



Council Meeting No. 7

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**By video conference
29 April 2020**

Present:

Dr Hassan MOUSTAFA (EGY)	President
Joël DELPLANQUE (FRA)	1 st Vice-President
Mansourou AREMOU (BEN)	IHF Vice-President Africa
Bader AL-THEYAB (KUW)	IHF Vice-President Asia
Michael WIEDERER (AUT)	IHF Vice-President Europe
Anna RAPP (SWE)	Treasurer
Narcisa LECUSANU (ROU)	Executive Committee Member
Dr Frantisek TABORSKY (CZE)	Executive Committee Member
Per BERTELSEN (DEN)	COC Chairman
Ramón GALLEGO (ESP)	PRC Chairman
Dietrich SPÄTE (GER)	CCM Chairman
Dr François GNAMIAN (CIV)	MC Chairman
Charles OMBOUMAHOU (CGO)	IHF Representative Africa
Yoshihide WATANABE (JPN)	IHF Representative Asia
Predrag BOSKOVIC (MNE)	IHF Representative Europe
Ricardo BLAS (GUM)	IHF Representative Oceania
Mario GARCIA DE LA TORRE (MEX)	IHF Representative North America and the Caribbean
Marcel MANCILLA BRAVO (CHI)	IHF Representative South and Central America
Amal KHALIFA (EGY)	General Director
Patric STRUB (GER)	Competitions Director
Marisa STERLY (GER)	IHF Head Office

MEETING TIME: 14:00-16:00

Notes: These minutes constitute a record of decisions taken and only contain the most important spoken contributions. The proceeding of this meeting was recorded. The record is kept at the Head Office in Basel.

President Moustafa as usual abstained from voting.

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President Moustafa opened the meeting, welcoming the Council members to the meeting held by video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He expressed his hopes that all Council members as well as their families are in good health.

1. Minutes

1.1. Council Meeting No. 6, 27/28 February 2020 in Cairo, EGY

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 6th Council Meeting, which was held in Cairo, EGY, on 27/28 February 2020.

Decision:

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Council Meeting No. 6 held in Cairo on 27/28 February 2020.

1.2. Executive Committee Meeting No. 10, 26 February 2020 in Cairo, EGY

President Moustafa presented the minutes of the 10th Executive Committee Meeting, which took place in Cairo, EGY, on 26 February 2020.

Decision:

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 10 held in Cairo on 26 February 2020.

2. President's report about several conference calls

President Moustafa reported that he has been working from Cairo, Egypt since mid-March and presented an overview of his activities, including but not limited to the following:

17 March 2020: Video conference of IOC President Dr Thomas Bach with ASOIF and all Summer Olympic IF Presidents: IOC provided a full update on their preventative actions

26 March 2020: Video conference of IOC President and IOC senior management with ASOIF and all Summer Olympic IF Presidents: IOC provided information on the process for setting the new dates of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the qualification systems

30 March 2020: Video conference of IOC President with all Summer Olympic IF Presidents: Confirmation of the revised dates of the Olympic Games 2020

14 April 2020: IHF Executive Committee meeting by video conference

21 April 2020: IHF joint meeting with chairpersons of COC, PRC, CCM and Technical Adviser by video conference

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21 April 2020: IHF-EHF coordination meeting regarding international handball calendar by video conference

29 April 2020: Meeting with IHF Partner Grundfos by video conference

In addition, he reported that several meetings were held in Cairo, Egypt with the Organising Committee of the 2021 Men's World Championship to discuss the status of the preparations as well as the OC's request to acquire the marketing rights of the event.

Decision.

The Council took note of President Moustafa's report about his activities since the last IHF Council meeting in February 2020.

