of the Olympic Charter provides:

"In the Olympic Charter, the expression "country" means an independent State recognised by the international community."

In light of the above, it must be noted that a majority of scholars and states as well as the IOC believe that Kosovo is a state and that an admission of Kosovo to the ISSF would thus not violate Article 1.3.3. of the ISSF Constitution. Instead, it would be unfounded if the ISSF, being an IOC member itself, would deny the membership request of Kosovo based on the notion that Kosovo is not a state.

Since all other requirements for a membership of Kosovo in the ISSF are fulfilled, we suggest that the application should be accepted. Also we want to point out that the European Shooting Confederation in its last General Assembly accepted Kosovo as a full member of the European Shooting Confederation and recommends to the Administrative Council to accept the application."

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and since there were no further questions the President asked for the vote if the ISSF Administrative Council accepts the Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo as full member of the ISSF. With unanimous decision of 29 votes in favor, no vote against, and one abstention, the ISSF Administrative Council accepted the Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo as a new member of the ISSF.

The Secretary General proceeded in informing the members of the Administrative Council that some weeks ago the ISSF send a circular to all member federations with request to update the ISSF data regarding several items such as:

- Current President
- Current Secretary General
- Current address of the federation
- Phone, fax, email
- Latest constitution
- Latest anti-doping regulations
- Confirmation that the federation is affiliated and recognized by the NOC
- Which disciplines are practiced in the country (rifle, pistol, shotgun, RT)?
- How many athletes are active

The ISSF Headquarters received several answers and documents but only around 60 member federations had responded. Some federations had sent all information, some informed the ISSF that they will send the missing documents as soon as possible, but also many had not answered at all. The ISSF is still collecting all the data and the Headquarters will send out reminders to those that had not answered at all. Of course together with the lawyers the ISSF will check and evaluate all the responses if they confirm with the rules of the ISSF and will try to establish a list with active athletes around the world. We will of course report to the Administrative Council again in the next meeting.

Since there were no further questions the President asked the Secretary General to continue and the Secretary General gave some details about some special cases.

Bulgaria:

After the General Assembly the Bulgarian Shooting Sport Federation appealed to the Court of Arbitration about the decision of the General Assembly to expel them as a member and accept the new federations. On August 25 the ISSF finally received the decision from the Court of Arbitration and is pleased to report that the ISSF fully won the case. This means that the Court of Arbitration decided the appeal filed by the Bulgarian Shooting Sport Federation was dismissed and the decision of the ISSF General Assembly had been confirmed. Further all costs of CAS had to be paid by the Bulgarian Shooting Sport Federation and they have to pay a contribution of costs to the ISSF for legal fees of 6.000 Swiss francs and to the Bulgarian Shooting Union in the amount of 2.000 Swiss francs. Mr. Schreiber stated that the costs involved in both cases regarding Bulgaria had been much higher and the costs were around 70.000 Euros not counting time at all. The ISSF is very pleased with this decision and thanks the lawyers for their excellent work.

Kuwait:

Mr. Schreiber stated that, as already informed, Sheikh Salman and the Kuwait Shooting Federation appealed to the Court of Arbitration and asked to cancel the election of the President and repeat the election. The reason for cancelling the election in the opinion of Sheikh Salman and the Kuwait Shooting Federation is because votes had been changed due to rumors which were spread by the ISSF. In the beginning of June there was a two-days hearing at the Court of Arbitration where around 25 persons had been interviewed as witnesses including President Vazquez Rana. Since that the ISSF is still waiting to receive the decision of CAS which will be final and usually cannot be appealed. The Secretary General further reported that only for a few days the deadline for CAS to send the decision had been again postponed and that the deadline now expires on September 30.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber for the report and gave the floor to Mr. Al Kuwari who stated that some of the Asian countries may have problems with the deadline concerning the update of information since some federations have to translate the documents into English. Mr. Schreiber thanked Mr. Al Kuwari for this comment and confirmed that the deadline will certainly be extended for those countries without problems and the ISSF is looking forward to receive the documents from those countries as soon as possible.

ITEM 6 Report of the different section committees by their chairmen:

ITEM 6.1 Technical Committee

The President gave the floor to Mr. Jörg Brokamp and Mr. Brokamp thanked the President and reported that the first meeting after the election had been held on January 28 and 29 2015. The members of the committee are

- Robert Aylward
- Wilhelm-Xaver Grill
- Paul Gumn
- Petros Kyritsis
- Jadranka Strukic

Mr. Brokamp referred to his written report as well as the minutes of the meeting which were in the documents of each Administrative Council member but wanted to point out some important matters.

In its meeting the Technical Committee discussed very deeply the IOC Agenda 2020 and its recommendations as well as the procedure of the equipment control and details about the future ISSF Championship calendar. Mr. Brokamp continued in stating that the most important issue for the ISSF in the next years will be the IOC Agenda 2020 with its 20+20 recommendations. In its meeting the Technical Committee received a detailed report by the Secretary General about these important matters being for example gender equality, the topic of cost reduction and the evaluation from a sport-based to an event-based program. Especially these three matters had been discussed very deeply at the last meeting of the Technical Committee. Of course all the discussions in the Technical Committee will be continued.

Mr. Brokamp continued in reporting that an important issue was also the decision of introducing music into the finals and qualifications. Mr. Brokamp confirmed that the Executive Committee also decided upon the introduction of music into the shooting sport as of 2016.

Mr. Brokamp continued his report by informing the Administrative Council members that the development of the new event Target Sprint is very positive, the participation is growing and in the past year 2015 there had been two excellent events. One was conducted on occasion of the World Cup in Munich and the other one on the Junior World Cup in Suhl. Both events had been very successful. Another Target Sprint was conducted in connection with European Championship in Arnhem in the beginning of the year and it was a well conducted and nice competition organized by the Netherlands Shooting Federation. For the year 2016 more competitions are expected and again of course the Target Sprint will be organized on occasion of the World Cups in Munich and Suhl but also the Italian Federation Tiro a Segno and its President Mr. Obrist had confirmed that they are prepared to organize one competition somewhere in North Italy. Mr. Brokamp stated that in Suhl 2016 it is planned to have a Target Sprint down town and not on the shooting venue.

Mr. Brokamp also informed the Administrative Council that not only the juniors were important and the introduction of the Junior World Cup was very positive but that the seniors should not be forgotten. Therefore it was very important to start a "Sport for All" initiative for the masters. Especially the older generation was very active and had a lot of free time and therefore they were very interested in receiving possibilities to participate. A master series would be a good

possibility to help shooting sport to grow. Mr. Brokamp continued in confirming that soon there would be a detailed rule for a so-called bench-rest shooting which is mainly for seniors and masters.

Mr. Brokamp closed his report by informing the Administrative Council that the next meeting of the Technical Committee will this year be conducted in connection with the Section Committees in November in Munich.

The President thanked Mr. Brokamp for this excellent report and gave the floor to Mr. Alexander Ratner who thanked Mr. Brokamp and informed the Administrative Council that on occasion of the recent European Games team events had been included for the first time. Both rifle and pistol as well as shotgun had team events which consisted of a male and female athlete. The feedback from the athletes as well as coaches and officials were very positive and it is hoped that those team events will have an Olympic future. Mr. Ratner expressed his hope that the Technical Committee will look into the team events in general as, in the opinion of Mr. Ratner, a team event is not just an addition of two individual scores but should be a real separate team event conducted specially. Finally Mr. Ratner also confirmed that a very important matter for discussion in the future of the ISSF are the Championship programs and he offered his full support.

The President thanked Mr. Ratner and gave the floor to Mr. Juha Hirvi who confirmed the statement of Mr. Ratner that the team events conducted at the European Games were excellent and very interesting. Mr. Hirvi even requested the ISSF to think if there was a possibility to introduce quota places for this special team event.

The President thanked Mr. Hirvi and gave the floor to Mr. Rossi who also confirmed that team events are very important. The ISSF should look into this matter very seriously and he fully supported the idea of introducing separate team events.

The President thanked Mr. Rossi for his comments and confirmed once again that all these matters will be discussed in the just introduced Adhoc Committee.

