



**International  
Handball  
Federation**



# **40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress**

*21.12.2025 – Cairo EGY*



# Programme

## **Accommodation/Meetings:**

The St. Regis New Capital, Cairo  
New Administrative Capital, Cairo Suez Road  
Cairo, Egypt

## **Thursday, 18 December 2025**

All day      Arrival of IHF Council Members

## **Friday, 19 December 2025**

All day      Arrival of Congress delegates  
19:00-21:00      Congress of Commonwealth Handball Association (CHA)  
*Meeting room: Premium Lounge – Boardroom 1*  
19:00-22:00      Dinner

## **Saturday, 20 December 2025**

Morning      Breakfast  
07:30      Departure of EHF delegates to Grand Egyptian Museum (return to the hotel by 13:00)  
09:00-11:00      Ordinary Congress of African Handball Confederation (CAHB)  
*Meeting room: Chantel Ballroom*  
09:00      Departure of NACHC, SCAHC and OCHF delegates to Grand Egyptian Museum (return to the hotel by 15:00)  
11:00-13:00      Ordinary Congress of Asian Handball Federation (AHF)  
*Meeting room: Florence Ballroom*  
12:00-16:00      Lunch  
12:30      Departure of CAHB delegates to Grand Egyptian Museum  
14:00-16:00      Meeting of European Handball Federation (EHF)  
*Meeting room: Chantel Ballroom*  
14:00      Departure of AHF delegates to Grand Egyptian Museum  
16:00-17:00      Meeting of North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation (NACHC)  
*Meeting room: Florence Ballroom*  
17:00-18:00      Meeting of South and Central America Handball Confederation (SCAHC)  
*Meeting room: Chantel Ballroom*  
18:00-19:00      Meeting of Oceania Continent Handball Federation (OCHF)  
*Meeting room: Boardroom C*  
19:00-20:00      Congress of Mediterranean Handball Confederation (MHC)

19:00-22:00 *Meeting room: Florence Ballroom*  
Dinner

**Sunday, 21 December 2025**

Morning Breakfast  
09:00-11:00 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation  
*Meeting room: The Summit Hall*  
11:00-11:15 Coffee break  
11:15-13:00 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation  
13:00-14:00 Lunch  
14:00-16:00 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation  
16:00-16:15 Coffee break  
16:15-18:00 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation  
19:00-22:00 Dinner

**Monday, 22 December 2025**

All day Departure



# Agenda

1. **Opening of the Congress**
2. **Roll call and determination of the number of votes**
3. **Suspension and/or forfeit of membership**
4. **Election of two examiners of the minutes**
5. **Election of the election officer and the tellers (if applicable)**
6. **Determination of the orderly convocation of Congress**
7. **Adoption of the minutes of the preceding Congress**
8. **President's report**
  - ✚ Report in the form of a movie
  - ✚ Presentation of IHF TV and Marketing partner Sportfive
  - ✚ Presentation of IHF flooring partner Gerflor
9. **Financial and auditors' report**
10. **Membership admissions**
11. **Discharge**
12. **Treatment of election-related Statutes motions submitted to the Congress (not applicable)**
13. **Elections and confirmations**
  - 13.1. Election of the IHF President
  - 13.2. Election of the IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President
  - 13.3. Election of the Treasurer
  - 13.4. Election of two members to the Executive Committee
  - 13.5. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC)
  - 13.6. Election of the Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)
  - 13.7. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)
  - 13.8. Election of the Chairperson of the Medical Commission (MC)
  - 13.9. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission for Development (CD)
  - 13.10. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal and of the 10 members
  - 13.11. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members
  - 13.12. Election of the Chairperson of the Ethics Commission and of the five members

- 13.13. Election of two internal IHF auditors and one substitute auditor
- 13.14. Confirmation of Vice-Presidents from the continents
- 13.15. Confirmation of the Council members from the continents
- 13.16. Confirmation of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission (AC)
- 13.17. Confirmation of the supervisory body

#### **14. Motions to the Congress**

- 14.1. Motions from IHF Council regarding IHF Statutes
- 14.2. Motions from IHF Member Federations regarding IHF Statutes – GRE