3. Competitions

3.1. New dates of IHF events

3.1.1. 2020 Men's and Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments

President Moustafa referred to the decision of postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to be held from 23 July to 8 August 2021, taking into account that the qualification principles will remain unchanged and athletes/NOCs that have already gained an Olympic qualification quota place will retain this place. The IHF, in coordination with the Continental Confederations concerned and in particular with the European Handball Federation, tried to find the best possible time slots for the Men's and Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments within the 2021 international calendar according to the qualification principles of the IOC. The following dates were proposed to the IHF Executive Committee in its meeting dated 14 April 2020:

Women's OQTs:	19-21 March 2021 (using existing national team week)
Men's OQTs:	18-20 June 2021 (extending the season by one week)

While the dates of the Women's OQTs were approved by the Executive Committee, concerns were raised about the date of the Men's OQTs, including but not limited to the short rest period of the players, the short time to buy match tickets for the newly qualified teams and the late allocation of governmental support for the Olympic Games qualification in some countries. Therefore, the Executive Committee requested that the EHF shall be contacted once again to coordinate if it is possible to play the Men's OQTs in May 2021 or at an earlier date. Consequently, IHF and EHF discussed alternative options for the Men's OQTs and agreed to organise the Men's OQTs from 12 to 14 March 2021 (using existing national team week).

Decision.

The Council unanimously reconfirmed that the 2020 Men's and Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments shall be rescheduled as follows.

Men's OQTs in FRA, GER, NOR. 12-14 March 2021

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Women's OQTs in ESP, HUN, MNE: 19-21 March 2021

3.1.2. 2020 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in ITA

Referring to the 2020 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships scheduled to be held in Italy from 30 June to 5 July 2020, President Moustafa informed the Council that the IHF Executive Committee proposed on 14 April 2020 to reschedule the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the request of the Italian Handball Federation to postpone the event. He stated that the IHF approached several Arab National Federations to organise the 2020 Beach Handball World Championships still in 2020 during the winter period, taking into consideration the favourable weather conditions in the countries in question.

Decision.

The Council unanimously reconfirmed that the 2020 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships shall be postponed and took note of the information presented by President Moustafa regarding the possibility of organising the event in one of the Arab countries still in 2020 due to the favourable weather conditions in winter. The host and date of the event are yet to be defined.

3.1.3. 2020 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in ROU

Referring to the 2020 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship scheduled to be held in Romania from 1 to 13 July 2020, President Moustafa informed the Council that the Executive Committee proposed on 14 April 2020 to postpone the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In its meeting the Executive Committee discussed different alternative dates which are possible from a calendar point of view and agreed that the event concerned shall be held in Romania from 1 to 13 December 2020 (using existing national team week) after the approval of the Romanian Handball Federation and its government.

Decision.

The Council unanimously reconfirmed that the 2020 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in ROU shall be postponed to be held from 1 to 13 December 2020, taking into consideration the approval of the Romanian Handball Federation and its government.

3.1.4. 2020 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in CRO

Referring to the 2020 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship scheduled to be held in Croatia from 18 to 30 August 2020, President Moustafa informed the Council that the Executive Committee proposed on 14 April 2020 to postpone the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In its meeting the Executive Committee discussed different alternative dates which are possible from a calendar point of view and agreed that the event concerned shall be held in Croatia from 29 September to 11 October 2020 (using existing national team week to be extended by one week) after the approval of the Croatian Handball Federation and its government.

Decision.

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The Council unanimously reconfirmed that the 2020 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in CRO shall be postponed to be held from 29 September to 11 October 2020, taking into consideration the approval of the Croatian Handball Federation and its government.

3.1.5. 2020 Women's Emerging Nations Championship

President Moustafa informed the Council about the first edition of the IHF Women's Emerging Nations Championship which was foreseen to take place in the national team week in October 2020. He pointed out that the Executive Committee proposed on 14 April 2020 to postpone the event to 2022 due to the fact that the national team week in October 2020 might be needed for other activities in view of the different postponements of events resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Decision.

The Council unanimously reconfirmed that the 1st IHF Women's Emerging Nations Championship shall be postponed to 2022.

3.1.6. 2020 Men's Super Globe in KSA

Referring to the 2020 Men's Super Globe scheduled to be held in Saudi Arabia from 6 to 10 October 2020, President Moustafa informed the Council that the Saudi Arabian Handball Federation asked the IHF on 26 March 2020 to postpone the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He reported that the Executive Committee proposed on 14 April 2020 that a final decision shall be taken at a later stage on whether the event will take place as scheduled. For the time being, the event shall be organised as scheduled.