ITEM 6.2 Athletes Committee

The President gave the floor to Mr. Abhinav Bindra, chairman of the Athletes Committee, who thanked the President and reported that the Athletes Committee convened for the first time in January this year and is scheduled to meet again in November. The minutes of the meeting of the Athletes Committee are attached to the documents which will give all the members of the Administrative Council an overview of the activities of the Athletes Committee. Communications had been central to the activities of the Athletes Committee. Mr. Bindra reported that for instance the Athletes Committee reached out to every Olympic finalist from the London 2012 Olympic Games and requested suggestions for the Finals Hall in Rio. The Athletes Committee started a feedback form at each World Cup this year which invited suggestions for the improvement of the ISSF Championship from the athletes' point of view. The Athletes Committee had tried to make best use of the ISSF website giving out regular posts and information to athletes. The Athletes Committee further established and liaised with the IOC and other athletes' committees and Mr. Bindra reported that he will be attending the IOC Athletes Forum in Lausanne in October. Mr. Bindra continued his report in informing that the Athletes Committee gave their input to World Cup organizers on certain concerns the athletes had on scheduling, transport, training and accommodation issues. Mr. Bindra stated that he was very glad to report that the input was well received and implemented in many cases. The Athletes

Committee also gave their input on the interpretation of rules which were published earlier this year. The Athletes Committee constantly tried to remain in contact with athletes so that their aspirations and concerns remain central to their work. The Athletes Committee had been constantly in touch with the Secretary General and Vice President Gary Anderson raising their concerns on issues and finding quick solutions to these. The Athletes Committee is extremely grateful and pleased with the support they received from the ISSF Headquarters. Mr. Bindra closed his report in stating that he would be happy to further answer any questions the members of the Administrative Council may have. The President thanked Mr. Bindra for this excellent report and since there were no further questions continued to the next agenda item.

ITEM 6.3 Judges Committee

The President gave the floor to Mr. Peter Underhill, chairman of the Judges Committee, who thanked the President first of all and referred to his report as well as to the minutes of the Judges Committee of its meeting in January 2015. Mr. Underhill wanted to point out a few important items and started to report that it is hoped that applications for new 'B' Licenses or upgrades will be authorized by the Committee Chairman on a regular basis as applications mount. This procedure would rationalize the amount of time taken in this process at the annual meeting plus speed up the issuing of licenses to successful applicants during the year. Of course this would still require the committee to ratify issued licenses and check postponed ones and would of course remain part of the annual meeting of the Judges Committee. Mr. Underhill continued his report in emphasizing the new national electronic scoring target instructors course. Here Mr. Underhill wanted to thank Mr. Derek Ivy who prepared the course material and the first course was run in Korea in 2014. The Judges Committee was very pleased with the first course and a subsequent international course run by Mr. Ivy in Korea showed a 65% pass rate which is a big improvement from the normal 35%. The intention of these national EST courses are that the students will be prepared at a national level before they attend an ISSF international EST course. Mr. Underhill further reported that an important matter which was discussed and decided is the introduction of a new ISSF 'A' License Instructor's course. This new initiative aimed to produce over a period of time a wider and more comprehensive body of suitable skilled instructors from within and covering all the ISSF Confederations. This would benefit the quality of instruction, provide a more ready source of instructors and reduce costs for course organizers and national federations. Such an initiative had the additional advantage of better providing the quality, continuity and standardization of 'B' License courses. Mr. Underhill reported that all member federations had been requested and invited to send nominations and replies suggested that there is a strong support for this initiative. The first course is planned for November 2015 in Munich to take place around the same time as the Section Committee meetings. Mr. Underhill further reported that the Judges Committee is trying to standardize the report forms for jury chairmen to be completed when reporting on their judges' performance at ISSF competitions and Championship. Mr. Underhill reported that all course material for all disciplines including shotgun referee course is updated and published on the ISSF website. Mr. Underhill closed his report by informing the Administrative Council that the next meeting of the Judges Committee will be organized on 30/31 January 2016. The President thanked Mr. Underhill for the excellent report and since there were no further questions continued on the agenda.

ITEM 6.4 Rifle Committee

The President informed the Administrative Council that the written report of Mr. Tomislav Sepec, chairman of the Rifle Committee, is enclosed in the documents. Unfortunately, as mentioned before, Mr. Sepec was not able to participate in the meeting, but his written report

was available. Since there were no questions to the report, the President proceeded to the next item.

ITEM 6.5 Pistol Committee

The President gave the floor to Ms. Susan Abbott, chairwoman of the Pistol Committee, who thanked the President and reported that since the past meeting of the Pistol Committee there was no further meeting due to the election in December. Since that the Pistol Committee was very active in discussing any pistol issues and the members continued to work with the current ISSF rules to determine if further clarifications or corrections are needed. Ms. Abbott reported that she attended a portion of the Technical Committee meeting in January 2015 which was a very positive decision. Ms. Abbott informed the Administrative Council that the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020 was circulated to all members of the Pistol Committee and it is planned to have a thorough discussion concerning these matters in the coming meeting in November. The Pistol Committee members also worked with the Championship' technical delegates to improve the presentation of the pistol women's finals. The Pistol Committee prepared a standardized briefing that the pistol jury member in charge at pistol finals can use to brief finalists and their coaches in the preparation area prior to the final. Despite the fact that the production of the 25m Pistol Women Finals was improved, there was a time during the changeover for the medal matches which caused the final to lose its impetus and excitement. The Pistol Committee continued to work with the ISSF TV Producer Director to implement the procedure for presenting the three medalists for television and the media immediately after the finals. The Pistol Committee's further proposal to revise the 25m Pistol Women Finals was met with exceptionally good response and Ms. Abbott provided a list of the suggestions to the format which the members of the Pistol Committee provided to be included at the trials held at the World Cup Final in Munich. Ms. Abbott closed her report in thanking all committee members for the excellent work and was ready for any questions.

The President thanked Ms. Abbott for the excellent report and confirmed that the 25m Pistol Women Finals should be taken for a review. However, the President pointed out that any change may only come effective after the Rio Olympic Games. Ms. Susan Abbott confirmed and thanked the President for his understanding. The President gave the floor to Ms. Kerstin Bodin who thanked the President and wanted to suggest that the 25m Pistol Women Finals can be discussed in the coming November meetings and maybe even changed for the Olympic Games in Rio. Of course Ms. Bodin fully understands that the change may only be possible after the Olympic Games but wanted to confirm that also she received several reports from athletes that they are looking forward to a change in this event. The President thanked Ms. Bodin for this comment and initially the President also thought about changing the 25m Pistol Women Finals for the Olympic Games in Rio already but after further discussions the decision must wait until after the Olympic Games because there might be too many protests from coaches or athletes regarding this matter.

ITEM 6.6 Running Target Committee

The President gave the floor to Mr. Pekka Kuusisto, chairman of the Running Target Committee, who thanked the President and reported that the Running Target Committee did not have an official meeting but several unofficial meetings with athletes and coaches were held during international competitions. Mr. Kuusisto reported that in the past World Championship in Granada 2014 the Running Target medal matches were a great success and all seats were full of spectators. Comments from spectators were absolutely inspiring and positive. Mr. Kuusisto

pointed out that the commentator for the Finals is getting more and more important not only in Running Target but in all disciplines. Mr. Kuusisto also reported that preparations for the coming World Championship in Suhl are going very well. Due to the good development in the Running Target shooting the Running Target Committee also proposed to the Executive Committee that Running Target should come back to the Olympic Games. Running Target is a discipline which is very different from all the other ISSF disciplines and therefore would give another important point to the newly introduced event-based evaluation of the IOC which is mentioned in the IOC Agenda 2020.

The President thanked Mr. Kuusisto and gave the floor to Mr. Ratner who wanted to point out that the IOC Agenda 2020 was the revision of the Olympic program which also gives the possibility to disciplines and events to be introduced into the World Games. Until now, the World Games have only been open for non-Olympic sports but with the IOC Agenda 2020 the World Games will be open also for sports on the program but of course only for those events which are not part of the Olympic Games. Therefore this may be an opportunity for ISSF events, especially of course for Running Target. The President thanked Mr. Ratner and gave the floor to Mr. Schreiber who confirmed that the ISSF already approached the World Games Federation and had received the information that up to now it is not possible that shooting will be part of the World Games. It is correct that the criteria of the World Games Federation may have changed and of course the ISSF will continue to try to gain participation of the shooting sport in the World Games. The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and confirmed that during the past World Championship in Granada the President watched the Running Target Finals and was very excited about them. The President congratulated Mr. Kuusisto for his excellent work in especially recognizing that the participation of the Running Target discipline, even after the exclusion of the Olympic Games, is still very positive and now even growing.