#### **15. Report on changes to the Rules and Regulations ratified by the Council**

- 15.1. Legal Provisions (II)
- 15.2. Player Eligibility Code (III)
- 15.3. Regulations for Transfer between Federations (IV)
- 15.4. Regulations for IHF Competitions (V)
- 15.5. Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball (IXa)
- 15.6. Rules of the Game for Beach Handball (IXb)
- 15.7. Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball (IXc & IXd)
- 15.8. Regulations for International and Continental Referees (XI)
- 15.9. Goal Regulations (XIIIb)
- 15.10. Anti-Doping Rules (XIV)
- 15.11. Ethics Code (XV)
- 15.12. Financial Regulations (XXIV)
- 15.13. Wheelchair Handball Classification Rules and Regulations Six-a-Side and Four-a-Side (XXIX)

#### **16. Confirmation of the IHF programme of activities**

#### **17. Setting membership fees and approval of the budget**

#### **18. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress**

#### **19. Awarding of IHF President's Development Award and other Honours**

- 19.1. IHF President's Development Award – Handball developed countries
- 19.2. IHF President's Development Award – Emerging federations
- 19.3. IHF President's Development Award – Special award for outstanding commitment
- 19.4. Joël Delplanque – Honorary Member
- 19.5. Dr František Táborský – Honorary Member
- 19.6. Kåre Geir Lio
- 19.7. Raymond Hahn
- 19.8. Organisers of IHF championships

#### **20. Miscellaneous**

#### **21. Close of the Congress**

Notes: These minutes are kept as a record of decisions and contain only the most important speeches/statements.

The full proceedings of the Congress are recorded and can be reviewed in the Head Office in Basel. The recordings will be kept until the next Congress during which elections are held.

## 1. Opening of the Congress

President Moustafa declared the International Handball Federation's 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress open and welcomed all participants to the Congress held in Cairo, Egypt.

On behalf of the IHF, President Moustafa expressed his gratitude for the support and trust the handball family has shown since the last Ordinary IHF Congress as well as his hope for a bright future for handball. He stressed the importance of the entire handball family standing together as one to promote their beloved sport. Referring to the development of the sport, President Moustafa stated that handball has been constantly evolving and will continue to develop in the future, adding that the primary goal of the IHF was and will always be to take handball to the next level.

President Moustafa thanked the Continental Confederations, the National Federations, the staff at the IHF Head Office as well as all IHF partners for their efforts to promote handball worldwide and expressed his hopes for an even brighter future for handball.

President Moustafa asked the delegates and guests to rise for a minute's silence to honour the memory of the colleagues who passed away during the congressional term.

Alaa El-Sayed (EGY)	Herbert Beck (GER)	Nabil Salem (EGY)
Amália Sterbinszky (HUN)	Herbert Jeglič (SLO)	Olimpiu Nodea (ROU)
Ana Paula Henrique da Silva (ANG)	Hesham Kadry (EGY)	Pablo Permuy (ESP)
Andrzej Kraśnicki (POL)	Horst Singer (GER)	Patrick Anthony Atusu (NGR)
Bernd Mühleisen (GER)	Ilija Temelkovski (MKD)	Radivoje Krivokapic (SRB)
Branislav Bane Radišić (SRB)	Iryna Glibko (UKR)	Rastislav Trfík (CZE)
Bruno Montanari (ITA)	Ismail Berisha (KOS)	Raymond Braimah (NGR)
Cornel Oțelea (ROU)	Izet Gjinovci (KOS)	Rod Oshita (USA)
Carlos Morales Sosa (GUA)	Jan Mateescu (ROU)	Roshan Lal Anand (IND)
Davorin Štirlek (CRO)	Javier García Cuesta (ESP)	Saber Akbari (IRI)
Denis Lathoud (FRA)	Jemima Kabeya (FRA)	Sayed Abdelaal (EGY)
Dimitar Nikolov (BUL)	Jiří Zeržáň (CZE)	Serge Djihountry (BEN)
Effat Rashad Shaker (EGY)	Kai Johannsens (DEN)	Stefan Birtalan (ROU)
Elena Grölz-Leonte (ROU/GER)	Khaled Al-Maraghi (BRN)	Stefan Jug (SLO)
Erwin Lanc (AUT)	Laszlo Jurak (HUN)	Talaat Shehata (EGY)
Fernando Luis Xavier (ANG)	Manolo Montoya (ESP)	Tone Turnšek (SLO)
Ghassan Kapase (VEN)	Marc de Sousa (FRA)	Valentin Samungi (ROU)
Hans Heuritsch (AUT)	Marcus Helbig (GER)	
Héctor Bogdanic (CHI)	Morten Stig Christensen (DEN)	

## 2. Roll call and determination of the number of votes

The General Director presented Edward Gardiner, an independent notary who participated in the Congress remotely and was joined by voting technicians from Lumi, the electronic voting system provider based in UK, who were present on site as well as remotely. Edward Gardiner took the floor, explaining that the roll call was taken from those delegates who logged into the Lumi voting platform, specifying that currently 176 voting delegates were present. All National Federations currently attending with a voting delegate were displayed on the screen. The General Director referred to Article 13.3.4 of the IHF Statutes, stipulating that the Congress is

declared to have achieved a quorum if more than 50% of the IHF Member Federations entitled to vote are present. In due consideration of the 211 IHF Member Federations and the 185 Member Federations entitled to vote (10 associated/regional members, 15 non-active members, 1 National Federation currently in debt without voting right), she concluded that the Congress has achieved a quorum, which was confirmed by the independent notary Edward Gardiner.