The IHF Vice-President Europe remarked that the European club qualification for the IHF Super Globe cannot be played as scheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stressed the necessity of finding a solution in this regard.

Decision.

The Council unanimously reconfirmed that a final decision shall be taken by 1 July 2020 on whether the 2020 Men's Super Globe in KSA will take place as scheduled or needs to be postponed in case the COVID-19 pandemic persists.

3.1.7. 2021 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in GRE

President Moustafa informed the Council about the necessity of rescheduling the 2021 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship, foreseen to be held in Greece from 2 to 15 August 2021, due to the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games taking place from 23 July to 8 August 2021. The Competitions Director took the floor, explaining that the following alternative dates are possible from a calendar point of view:

- 18 - 29 August 2021 (preferred option)
- 24 August - 4 September 2021

He added that the IHF will coordinate with Hellenic Handball Federation to seek the best option in accordance with the calendar.

The IHF Vice-President Europe raised his concerns about the proposed alternative dates which are very late and might thus affect the remaining handball activities in the calendar. He asked to consider the possibility of organising the 2021 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship prior to the Olympic Games,

e.g. during the same period as the 2021 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship or partially overlapping with the named event.

Decision:

The Council agreed on rescheduling the 2021 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in coordination with Hellenic Handball Federation. The possibility of organising the event prior to the Olympic Games shall be examined.

3.2. Extension of qualification deadline for 2021 Men's World Championship in EGY

President Moustafa informed the Council that the continental qualification for the 2021 Men's World Championship cannot be played as scheduled in Europe, North America and the Caribbean as well as in South and Central America due to the suspension of handball activities in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, he stressed that the deadline of the continental qualifications shall be postponed to October 2020 while the scheduled date of the 2021 Men's World Championship (13-31 January 2021) shall be maintained.

The IHF Vice-President Europe pointed out that due to the fact that no matches can be played in June, July and August 2020 in view of the COVID-19 crisis, the EHF Executive Committee decided on 24 April 2020 to cancel all qualification matches in Europe for the 2021 Men's World Championship. As a consequence, the European qualification for the 2021 Men's World Championship will be based on the results of the Men's EHF EURO 2020. Corresponding to the ranking achieved at the named event, the teams will qualify directly to the 2021 Men's World Championship according to the number of places/reserve places available for European teams.

Decision:

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on the calendar of handball activities, the Council unanimously confirmed the extension of the qualification deadline for the 2021 Men's World Championship to October 2020 which shall be applicable for all continents except Europe, as the European qualification for the 2021 Men's World Championship shall be based on the results of the Men's EHF EURO 2020 according to the EHF Executive Committee decision.

4. Continents

4.1. Postponement of CAHB Ordinary Congress 2020

The letter from African Handball Confederation (CAHB) dated 21 April 2020 was presented to the Council, informing the IHF about the decision of the CAHB Council to postpone the 22nd CAHB Ordinary Electoral Congress, which was scheduled to be held in October 2020 in Bamako, Mali, to a later date due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Moustafa proposed that CAHB, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, could organise their 22nd Ordinary Electoral Congress on the fringes of the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress taking place in

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Antalya, Turkey, which would at the same time help CAHB and its National Federations to save money. The IHF Vice-President Africa appreciated and agreed to President Moustafa's idea.

Decision:

The Council took note of the postponement of the CAHB Ordinary Congress 2020 to be held on the fringes of the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress in TUR, which shall be beneficial to CAHB and its National Federations.

4.2. Report from the continents

President Moustafa asked the continental representatives to provide a brief report on the current activities in the continents in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The IHF Vice-President Africa took the floor, reporting that all handball activities in Africa have been suspended for the time being and several events have been postponed to a later date. He expressed CAHB's hopes to resume their activities as early as possible.