ITEM 6.7 Shotgun Committee

The President confirmed that unfortunately Mr. Lordos has not arrived until now and therefore referred to the written report in the documents. Since there were no questions the President continued to the next agenda item.

ITEM 6.8 Statutes and Eligibility Committee

The President gave the floor to Mr. Antonio Fernandez Arena, chairman of the Statutes and Eligibility Committee who informed the Administrative Council that there was no special meeting since the past meeting but the committee stayed in constant communication with the President and Secretary General. The members of the Statutes and Eligibility Committee are in current and constant contact between themselves via internet and the next meeting of the Statutes and Eligibility Committee will be organized in November on occasion of the Section Committee meetings in Munich. Mr. Fernandez Arena continued to report that in the coming meeting the Statutes and Eligibility Committee will of course discuss the draft of the constitution. The President thanked Mr. Fernandez Arena for the report and since there were no further questions he continued to the next item.

ITEM 6.9 Medical Committee

The President gave the floor to Dr. James Lally, chairman of the ISSF Medical Committee, who thanked the President. He referred to his written report, but wanted to point out some highlights concerning the new world anti-doping code which will go into effect but has not brought up any problems or major changes. The positive outcome of the CAS case was very positive to all

international federations to emphasize the performance enhancing effects of beta blockers in their respective sports. Especially the international Paralympics Committee, World Archery and ISSF co-signed a circular letter which was drafted on mutual behalf by our Legal Counsel and Consultant. This letter was distributed to all the national anti-doping organizations of the world. All Administrative Council members know that the ISSF's crucial win at CAS confirmed that there are very limited circumstances where therapeutic use exemption (TUE) for beta blockers in precision sports should be granted. The circular letter signed by the IPC, ISSF and WA clarified just how limited the circumstances are for Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee to grant a TUE. Yet the letter also pointed out in a problematic way that precision sports athletes who apply for a TUE for the use of a beta blocker but who do not satisfy all four ISTUE criteria are too often granted TUEs at national levels. The letter accordingly informed all NADOs that the granting of national level TUEs creates inconsistencies and potential legal issues with regard to the treatment with beta blockers by precision sport International Federations who govern the sport at an international level. Concerning education the ISSF has undertaken a notable amount of successful educational initiatives in the last years through athlete outreach, our website, the information portal on doping and also in the ISSF news magazine. Yet the ISSF Medical Committee has recognized that there is not an adequate amount of anti-doping awareness being directed to national level athletes. Most, if not all of ISSF educational initiatives in the past have been aimed mainly at international level athletes. Now the ISSF has decided to focus on getting national federations and national anti-doping organizations more involved in educating junior athletes and national level athletes. Also in the coming meeting of the Medical Committee in November it will take a very close look at taping which is according to ISSF rules forbidden. Dr. Lally closed his report by thanking the President, the Secretary General and the Vice President Gary Anderson as well as the ISSF staff and the consultant Ms. Janie Soubliere for their tremendous work and support in all doping matters.

The President thanked Dr. Lally for the excellent report and since there were no further questions thanked all Section Committees for the good work and announced a coffee break of 15 minutes.

ITEM 7 Report of the Continental Shooting Confederations

ITEM 7.1 African Shooting Sport Federation

The President asked Mr. Hazem Hosny Ahmed, President of the African Shooting Sport Federation (ASSF), to give his report. President Hosny thanked the President and the Secretary General for the support and referred to his written report in the documents. It was the first time that two athletes from the African continent had obtained quota places for Egypt, which is Mr. Azmy Mehelba (skeet 125) and Ms. Shimaa Hashad (air rifle 40). Mr. Hosny continued that the 12th African Shooting Championship, which will be held in Cairo, EGY, will be the qualifying competition for the Olympic Games 2016 where 15 Olympic quota places will be distributed. He also reported that several judges courses had been conducted for shotgun but also for rifle and pistol. Further he reported that the ISSF Academy D Course for coaches will be organized in Cairo, Egypt next September with instructors Mr. Todorovic, Mr. Maksimovic and Mr. Sokic. Mr. Hosny closed his report by informing that presently the African Shooting Sport Federation has 17 members and the most important task for the ASSF is to increase the number of member federations. Mr. Hosny thanked for the attention and was ready for any questions.

The President thanked Mr. Hosny and since there were no further questions proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 7.2 Shooting Confederation of the Americas

The President gave the floor to Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso, President of the Confederation of the Americas (CAT). Mr. Silva thanked and referred to his written report but wanted to mention a few items which were of importance. The activities of the CAT had started in February and beginning of March where the first Shotgun World Cup was conducted in Acapulco. It was the first time when five ranges were used in the Shooting Range and more than 500 athletes had attended and was an important quota competition for the Olympic Games 2016. Mr. Silva continued in reporting that the next activity had been the World Cup in Fort Benning which was held last May and turned out to be extremely popular establishing a record in attendance for an event of this nature on the American continent. Mr. Silva especially thanked the Organising Committee as well as the volunteers of this very well conducted World Cup. He then informed the members that the Pan American Games in Toronto in July 2015 had been the biggest and most important event. 20 quota places had been distributed. For the first time the largest multisport event on the American continent introduced a new system throughout the year 2014 which took into consideration results in the South American Games in Santiago, which assigned 15 quotas, the Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz, which assigned another 15 quotas and the most important of all, the Tournament of the Americas in Guadalajara, which distributed 200 quotas. The host country Canada obtained 15 quotas, 5 wild cards had been distributed and a total of 250 quotas had been distributed for the Pan American Games. This new system proved to be excellently working.

Mr. Silva continued in reporting that the small shooting range located in Barrie, which is 45 minutes away from the city of Toronto fulfilled all the expectations and undoubtedly the Organizing Committee studied its layout, one of the proposals on the 2020 IOC Agenda. Following the London model, the 50m and 10m shooting ranges were combined in one. Something which had already been done, very successfully, at the new shooting range located in Veracruz, Mexico, for the previous Central American and Caribbean Games which had been conducted in November 2014. Efficient and low-maintenance shooting ranges are currently the prototype to follow in order to leave a functional legacy after holding multi-sport events in America. The satellite village for athletes, coaches and delegates, which was only a few minutes away from the shooting ranges, had been pleasant and comfortable and also confirmed to be another success for the Pan American Games 2015.

Mr. Silva liked to acknowledge the efforts and dedication shown by the Technical Delegate Mr. Robert Mitchell whose advice and knowledge were instrumental for the success of the Organizing Committee. Mr. Silva wished to extensively express his deepest appreciation to the efficient group of juries, officials and referees, thanks to whose excellent disposition and positive attitude the competitions could be held in an impartial environment, following all current rules. Mr. Silva closed his report by announcing that the American Shooting Confederation was very optimistic with regard to the upcoming Olympic Games of Rio 2016, where it is aspired to surpass the 5 medals obtained in London. More than 50 athletes from American countries have already classified for the next Olympic Games. The President thanked Mr. Silva for the excellent report and good work.

ITEM 7.3 Asian Shooting Confederation

The President gave the floor to Mr. Ali Mohammed Al Kuwari from Qatar, Nominee of the Asian Shooting Confederation. Mr. Al Kuwari thanked the President and referred to his written report but also wanted to point out some important items. He started with the 5th Asian Shooting

Championship as well as the 8th Asian Airgun Championship which will be held in September and October this year. The Asian Shooting Confederation also supervised several shooting competitions which included regional competitions and World Championship within the framework of the ISSF schedule. The forthcoming 13th Asian Shooting Championship will be held in November where quota places will be distributed for the Olympic Games 2016 in Rio. These important Championship will take place at the Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Olympic Shooting Complex in Kuwait. Mr. Al Kuwari reported that the Organizing Committee in Kuwait is ready and the shooting range is completely updated and ready to welcome the athletes. The Asian Shooting Confederation is further preparing the 5th Asian Youth Training Camp 2016. Mr. Al Kuwari reported that the 4th Asian Youth Training Camp in trap and double trap was successfully held from 17 to 23 January 2015. The ASC Training Academy (ASCTA) Headquarter is located in Kuwait and has devised and developed a structured plan and curriculum of coach education as well as structural guidelines for educational programmes within the framework of the ASC. This concluded the report by the Asian Shooting Confederation and the President thanked Mr. Al Kuwari for this excellent report and since there were no further questions proceeded to the next item.