The IHF Vice-President Europe took the floor, informing that all EHF meetings foreseen according to the official schedule were carried out via video conferences; additionally necessary internal and external coordination meetings were held by video conference. He confirmed that the EHF structure as such is fully functional and the combined office/home office situation is currently in a release phase. He reported that the EHF elaborated a competition plan for a potential restart of the European handball season (Feasibility Study), taking into consideration that the implementation of the scenario depends on the development of the COVID-19 situation and related governmental decisions. He pointed out that at the moment no matches are allowed to be played in June, July and August 2020. He also informed that the EHF decided to postpone this summer's EHF Younger Age Category events and is analysing the possibility of organising the events concerned in January 2021. Apart from the uncertainty as to when grassroots activities will be permitted by the public authorities considering handball being a contact sport, he also emphasised the major problems currently faced by many top clubs suffering from a reduced sponsorship and television income, stating that the next EHF activities will target these challenges. He added that the EHF welcomes an initiative from the IHF President in this regard.

President Moustafa wished the IHF Vice-President Europe good luck in this difficult time, pointing out that IHF and EHF will be in constant contact due to the importance of Europe for the IHF.

The IHF Vice-President Asia took the floor, informing that the AHF has been communicating with their member federations during the COVID-19 crisis, taking into consideration that AHF requested all their member federations to prepare a plan for handball activities during and after COVID-19 and asked their member federations about their requirements for handball activities during and after COVID-19. He reported that the AHF is organising an online refreshment course for Technical Delegates and Referees of AHF and preparing a course for coaches in coordination with IHF to issue the coaching licence according to their levels. He stated that the AHF organised an online meeting of the AHF Executive Committee to discuss handball activities during and after COVID-19, adding that the following dates of championships were confirmed:

17th Asian Men's Junior Championship in IRI: 3-13 October 2020

9th Asian Men's Youth Championship in KAZ: 24 October - 3 November 2020

2nd Asian Men's and Women's Youth Beach Handball Championship in THA: November 2020

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The IHF Representative North America and the Caribbean took the floor, explaining that the COVID-19 situation is critical in some countries. He informed that the continental qualification event for the 2021 Men's World Championship which was scheduled to be held in June needs to be postponed, hopefully to the first week of October. In addition, the continental qualification event for the 2020 IHF Men's Super Globe cannot be played in June as scheduled. He added that the qualified nations of the postponed 2020 Women's IHF Trophy Intercontinental Phase are eager to know the new date of the event concerned.

The IHF Representative South and Central America took the floor, outlining that the number of COVID-19 cases is growing and the situation is expected to aggravate as the winter is starting soon in South America. He reported on the elaboration of a necessary marketing campaign in the light of COVID-19 as well as on the organisation of an online seminar for coaches from the Americas hosted by the SCAHC Development Commission from 20 April to 1 May 2020, adding that several IHF speakers and international coaches are presenting webinars under the heading 'Competent Coaches will Develop Competent Athletes'. 140 coaches are participating in this online seminar the opening of which was attended by President Moustafa. In addition, he stated that an online referee seminar with 500 participants is taking place from 27 April to 1 May 2020. He also informed that the first online meeting of the SCAHC Handball Player Working Group was held to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on current handball activities and players in particular. He pointed out that help from the IHF will be needed in the organisation of an online beach handball seminar. He proposed to launch electronic games of handball in the future, similar to other sports such as football and basketball.

The IHF Representative Oceania took the floor, reporting that Guam has been hit quite hard by COVID-19. He stated that the four big countries in Oceania are currently shut down, and that very strict stay-at-home mandates have been issued by the governments of many island communities. Consequently, he reported that communication between the National Federations is currently limited due to the fact that many NFs normally use their offices for communication. He informed that the ONOC General Assembly meeting scheduled to be held in Guam had to be postponed, on the occasion of which the ONOC Executive Board planned to discuss the 2020/2021 activities in Oceania.

President Moustafa wished all Continental Confederations good luck in navigating this unprecedented situation. He encouraged the Continental Confederations and National Federations to stay active during the time of the lockdown, for example by carrying out virtual activities.

Decision.

The Council took note of the activity reports provided by the continental representatives.

5. IHF bodies

5.1. Proposal from PRC Chairman

President Moustafa gave the floor to the PRC Chairman who referred to the discussion during the last IHF Council meeting on 27/28 February 2020 as well as during a subsequent meeting between President Moustafa and the chairpersons of IHF COC, PRC and CCM. The PRC Chairman presented his proposal to amend the IHF Regulations as follows:

In cases of provocation:

Facts:

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During the match the referees show a red card to a defending player under the Rule 8:5. He is attacking an opponent in a way that is dangerous to his health, then is to be disqualified (16:6a).

New in the IHF Regulations:

After the match the Competition Management review the video together with the PRC experts and conclude that the attacker is responsible for a fake action that aims to cause the disqualification of the opponent.

The guilty player will be punished, at least, with one match.

In cases of extremely dangerous action:

Facts:

During the match there is an action particularly reckless, particularly dangerous, premeditated or malicious according to the Rule 8:6, but this action happens outside of the field of view of the referees.

New in the IHF Regulations:

After the match the Competition Management review the video together with the PRC experts and conclude that the action should have been punished with a blue card (disqualification and written report).

The guilty player will be punished, at least, with one match.

President Moustafa emphasised that aggressiveness in handball should be reduced. A strong signal should be sent to show that the IHF is taking care of the health of the players by eliminating dangerous behaviour of the players.

Following a question from the IHF Vice-President Europe which IHF Regulations shall be amended, the General Director clarified that for the moment only the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines should be modified, due to the longer process required for changing the Rules of the Game. In addition, the IHF Vice-President Europe was not in favour of legal decisions after the match being taken by the Competition Management, taking into consideration that the Competition Management is responsible for the organisation of an event and thus involved with the participating nations. He asked to clearly define who is initiating the procedure, who is deciding as well as when and on which basis a decision is taken. He stressed that in the process of analysing a situation and taking a decision after the match, neutrality is of utmost importance. He also remarked that the proposed amendments would have effects on all kinds of matches on different levels. Therefore, an individual timetable for the decision-making process is needed for different competitions.

While the Council members agreed in principle on the amendments proposed by the PRC Chairman, President Moustafa asked the PRC Chairman to prepare a complete proposal within one month, taking into consideration the points raised during the present meeting, to be submitted to the Council for approval.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved in principle the amendments to the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines as proposed by the PRC Chairman. A detailed proposal shall be prepared by the PRC Chairman and submitted to the Council in its next meeting for approval.

5.2. Medical precautions for restarting handball activities

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President Moustafa stressed the importance for IHF Member Federations to ensure (by means of necessary health checks) that all the players are in good health prior to the restart of handball activities in the respective country. He informed that many medical researchers observed a particular impact of COVID-19 on the heart of their patients, particularly the myocardium (muscular layer of the heart). Myocarditis is sometimes asymptomatic in physically fit people, which can lead to dramatic consequences (sudden death on the court). Therefore, it is recommended to set up a gradual rehabilitation and training programme of at least one month, to undergo cardiac examinations and to carry out regular COVID-19 tests.

The MC Chairman took the floor, agreeing to the medical precautions mentioned by President Moustafa. He proposed to define measures for the following five steps:

- ✚ Before competitions
- ✚ During competitions
- ✚ After competitions
- ✚ Conferences, seminars and meetings
- ✚ Education of coaches, referees and delegates (seminars)

Following a question from the Treasurer, President Moustafa pointed out that the proposed medical precautions should apply to the top players first, in particular the players who will be involved in international and continental competitions. He also stressed the importance of providing medical advice to the entire handball family, taking into consideration that many nations worldwide lack medical facilities. In this context, he proposed to also request medical input from the top nations to be shared with all National Federations.

The IHF Vice-President Europe commented that a target group needs to be defined which shall be subject to the proposed measures, for example only those players who tested positive for COVID-19. In this context, President Moustafa stated that some people who are infected remain asymptomatic. He clarified that any player taking part in IHF competitions should provide a medical certificate prior to the event confirming that the player concerned is in good health.