ITEM 7.4 European Shooting Confederation

The President gave the floor to Mr. Vladimir Lisin, President of the European Shooting Confederation. Mr. Lisin thanked the President and referred to the written report in the documents but also wanted to mention a few important items. Mr. Lisin reported that the 1st European Games in Baku had been conducted and were very successful. There had been seven days of competitions and 48 nations participated in 15 individual and four mixed team events. A total of 334 athletes participated. The European Shooting Confederation further conducted several Championship and competitions and many athletes from Europe participated in the quota competitions and until September 28 countries obtained 145 quota places, which is an excellent result and shows the high quality of shooting sport in Europe. This concluded the report and the President thanked Mr. Lisin for this excellent report and congratulated the European Shooting Confederation for the very successful work for the shooting sport in Europe.

ITEM 7.5 Oceania Shooting Federation

The President informed the Administrative Council that Mr. Nick Sullivan from Australia is excused but he sent his activity report which could be found in the documents. The President closed the agenda item 7 with thanking all continents for their excellent work for the shooting sport. He once again confirmed that if there is anything the ISSF can do or assist, the President or Secretary General should be contacted.

ITEM 8 Report on the work of the:

ITEM 8.1 Adhoc Testing Committee for Electronic Targets

The President asked Mr. Schreiber to report and he informed the Administrative Council that the Adhoc Testing Committee for Electronic Targets has changed. The new committee is now composed as follows:

- Franz Schreiber, Secretary General, Chairman
- Alexandros Dimakakos, Representative of the ISSF Executive Committee
- Derek Ivy, Member ISSF Administrative Council
- Stewart Watterson, Member ISSF Pistol Committee

- Wilhelm-Xaver Grill, Member ISSF Technical Committee
- Dr. Erik Anderson, ISSF Result Analysist
- Dr. Michael Spiegel, ISSF Testing Photo-Analysist
- Ernst Adler, Testing Coordinator

Mr. Schreiber continued in informing the Administrative Council that there had been a written report in the documents. Mr. Schreiber told that usually and from now on this report will be given by Mr. Dimakakos but unfortunately he is not participating in this meeting. If there are any questions, Mr. Schreiber is ready to answer. Mr. Hosny asked if he could have an explanation about the meaning of "test under competition conditions" and moreover he would like to know exactly why it is restricted to "some competitions". Mr. Schreiber answered that in the list of approved EST it is mentioned that all Phase 1 and Phase 2 approved EST targets may be used in ISSF supervised competitions except for some competitions where a special sponsor agreement is in place until the year 2020. At the moment those special competitions are Junior World Cups, World Cups, World Cup Finals, World Championship and competitions where quota places for 2020 may be obtained. In those competitions it is necessary due to the sponsor agreement that only targets from the company SIUS are allowed to be used. In other competitions any Phase 1 and 2 approved EST targets may be used. Since there were no further questions the President proceeded in the agenda.

ITEM 8.2 ISSF Training Academy

The President gave the floor to Mr. Kevin Kilty who is acting as one of the main tutors of the ISSF Training Academy (TA). Mr. Kilty thanked the President for giving him the opportunity to report on the TA. Mr. Kilty reported that presently the TA has 1086 students who had passed through the courses of the TA. The newly introduced D course programme is well accepted and brings a lot of participants to the TA. These newly introduced D courses are maybe the most important for all ISSF Member Federations because they are conducted in the language of the country. The following courses of the TA in the category C, B and A will all be conducted in the English language and therefore the D courses are of great importance for those who are not capable of speaking English. Mr. Kilty further reported that the contents of the courses had been recently modernized and that the TA is also taking care of Olympic Solidarity technical courses for coaches. In 2014 the ISSF Training Academy conducted five and in 2015 seven Olympic Solidarity courses. The TA is working on producing a specific syllabus for these courses which would in effect turn them into something similar to a D course to maximise the benefit to the coaches and athletes who participate in these courses. Mr. Kilty reported that the IOC/ISSF training systems development project is an excellent project and is very popular within the TA. The goal of these courses is to provide guidance and support to member federations in developing their own coaching structures and high performance programmes. The 2014 course took place and a total of 22 coaches participated. The 2015 course will take place in Kuortane, FIN, in December and already many participants have registered. These IOC/ISSF training system development project is supported by the Olympic Solidarity and therefore the ISSF is able to support the students with travel and a reduced course fee. The biggest change in the ISSF Training Academy is that the TA coach licenses now have a four year period of validity. The purpose of this is to ensure that coaches who are recognised as being licensed by the ISSF are in fact active in coaching and that they are updating their skills. With the introduction of this change coaches are ensured a four year license and a unique coach ID number to indicate the current active status and license level. Coaches in return are allowed to use the ISSF coaches' logo on their own personal and federation's promotional material. Such a licensed and properly accredited coach qualification is a requirement for many national federations for the coaches to

be recognised by government authorities. The response to this programme has been overwhelmingly positive and to date the ISSF TA has issued 147 license cards under this new programme.

Mr. Kilty referred to a new scholarship initiative which was discussed with the European Shooting Confederation (ESC) and the proposal was put to the ESC General Assembly in Ljubljana to consider the establishment of a scholarship fund to send European Federation coaches to attend the ISSF Training Academy. The proposal was warmly received and was unanimously passed by the General Assembly. Mr. Kilty informed the Administrative Council members that this scholarship proposal is something which could be an ideal model for other Continental confederations to consider. This concluded the report of Mr. Kilty and the President thanked him for this excellent detailed report. The President thanked Mr. Kilty further for his tremendous work and confirmed that the ISSF is fully supporting the Training Academy and if there is anything Mr. Kilty needs he should contact the President or Secretary General immediately. The President thanked Mr. Lisin and Mr. Ratner for their support for the TA with this project of scholarships.

ITEM 8.3 ISSF TV and Media

The President asked Mr. Gary Anderson to give his report and Mr. Anderson thanked the President for giving him the opportunity to report on the excellent work of the ISSF TV and media. Mr. Anderson reported that the objectives of the ISSF TV, Media and Communications are to communicate the best images and information about ISSF Championship and athletes to the shooting fans, the media and the public. Further objectives are to keep national federations, athletes, coaches and fans informed and involved in the shooting sport and, very importantly, to attract new athletes and new fans to the shooting sport. The ISSF professional communications experts create content at ISSF Championship and events to distribute to the media and published all the necessary information. The communication team consists of:

- ISSF Communications Manager: Marco Dalla Dea
- ISSF NEWS Editor: Wolfgang Schreiber
- ISSF TV Project Coordinator: Wolfgang Schreiber
- ISSF TV Hit the Roof Production: Cedric Roger
- ISSF TV Producer-Director: Jonathan Stoppele
- ISSF TV Distribution: Dominique Curchod
- ISSF Enlarged TV and Press Team: Nicolo Zangirolami (photographer), Alessandro Ceschi and Marco Vettoretti (social media and press office), Valentina Cinetto (Chinese social media and press office)

Mr. Anderson informed the Administrative Council that the ISSF Communication Team produced communication contents at each ISSF Championship and event, such as results in graphics, videos, photos, interviews, stories, social media, feeds and press releases. These contents from each ISSF competitions and events will be distributed through the ISSF website, the ISSF News magazine as well as the ISSF digital copy of the news on IPad and android tablets, by ISSF social media such as Facebook, twitter, Instagram, flicker and Weibo as well as through ISSF TV productions distributed through EUROVISION and distributed through YouTube, Livestream and YouKu ISSF channels. All ISSF TV will also be distributed through the ISSF HIGHWAY which can be found under www.issf-highway.tv. Finally, the ISSF International Media Service will distribute the content through major agencies and newspapers. Mr. Anderson reported that the ISSF opened new communication channels in the year 2015 such as Instagram.

the world's most popular photo-sharing platform, Livestream, the live broadcast video platform, where ISSF stream all the Finals and YouKu, China's largest video-sharing website, which is now also included in the ISSF distribution. Further Mr. Anderson reported that the ISSF upgraded some existing communication tools, such as the newsletter, the press releases, the press office having now more capacities including Chinese speaking personnel and the Facebook page which has increased the number of posts. Mr. Anderson informed the Administrative Council that for example Instagram is the most trending social network nowadays, with over 300 million active users every month and 30 Billion photos shared. The ISSF opened its Instagram page in July 2015 to distribute its photographic contents and it reached already thousands of contacts worldwide within the first weeks of use. The second new channel of the ISSF is the so-called Livestream, a live-broadcast video platform that allow ISSF to stream live all shooting finals on the internet to a worldwide audience. The ISSF started using Livestream in 2015 to serve the core fans with live action.