The IHF Representative Oceania remarked that the proposed measures should only apply to those players competing in events under the IHF umbrella. He also recommended considering any quarantine mandates imposed by governments in case an athlete returns to his/her respective country, which may involve additional financial costs.

President Moustafa asked the MC Chairman to prepare a comprehensive proposal of measures to be taken before competitions, during competitions (with/without spectators) and after competitions, which shall be submitted to the Council for approval.

Decision:

The Council took note of the medical precautions for restarting handball activities. The MC Chairman shall prepare a comprehensive proposal of measures before competitions, during competitions (with/without spectators) and after competitions to be submitted to the Council for approval.

5.3. CCM and PRC concept on virtual handball activities

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President Moustafa gave the floor to the CCM Chairman who presented his concept on virtual handball activities, which had been prepared in collaboration with the PRC Chairman further to President Moustafa's initiative of maintaining handball activities during the COVID-19 lockdown. He informed that the IHF Virtual Academy is a new, important strategy for the further development of the IHF's worldwide education campaign and involves training offers in a number of phases. The first step will include an IHF Online Symposium targeted for coaches and referees in June/July 2020, with weekly presentations from top coaches, members of IHF CCM and PRC, and IHF Lecturers. All interested parties worldwide may join the seminars, which will be simultaneously translated into several languages. Topics will include current international trends, match observations and analysis, and tactical and training methodologies. He added that six new online seminars for coaches and referees are scheduled to be launched already in May 2020 while live streaming seminars using interactive tools are also being designed.

The PRC Chairman took the floor, informing that intensive training for IHF referees and candidates within Continental Confederations shall be launched, stating that the referees and candidates will be structured into groups for the training, where current topics concerning rule interpretation will be the key focus.

Referring to the second phase of the IHF Virtual Academy, the CCM Chairman outlined that IHF licence courses will be offered online, stating that the first model course for coaching lecturers within different Continental Confederations is planned to take place in August 2020.

The CCM Chairman added that other IHF development programmes, such as Handball@School, the Traveller Coach Project and the New Markets' Project, shall also be integrated into the IHF Virtual Academy.

Executive Committee Member Narcisa Lecusanu praised the concept of the IHF Virtual Academy, stating that it is a useful tool that involves many participants from all around the world.

President Moustafa underlined that the IHF Virtual Academy shall be launched immediately to take advantage of the dead time during the COVID-19 lockdown. However, the IHF Virtual Academy shall also be maintained in the future.

Decision.

The Council unanimously approved the concept of the IHF Virtual Academy prepared by the CCM and PRC chairpersons.

6. Miscellaneous

6.1. Council decisions made by electronic communication

The Council members confirmed the following via electronic communication:

- **Amendments of IHF Ball Regulations**

Reference was made to the amendments of the IHF Ball Regulations as approved by the IHF Council in its meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden on 1 July 2019. During the mentioned meeting, it was announced that special technical specifications for handballs would be developed. In the meantime, the IHF Ball

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Regulations have been updated accordingly in coordination with the Swiss Empa institute and Molten (Appendix 3 “*IHF Handball Requirements and Test Methods*” of the IHF Ball Regulations).

Due to the inclusion of Appendix 3 “*IHF Handball Requirements and Test Methods*”, further amendments of the IHF Ball Regulations were necessary, taking into consideration that some provisions were outdated or not in conformity with the *IHF Handball Requirements and Test Methods*.

Letter sent to Council on 6 March 2020, Council approval received on 11 March 2020

- **Request from IHF TV Partner Lagardère Sports**

Reference was made to the communication of Lagardère Sports, IHF TV Partner for the Men’s and Women’s World Championships 2019-2025, requesting adjustments of the contractually agreed payment dates. As the Lagardère Sports global business has been affected by the various event cancellations in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they are taking a number of mitigation measures to secure the financial stability of the company. After negotiation of their initially proposed payment plan in consultation with the IHF Treasurer, Lagardère Sports proposed the following revised payment plan:

Current payment dates:

15 July 2020 – 19 million EUR

15 July 2021 – 19 million EUR

New payment dates:

2020

15 December 2020 – 5 million EUR

2021

15 January 2021 – 5 million EUR

15 July 2021 – 14 million EUR

15 December 2021 – 14 million EUR

Note from Lagardère Sports: Three instalments in 2021 due to the fact that the consequences of the COVID-19 crisis will be mostly felt in 2021.