Mr. Anderson continued in informing that the YouKu is China's most popular video sharing platform, the Chinese version of YouTube. In 2015 the ISSF started publishing all ISSF TV videos on YouKu because YouTube is not accessible in China. Full Finals and interviews are published now on YouKu with dedicated description texts and titles in Chinese. Interviews with Chinese medallists are uploaded in the Chinese language.

Mr. Anderson further reported that the ISSF content is available on all platforms such as mobile phones, IPads, tablets, internet and television. Very essential at all competitions is the Championship results distribution. The ISSF provides live results, archived results and graphics for TV and publishes it on the website. Also the ISSF is producing and publishing an ISSF photo service. Photos taken during the ISSF events are posted on the website for distribution to the media and interested persons and Mr. Anderson gave as an example that the number of photos posted on issf-sports.org in the year 2015 was 3600. 75,000 persons viewed and used these photos.

Mr. Anderson now referred to the ISSF TV. The ISSF produces its own programs, cooperating with "Hit the Roof" – TV Productions which are based in Geneva, Switzerland and with whom the ISSF is working since 2003. Cedric Roger is the Senior Producer of Hit the Roof and the ISSF is using Jonathan Stoppele as ISSF TV director. The ISSF TV crew includes a commentator and 7 to 20 cameramen, editors and technicians (for full coverage) or 2 cameramen (for light production). The ISSF also has a TV sponsor which is China Digital TV providing some of the technical equipment. Mr. Anderson reported that in 2015 the ISSF TV has made full coverage (with full TV crew, live Finals and full Finals productions) in Larnaca, Munich and Gabala World Cups as well as in the coming Championship in Lonato. Light coverage (2-person crew, handheld camera, live Finals) has been made in the World Cups in Acapulco, Al Ain, Changwon, Fort Benning and Suhl as well as for the World Cup Final in Munich.

Mr. Anderson reported that the ISSF is producing 26 minute highlights featuring reports on ISSF Championship for international TV distribution and 3 minute news which report on different events within a Championship for international TV distribution. Further the ISSF produces 10 minute footage for international TV distribution. Through TV the ISSF is producing taped interviews with athletes and key officials. The ISSF further produces full Finals distributed to TV channels that request them, either broadcast live on Livestream or published on YouTube and YouKu for playback and of course also on the ISSF website. The live Finals are broadcast via Livestream and the official ISSF website. The ISSF TV distribution is handled by Mr. Dominique Curchod, ISSF Communications Manager and distribution is done via Eurovision

Network (satellite transmission) and the ISSF channels on YouTube, Livestream and YouKu. This also includes issf-highway.tv for registered clients, broadcasters and fans.

Mr. Anderson further gave some statistics which are of great interest and he reported that more than 100 hours of TV footage has been produced. More than 90 hours of ISSF TV footage was posted on YouTube, 27 hours of World Cup footage was distributed in 80 countries as well as 30 hours of ISSF World Championship live footage. 10 TV networks used the ISSF WCH satellite feed live, 69 TV networks recorded ISSF satellite feeds for delayed playback. Another 64 TV networks downloaded ISSF footage from Eurovision WorldLink. This shows the excellent acceptance of ISSF productions. Concerning the ISSF TV viewership in the year 2014 it is reported that the Sports Unlimited distribution had reached 45 million contacts, Eurovision distribution reached 125 countries in Asia, the Pacific, Europe and the Americas. Eurovision distribution reached a total of 200 to 250 million viewers and the most popular products for television distribution are the 3-Minute News. Therefore the ISSF is very pleased to announce that in 2014 the ISSF TV distribution reached 200 to 250 million viewers in over 100 countries which is an excellent number. Mr. Anderson further reported that the ISSF TV distribution via YouTube is working since 2010 and 1,150 videos had been posted. The ISSF has 21,600 subscribers on YouTube and these videos had been playbacked 12.3 million times. In the year 2015 there had been 2,8 million playbacks, which comprises 20.8 million minutes of TV footage. The top viewing countries are the USA, France, Japan, Germany, Italy and Spain.

The ISSF Communications in 2015 could register 150 online articles published on issf-sports.org with 207,000 readers (60% more compared to the same period in 2014). 3,600 photos were posted on the ISSF website and 75.000 gallery views had been registered (18% more compared to the same period in 2014). The ISSF website registered 420,000 unique visitors which is in comparison to 2014 a plus of 32 percent. The ISSF Twitter page has 9,200 followers (24% more), the Facebook page could register 127,000 fans (60% more) and on YouTube 2,9 million videos had been viewed in 2015 (43% more). Livestream had 90,350 views in the year 2015.

Mr. Anderson further reported on ISSF activities on Facebook. The ISSF Facebook page opened in February 2010. During ISSF competitions there is a daily update and the ISSF now has 127,000 fans. The biggest age group belongs to the 18 to 24 years old. This concluded the report of Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Ratner first of all thanked Mr. Anderson for the excellent report and the huge ISSF activity the ISSF is doing in this area. Mr. Ratner wanted to ask about the budget since Mr. Anderson spoke of a limitation in the budget. Further Mr. Ratner asked if the Organizing Committees are also covering some of the costs and if the ISSF gets some commercial benefits of the increase of viewers. Concerning the marketing Mr. Anderson answered that the marketing expert Mr. Dominique Curchod was successful in distributing the ISSF content. The Organizing Committees do support the TV with some of the costs as they pay the accommodation and local costs for the TV crew. However, the cooperation with some of the Organizing Committees and especially the Member Federations, with regard to TV distribution, must increase and it is very difficult for our Member Federations to get into contact with the local TV stations. This must certainly be worked on.

Mr. Luciano Rossi asked for the floor and informed the Administrative Council that the ISSF TV is one of the most important areas. Mr. Rossi thanked Mr. Anderson for the excellent report and thanked the ISSF for the excellent products within this very important field. Mr. Rossi continued

in pointing out that in his opinion the ISSF TV Media and Communications is extremely important for them ISSF. He further added that in the coming World Championship all Finals will be live televised by the ISSF TV and RAI, the Italian television, will use the signal in all Finals. Mr. Rossi further confirmed that it is very important for the ISSF to invest money in this important projects. Once again Mr. Rossi congratulated the ISSF for the excellent work and also for the results which show that the shooting sport is getting more and more popular. This great popularity of course contributes to the success of the shooting sport worldwide. Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. Rossi for the positive comments and wanted to point out that in the documents a detailed statistical report by Marco Dalla Dea, the ISSF Communications Manager, can be found. This may be of specific interest for some of the members.

Ms. Susan Abbott thanked for this excellent report and wanted to point out that also she is using the IPad to watch the live coverage. Further she informs about the availabilities of live streams. Ms. Abbott congratulated the TV and Communication team and pointed out that live coverage improved, compared to last year, with regard to audio as it is now possible to also listen to the commentators. The President thanked Mr. Rossi and Ms. Abbott for their comments and wanted to come back to the question of Mr. Ratner concerning the budget. He informed the Administrative Council that the ISSF is paying a little bit more than half a million euros per year. The President thanked especially Mr. Anderson for his excellent report and detailed information and pointed out once again that due to these successes the shooting sport is now accepted worldwide. The IOC Agenda 2020 also secures that International Federations are checked with regard to these aspects and it is very important that the ISSF is showing good results. The President said that it is very important that the ISSF continues in having excellent TV, media and press communications as other federations are trying to get on the Olympic programme. Therefore, the ISSF must continue to show excellent results.

The President once again thanked Mr. Anderson and all members for their comments and informed the members of the Administrative Council that Mr. Lisin prepared a video which he wanted to show to them. Mr. Lisin thanked the President and started by informing that he very much supports the ISSF TV projects and that it is very important to have a good distribution but also to have good TV products. Further he mentioned that the internet is very important and an excellent tool to promote the shooting sport. It has the attention of many people and there might be the possibility to get some financial return. Mr. Lisin further pointed out that it is important to get revenues from ISSF TV productions. These are partly resulting from good distribution but also from the products themselves. Therefore the products have to be improved to an excellent quality. Concerning TV productions Mr. Lisin showed a video and gave some further accompanying explanations. The President thanked Mr. Lisin and asked for further questions.