2022 – 2025: as in current contractual payment plan

Lagardère Sports reconfirmed that they are fully committed to the contract and will always fulfil their contractual obligations at all times.

Letter sent to Council on 9 April 2020, Council approval received on 18 April 2020

6.2. CAS decision in Mario Moccia case

The General Director took the floor, referring to the case related to the conduct of Mr Mario Moccia, President of Argentine Handball Federation and former President of the Pan-American Team Handball Federation (PATHF), in particular after the IHF Council meeting in Zagreb, Croatia on 14 January 2018, including public statements made by Mr Moccia against the IHF and the IHF President. Following the request of the IHF Executive Committee dated 19 July 2018, the IHF Ethics Commission studied the case and decided on 16 April 2019 to impose on Mr Moccia a ban from taking part in the IHF Congress, official meetings and events that the IHF convenes in 2019, for violation of the Good Governance

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principle contained in Article 5 of the Ethics Code. As Mr Moccia appealed to the IHF Arbitration Tribunal against the above-mentioned IHF Ethics Commission decision on 29 May 2019, the IHF Arbitration Tribunal decided on 28 July 2019 that Mr Moccia shall be imposed a ban from taking part in all IHF events until 31 October 2019, for violation of the Good Governance principle contained in Article 5 of the Ethics Code. The General Director informed that Mr Moccia appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the above-mentioned IHF Arbitration Tribunal decision on 19 August 2019. She pointed out that after a hearing held at the CAS Court Office in Lausanne, Switzerland on 14 January 2020, CAS rendered its Arbitral Award on 16 April 2020, ruling as follows:

1. The appeal filed by Mr Mario Moccia against the International Handball Federation on 19 August 2019 against the decision rendered by the Arbitration Tribunal of the IHF on 29 July 2019 is dismissed.
2. The decision issued by the Arbitration Tribunal of the IHF on 29 July 2019 is confirmed.
3. The award is pronounced without costs, except for the Court Office fee of CHF 1,000 (one thousand Swiss Francs) paid by Mr Mario Moccia, which is retained by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
4. Mr Mario Moccia is ordered to pay the International Handball Federation a total amount of CHF 5,000 (five thousand Swiss francs) as a contribution towards the expenses incurred in connection with these arbitration proceedings.
5. All further motions and requests for relief are dismissed.

President Moustafa asked the IHF Representative North America and the Caribbean and the IHF Representative South and Central America about the current status of the allocated IHF sponsorship to the amount of USD 1,000,000 granted to the former PATHF in 2014. The IHF Representative North America and the Caribbean stated that he has still not received any official reply from PATHF in this regard.

Referring to the recommendation of the IHF lawyer, President Moustafa proposed to the IHF Representative North America and the Caribbean and the IHF Representative South and Central America that all Member Federations of the former PATHF should organise an extraordinary congress by video conference to agree on sharing equally any remainder of the USD 1,000,000 between North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC) and South and Central America Handball Confederation (SCAHC).

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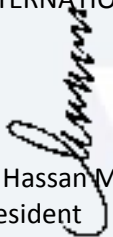
The Council took note of the CAS decision in the Mario Moccia case and unanimously approved President Moustafa's proposal to organise an extraordinary congress of all Member Federations of the former PATHF by video conference to settle the return of any remainder of the IHF sponsorship granted to the former PATHF in 2014.

The date and place of the next IHF Council meeting will be communicated by email.

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President Moustafa thanked the participants for the constructive meeting and closed the session. He conveyed once again his wishes for continued good health and safety to all participants.

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