Mr. Singh asked for the floor and reported that in India there is a new project which is a copy of the Cricket Federation. The project is about a shooting league and according to the business plan this league will have several sponsors and will be shown on television in India. Mr. Singh further informed that the production teams in India are having problems in finding a good production but also good ways of distributing through various channels. The ISSF could be of help here and he will get into contact with the Secretary General regarding this matter.

Mr. Ratner asked for the floor and emphasized that due to the higher number of viewers and interest created it is very important to have a high quality of production. One of the major points is how to broadcast the shooting sport and so the quality of products is very important and must

become one of the core matters. Since there were no further questions the President proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 8.4 ISSF Workshop for Organizers

The President asked Mr. Anderson to give a short report and the Vice President thanked the President for giving him the opportunity to report on the ISSF Workshop for Organizers. He referred to his written report in the documents. Mr. Anderson said that the last Workshop for Organizers was conducted in November 2014 and was attended by 32 delegates representing all 2014 organizers. The ISSF is now organizing the 2015 Workshop in Munich on 20 to 21 November and all organizers from the year 2014, 2015 and 2016 are invited to participate. The aim of the Workshop, as mentioned very often before, is to train and educate the organizers on how to conduct a successful ISSF competition. The report by Mr. Anderson concluded that it is most important to improve the quality of the conduct of ISSF Championship. The President thanked him and since there were no further questions he proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 8.5 Coach Advisory Committee

The President gave the floor to Mr. Robert Mitchell who thanked him and reported to the Administrative Council that he is trying to give some additional information to the very detailed and excellent report in the documents written by Mr. Kevin Kilty, Mr. Mitchell reported that the Coach Advisory Committee (CAC) is an Adhoc Committee whose main task it is to advise. The coaches have the necessary knowledge and it is very important that their expertise is used. Especially in the Workshop it is important that the coaches are giving their input. The CAC is also working very closely together with the Athletes Committee because also in daily life coaches and athletes are also working very closely together. Mr. Mitchell also reported that it is also important that the coaches are also included in the discussion within the Agenda 2020 due to their expertise. The IOC Rule 50, which is dealing with the advertisement during the Olympic Games, has been discussed with the CAC. It is very important that the coaches are perfectly aware of this rule in order to protect the athletes from having forbidden advertisement on their clothing and equipment. Mr. Mitchell informed that Mr. Kilty is the chairman of the CAC and in agreement with him he is a little disappointed that it was not possible, during the past year, to accomplish more. The expectations had been very high and the outcome is of course positive but could be better in his opinion. Mr. Mitchell further pointed out that the first designation of the coaches had been in the year 2009 and that it was now the time to make modifications to get new ideas. This concluded the report of Mr. Mitchell and the President asked for questions. Mr. Schreiber took the floor and wanted to come back to two items. The first one was the very important Rule 50 covering the advertisement on clothing and equipment during the Olympic Games. In the next weeks the ISSF will send out a circular to all Member Federations to inform them about this rule. The second item refers to the renewal of the CAC. Mr. Schreiber said: "The ISSF is very interested in that and we are waiting for proposals regarding this."

The President thanked Mr. Mitchell for his report and since there were no further questions he proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 8.6 International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

The President asked Mr. Schreiber to give a short report. After thanking the President, Mr. Schreiber told that December last year the ISSF gave a very detailed report about the work with the IPC. Since that further communication had taken place between the IPC and the ISSF. Ms. Sarah Bond, shooting manager, participated in the Judges Committee meeting in January 2015

where further cooperation with regard to judges licenses had been agreed on. Mr. Schreiber said: "The shotgun community will organize another international competition after the World Championship in Lonato. Further detailed rules are now being prepared for disabled shotgun shooting by FITAV and will be discussed by the IPC. We are looking forward to continue this important part of the ISSF." IPC representatives had again been invited to participate in the 2015 Workshop for Organizers as in the past two years.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber for the report and asked Vice President Luciano Rossi to give some additional comments. Mr. Rossi thanked the President and once again confirmed that the cooperation between IPC, ISSF and FITAV is very positive. The last visit the IPC Headquarters in Bonn was very productive and FITAV is working very hard to promote the disabled shotgun shooting sport. Mr. Rossi told that FITAV is again organizing international disabled shotgun shooting competitions in Lonato this year. Until now seventeen countries have registered athletes to this competitions. Mr. Rossi asked all Administrative Council members to promote the disabled shotgun shooting since, in his opinion, this is a very important part of the ISSF. The President thanked Mr. Rossi for his report and congratulated him and FITAV on the great work they are doing for disabled shotgun shooting.

ITEM 9 Report on the preparation of the ISSF World Championship Shotgun in Lonato, ITA from 9 to 18 September 2015

The President gave the floor to Mr. Rossi who referred to the written report in the documents. Mr. Rossi first of all confirmed that FITAV is ready to conduct the World Championship and to welcome all participants. At the moment there are 93 nations who have registered 800 athletes, which, in his opinion, represents a new record in World Championship participation. Mr. Rossi informed all Administrative Council members that the next day, at 5:30 in the afternoon, the opening ceremony will be organized and high participation is expected. Furthermore he explained that during this World Championship the original torches of all Olympic Games will be displayed on the shooting venue. This is a very special collection and thanks to the NOC of Italy this had been made possible. Mr. Rossi continued in informing the Administrative Council that FITAV, in cooperation with CONI and Trap Concaverde, is organizing an international conference on September 11 about food, health, environment and safety in clay target shooting. He explained that these are very important matters and that, during the conference, experts will speak and conduct a final discussion. Therefore he cordially invited all members to participate in this conference. Finally, Mr. Rossi invited all Administrative Council members to a reception and dinner right after the opening ceremony which will be on the shooting venue.

The President asked if there are any questions and Mr. Mitchell asked for a detailed time schedule including the times of the finals. Mr. Rossi informed that detailed material will be distributed at that night's dinner. The President thanked Mr. Rossi for the excellent report and confirmed that the ISSF is looking forward to very successful World Championship in the following days. The President thanked all Administrative Council members for their cooperation, announced a lunch break and the continuation at 2:30.

ITEM 10 Report on preparation of the ISSF World Championship Running Target in Suhl, GER from 15 to 23 July 2016

The President gave the floor to Mr. Jörg Brokamp who thanked the President and informed the Administrative Council that the German Shooting Federation is very proud to be host of the ISSF World Championship Running Target 2016 in Suhl, GER. The Championship will be conducted

from 15 to 23 July 2016. Mr. Brokamp further informed the Administrative Council that the Organizing Committee is of course in close contact with the Technical Delegate Mr. Pekka Kuusisto who is also Chairman of the Running Target Committee and therefore has excellent knowledge about this discipline. Mr. Brokamp further referred to the documents which every Administrative Council member could examine in his or her file and where a preliminary programme as well as a written report about the status of the preparation could be found. The venue in Suhl has already organized and conducted the European Championship in Running Target in the past year which had been very successful. The installations were ready for 10m and 50m Running Target disciplines. Mr. Brokamp confirmed that Suhl and the German Shooting Federation were well prepared to organize the event on the beautiful shooting range in Suhl which also had been the centre of Running Target sport in Germany. The President thanked Mr. Brokamp for the short report and since there were no further questions he proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 11 Report on preparation of the XXXI Olympic Games 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, BRA from 5 to 14 August 2016

The President asked Mr. Schreiber to give a short report. Mr. Schreiber informed the Administrative Council that during the last GA in December 2014 a very detailed report was given by Mr. Agberto Guimarães, Sports Director of Rio 2016. However, since that report, there had been a major change concerning the Finals Hall. The Rio 2016 Organizing Committee has decided that there will not be a new temporary Finals Hall but that the present ones will be reconstructed. After long discussions between Rio, President Vazquez, Mr. Schreiber and Rifle and Pistol Technical Delegate Gary Anderson, Rio 2016 had finally decided that the legacy for Rio will improve if the Finals Hall will be reconstructed instead of providing a temporary venue. Rio 2016 promised that the cross capacity for spectators of 2000 will be secured and that the field of play as well as other necessary rooms will be available. After these confirmations the ISSF finally agreed to this change which is of course in compliance with the new IOC Agenda 2020 and will also save a great amount of money. Mr. Schreiber further reported that in the documents a lot of information can be found, such as the schedule of the Olympic Games, the list of jury members (also serving as jury members for the OG test event) and also the schedule for the OG test event. The documents also contained some photos which had been taken in August and showed the construction process on the venue. Some of the photos showed the demolition of the Finals Hall and also some work on the qualification ranges for rifle, pistol and shotgun. Mr. Schreiber moreover reported that the preparation for the test event was now in full swing, Responsibilities were now clearly divided between Rio 2016 Organizing Committee as well as the Brazilian Shooting Sport Federation. Mr. Schreiber also informed that preparations are running well and smoothly and that the ISSF was looking forward to excellent Olympic Games in Rio 2016. Mr. Schreiber closed his short report in congratulating the Rio 2016 Organizing Committee and all officials involved who are doing a great job in preparing a successful event. Special thanks were addressed to Agberto Guimarães, Rodrigo Garcia, Gustavo Cerqueira Lima and Ericson Andreatta.

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber for his report and asked Mr. Gary Anderson, who is acting as Technical Delegate for the Rio Olympic Games 2016, if he had anything to add. Mr. Anderson thanked the President and mentioned that the ISSF is in close cooperation with the Organizing Committee and the Brazilian Shooting Sport Federation concerning the training of national officials. As Brazil does not have many juries and officials who are very familiar with the shooting sport, the ISSF together with Rio 2016 as well as the Brazilian Shooting Sport Federation had agreed on a programme to train national officials. Therefore persons, who will be

acting as officials at the OG and test event, had been sent to competitions (such as World Cups and World Championship) for training. This measurement was well accepted and had positive results. Mr. Anderson confirmed that until the Olympic Games start juries and officials will be available.

The President thanked Mr. Anderson for his short report and highlighted that there is a certain pattern in the procedure of the OG Organizing Committees. In the beginning big promises are made, whereas bigger problems arise towards the opening of the OG, for example when it comes to budget issues. It was therefore necessary that the IOC as well as the National Federations are in close contact with the Organizing Committee to be able to assist in organizing and conducting excellent Olympic Games.

The President further informed the Administrative Council that some months ago he had a conversation with Mr. Carlos Nuzman, President of the OG Organizing Committee together with the IOC. They mutually agreed on the change concerning the Finals Hall which is completely in accordance with IOC Agenda 2020. The President especially thanked Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Anderson for the excellent work together with the Organizing Committee in preparing the Olympic Games.

ITEM 12 Report on preparation of the ISSF World Championship Shotgun 2017 in Moscow, RUS

The President asked Mr. Lisin and Mr. Ratner to give some details and Mr. Ratner started his report. He informed the Administrative Council that the Minister of Sports and the Government of Moscow Region are part of the Organizing Committee. This secured that the organization will have highest standards and is supported by the government which also affects finances in a positive way. Organization will mostly be in the hands of the Russian Shooting Union. A lot of upgrades had been done on the shooting range Foxlodge, the most important being the 5th combined range. Further, the construction of a safety wall close to range No 1 was finished and as well as a new hotel for guests, jury members and Technical Delegates. Mr. Ratner also informed the Administrative Council that the Organizing Committee was paying special attention to the list of referees to secure that excellent referees would be participating in the World Championship. Special seminars and courses had been conducted recently. The Organizing Committee was working very closely with nearby hotels, transport companies, visa support and customs and also discussions had started with potential sponsors for the World Championship. Mr. Ratner closed his short report by showing a video and was ready for any questions.

The President thanked Mr. Ratner for this report and thanked Mr. Lisin, President of the Russian Shooting Union, for the excellent support of the shooting sport in Russia. He confirmed that the ISSF is confident that there will be excellent World Championship in 2017.

ITEM 13 Report on preparation of the ISSF World Championship Junior 2017 for Rifle and Pistol in Suhl, GER

The President asked Mr. Jörg Brokamp, Secretary General of the German Shooting Sport Federation, to give a short report. Mr. Brokamp thanked the President and first of all referred to the short written report in the documents. He then emphasized that the German Shooting Sport Federation (DSB) is very familiar with working with juniors. Since more than ten years the German Shooting Sport Federation is organizing a junior competition in Suhl, GER. The DSB is very proud to be selected for conducting the first World Championship for juniors. The location

will be the newly renovated venue in Suhl. The shooting range in Suhl was the venue of the 1986 World Championship and has recently been updated, now having the newest SIUS electronic targets for 10, 25 and 50m and even separate Final range for 10 and 50m. Mr. Brokamp further informed the Administrative Council that the staff in Suhl as well as the volunteers were well aware on how to work with juniors and that the German Shooting Sport Federation was looking forward to welcoming all Member Federations and participants.

The President thanked Mr. Brokamp and since there were no further questions he proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 14 Report on preparation of the 52nd ISSF World Shooting Championship 2018 in Changwon, KOR from 31 August to 14 September 2018

The President asked Mr. Schreiber to give a short report and Mr. Schreiber informed the Administrative Council that Changwon already had organized a World Cup in 2014 which had been very successful. Since the old shooting ranges were destroyed and demolished a new venue would be constructed until September 2017. The documents contained a report by the Organizing Committee in which it asked the Executive Committee to change the dates. There had been a date conflict with the Asian Games by some days and the Organizing Committee wanted to use the nearby Changwon University as an accommodation for the athletes. If this was not possible they would find a solution but it would still be of great help if the Executive Committee agreed on a change of date. In the meeting the day before, the Executive Committee discussed this matter and decided to approve the request. Therefore the new dates proposed are 31 July to 14 August 2018. This might cause overlapping problems as in July there will be the Central Caribbean Games, multiple sports games that had already been fixed. It also had to be taken into consideration that to be able to use the Changwon University for accommodation the Championship have to be finished within the month of August. This was due to the fact that students would be arriving at the university afterwards.

Mr. Schreiber closed his report by stating that in the following weeks and months the final date will be agreed on by the Organizing Committee and be published on the website as soon as possible. The President thanked Mr. Schreiber and since there were no further questions proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 15 Report on preparation of the 3rd Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, ARG from 1 to 12 October 2018

The President asked Mr. Schreiber to give a short report and Mr. Schreiber informed the Administrative Council that the IOC had finally confirmed the programme for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Buenos Aires. The documents contain the letter the ISSF had received on 5 August 2015. The IOC confirmed that the shooting sport will be represented in the YOG with six medals in the disciplines 10m air rifle for men and women, 10m air pistol for men and women and mixed events in air rifle and air pistol. A total of 80 quota places had been confirmed. In the past months the President discussed the possibility to include shotgun in the programme but, unfortunately, the IOC informed the ISSF that this would not be possible. The inclusion of Target Sprint was also a matter for discussion but had to be postponed. This concluded the report by Mr. Schreiber.

Mr. Rossi wanted to add that first of all he wanted to thank the President and Secretary General for discussing the inclusion of shotgun with the IOC. He emphasized that shotgun is equally

important in shooting sport as rifle and pistol. Mr. Rossi was therefore hoping that the ISSF would continue their efforts to get shotgun included in the programme of the YOG. The President thanked Mr. Rossi for his comments and confirmed that efforts will be continued.

ITEM 16 Information on Financial Situation

The President informed the Administrative Council that the ISSF is in a good financial situation, having approximately 3 Million euros in the accounts. In the year 2016 the IOC would again pay the IOC subsidy for the following four years, an estimated amount of 17 Million dollars, being a slight increase to 2012. The Administrative Council applauded on that and since there were no further questions the President proceeded to the next agenda item.

ITEM 17 Report of the Awards Committee

The President informed the Administrative Council that it was necessary to designate a new Chairman of the Awards Committee. Mr. Raninder Singh, member of the ISSF Executive Committee, had been nominated as such and gave a short report.

Mr. Singh thanked the President for his trust and reported that the Awards Committee had had its meeting the day before. The applications for some awards were discussed in detail. The Awards Committee consists of

Mr. Raninder Singh

Mr. Hazem Hosny

Mr. Carlos Silva Monterroso

Mr. Mohamed Al Kuwari

Mr. Alexander Ratner

Mr. Nick Sullivan

Unfortunately Mr. Nick Sullivan was not able to participate in the past meeting. 61 diplomas, 34 bronze medals, 11 silver medals and 13 gold medals were recommended to be approved by the Administrative Council. The diplomas and medals would be given to persons who had been doing excellent work in the service of the ISSF. Following the proposal of the President, the Awards Committee discussed and agreed on recommending to the Administrative Council to issue presidential buttons.

The President thanked Mr. Singh for his report and asked for a vote on the recommendations of the Awards Committee. The Administrative Council unanimously approved of all recommendations, with no abstention and no vote against.

Gold Medal:

AKHUNODOV Vagiv (AZE)
AL NASSERI Mohammed Rashid (UAE)
ANSCHÜTZ Dieter (GER)
BODIN Dr. Rolf (SWE)
BODIN Kerstin (SWE)
DUISTERHOF Sander (NED)

DURAND Taylor (CAN)
JÄRVINEN Dr. Hannu (FIN)
KUUSISTO Pekka (FIN)
VAMPLEW Patrick (CAN)
VRBEK Biserka (CRO)

Silver Medal:

BERKVENS Annemiek (NED)
GOMANOV Vladimir (RUS)
HARTMANN Gabriele (GER)
PAPAPANAGIOTOU Georgios (GRE)

PENA SOBERANIS Jorge A. (MEX) TEGONI Nicola (ITA) XENOFONTOS Kostakis (CYP)

Bronze Medal:

ABASCAL ALVAREZ Carlos (MEX) AHN Kwang Choon (KOR) AL SHAMSI Saif Manea (UAE) BOU EID KFOURY Rita (UAE) BRIEZ Ghislaine (FRA) CASWELL Dale (CAN) DAVIDOVICH Yair (ISR) **DELIOS Vasilios (GRE)** EL NAIM Loay (UAE) FAWZY Fathi Mohamed (EGY) FOKA Thasos (CYP) GAVRIELIDES Prokopis (CYP) HERAKLEOUS Ioannis (CYP) HEYDAROV Tale (AZE) HONOUR Sandra (CAN) HORNE Richard (CAN) IJZERMAN Egbert (NED) IMNAISHVILI Tamaz (GEO) ISMAYILOV Ismayil (AZE) JO Jeong Hee (KOR) JOHANSSON Patrik (SWE) YLI-JASKARI Kimmo (FIN)

KILTY Kevin (IRL) KIM Il Hwan (KOR) KUZHLEVA Irina (RUS) KOWN O Keun (KOR) LEE Yang Jae (KOR) LIM Chae Soo (KOR) LOUROUTZIATIS Andreas (CYP) NABIEV Igor (RUS) NO Sung Min (KOR) PALMA MARCELINO Juan (MEX) RAHIMOV Azad (AZE) RINKE Stefan (GER) ROBAZZA Claudio (GER) RODRIGUEZ DIEGO Pedro (MEX) SLAPAR Janez (SLO) THEMELIDIS Panagiotis (GRE) TODOROVIC Zeljko (MNE) TRACE Janet (CAN) VALANT Elvira (SLO) VOLGEMUT Davorin (SLO)

ITEM 18 Proposals from Administrative Council members

The President asked Mr. Schreiber for his report. Mr. Schreiber informed the Administrative Council that the ISSF has received a proposal from Mr. Yair Davidovich about holding a World Championship for rifle and pistol more often than every four years. Mr. Davidovich also recommended to use the world ranking for the Olympic Games quota distribution for Tokyo 2020.

Mr. Schreiber explained that the IOC decides about shooting events and numbers of quotas for the Olympic Games and so far, no decision had been made. Discussions with the IOC concerning quota distribution could only be commenced after the IOC's decisions about these matters and usually the ISSF is receiving details a maximum of three years before the Olympic Games. For the next Games this will be eventually in the year 2017. Mr. Schreiber reminded the Administrative Council that the ISSF already tried to get some quota places through the world ranking list for the 2016 Olympic Games, which had been denied by the IOC so far. The basic ISSF principle with regard to the distribution of quota places is that they are only given to athletes who have obtained specific results in an Olympic qualifying competition. The ISSF confirms that it will discuss the distribution of quota places as soon as the number and the events are known in detail. The ISSF will start the discussions in the next meetings and also in the coming one of the

Technical Committee and hopefully would be able to give some recommendations to the Executive Committee in the next meeting. The final approval of the quota rules, however, lies in the hands of the IOC. Mr. Schreiber informed the Administrative Council that also the Adhoc Committee will take these matters into consideration.

Mr. Davidovich's second proposal about the interval of the World Championship was, according to Mr. Schreiber, indeed an important issue, not only for rifle and pistol but also concerning the overall program of ISSF Championship, including World and separate Championship, World Cups and competitions for adults and juniors. Discussing these matters will influence the schedules of ISSF shooting competitions. The President proposed to present these matters to the Adhoc Committee for inspection and was hoping for a satisfactory solution.

Mr. Schreiber further informed that the ISSF is already discussing to changes concerning the interval for the World Championship in order to fit in some separate Championship for rifle, pistol and shotgun every two years. The Adhoc Committee, having its first meeting in November, will consist of the following members:

Franz Schreiber, Chairman
Gary Anderson, Vice President
Yifu Wang, Vice President
Kevin Kilty, Member of the Executive and Coach Advisory Committee
Abhinav Bindra, Member of the Executive and Athletes Committee chairman
Jörg Brokamp, Member of the Executive and chairman of the Technical Committee
Carlos Silva Monterroso, Administrative Council Member
Alexander Ratner, Administrative Council Member
Yair Davidovich, Administrative Council Member
Petros Kyritsis, Member of the Technical Committee

The President thanked Mr. Schreiber for his detailed report and asked Mr. Davidovich if he could agree on this procedure. Mr. Davidovich thanked the President and was looking forward to the discussions in the Adhoc Committee, hoping to find a good solution for the future.

ITEM 19 Miscellaneous

The President asked Mr. Schreiber if there is any matter that has to be discussed under this agenda item. Mr. Schreiber answered that he would like to draw attention to the ISSF address list which is a very important document for the daily work. He asked all Administrative Council Members to carefully examine the list and inform the Headquarters immediately if any amendment was necessary. Mr. Schreiber stressed the importance of having valid contact details on every member in order to distribute information correctly. Furthermore he once again reminded that everyone has received the kind invitation by Vice President Luciano Rossi, the Organizing Committee and Beretta to the Gala Dinner at the Beretta Museum that night. The bus would leave at 5:30 pm and the dress code was business.

Ms. Kerstin Bodin asked if it is possible to send the minutes of the Section Committees immediately after the minutes are approved by the respective committee to the members of the Administrative Council. Mr. Schreiber answered that this would of course be possible.

ITEM 20 Place and date of next Administrative Council meeting

The President informed the Administrative Council that the next meeting would be held on 30 June 2016 in Moscow which is also the day before the next General Assembly on 1 and 2 July. Further details about the meeting would follow shortly.

Before closing the meeting, the President stated:

"I have been President for our Federation since many years now. I have always felt proud of working with all of you. The most important thing for me in the International Federation is the Administrative Council because in the Executive Committee we take some decision but these are the ones that will then be presented to the Administrative Council who is going to have to approve. You know that the Executive Committee can present some ideas but it is the Council who is going to have to approve and change the rules. I have always had in my mind that the people who work in the Administrative Council are the most important ones. We have always tried to have the people who are in the Council to be people who love the sport and who work for the sport They have to be independent from their countries. The International Federation has no country, it doesn't depend on Mexico, the United Sates or Russia but it has to be loved as a free entity and we have to work for it. It has been my pride to feel satisfied to have a Council which is the most important force in our Federation. Some people think I want to be in the Executive Committee but the strength, the force and the decisions are made in the Council. I want to congratulate you and I want to comment this because many advisers are new today and I want you all to know that the people I respect and admire the most and that I always want to work in favour of the sport is all of you. You are the real brain of shooting sport in the world. Thank you."

The Administrative Council applauded and the President continued in thanking the translators for the excellent work. He closed the meeting of the Administrative Council by thanking the Members for their good cooperation. He was looking forward to seeing everybody at dinner that night. The Administrative Council meeting finished at 3:10 pm.

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ISSF President

Franz Schreiber

ISSF Secretary General