The attached attendance list provides more details of the Congress participants.

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## Decision

**The Congress determined that:**

**Number of full members present (number of votes): 176**

**Number of associated members present: 2**

**Number of regional members present: 3**

### 3. Suspension and/or forfeit of membership

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

### 4. Election of two examiners of the minutes

The General Director referred to Article 13.3.8 of the IHF Statutes, according to which Congress minutes confirmed by the President and the examiners of the minutes shall be handed to Council members, Member Federations and Continental Confederations no later than two months after the Congress.

She proposed that the Congress elects Markus Plazer (AUT, for the German version of the minutes) and Jean-François Hannosset (BEL, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of the minutes.

She gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as examiners of the minutes:*

*Markus Plazer – AUT (for the German version)*

*Jean-François Hannosset – BEL (for the French version)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	0
Abstentions:	2
Valid votes cast:	174

Yes:	172	(98.85%)
No:	2	(1.15%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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The Congress elected Markus Plazer (AUT, for the German version of the minutes) and Jean-François Hannosset (BEL, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of the minutes.

### 5. Election of the election officer and the tellers (if applicable)

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

### 6. Determination of the orderly convocation of Congress

The General Director noted the following thereto:

1. The International Handball Federation's XXXIX Ordinary Congress, which was held by video conference on 2 November 2023, decided to award the 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress in 2025 to the Egyptian Handball Federation on condition that all IHF requirements are fulfilled, taking into consideration that a corresponding inspection was yet to be carried out by the IHF, and to authorise the IHF Council to decide on the accommodation fees and the date.
2. The date of the Congress (7-10 November 2025) was announced in a circular dated 7 February 2025 according to Article 13.1.4 of the IHF Statutes.
3. Due to logistical issues and the non-availability of the planned Congress hotel and meeting place (St. Regis New Capital, Cairo) during the above-mentioned period (7-10 November 2025), the IHF made every effort to find a suitable alternative date and discussed different options with the hotel, taking into account the applicable provisions of the IHF Statutes, e.g. Article 13.1.4, stating that the dates of Congresses shall be announced nine months in advance, as well as Articles 13.1.1 and 13.1.2, according to which the upcoming electoral Ordinary Congress must still be held in 2025. Consequently, on 11 March 2025, the IHF Council decided (by email communication) to change the date of the 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress to be organised in Cairo, Egypt from 19 to 22 December 2025.
4. The new date of the Congress (19-22 December 2025) was announced in a circular dated 17 March 2025 according to Article 13.1.4 of the IHF Statutes.
5. The 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress was officially convened in a letter dated 21 August 2025 according to Article 13.1.5 of the IHF Statutes.
6. The agenda was sent out to the Congress delegates by the Head Office on 4 November 2025 according to Article 13.1.6 of the IHF Statutes.
7. The working documents of the Congress were submitted to the Congress delegates by the Head Office before 21 November 2025 according to Article 13.1.7 of the IHF Statutes. The working documents included, among others, the report from the last period and the complete strategic plan for IHF in the next period (as per Article 15.3, points 1.2 and 1.3 of the IHF Statutes) as well as the budget, annual accounts, and auditors' reports (as per Article 18, points 3 and 4 of the IHF Statutes).

The above-mentioned dates all comply with the dates prescribed by the IHF Statutes. The 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress has thus been convened in accordance with the Statutes.

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## Decision

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The Congress affirmatively took note of the report regarding the convocation of the 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress 2025.

## 7. Adoption of the minutes of the preceding Congress

President Moustafa explained that the minutes of the XXXIX Ordinary IHF Congress held by video conference on 2 November 2023 were examined by Bernd Rabenseifner (AUT, for the German version of the minutes) and Philippe Bana (FRA, for the French version of the minutes). The minutes were forwarded to the Council members, Member Federations and Continental Confederations on 2 January 2024 in compliance with Article 13.3.8 of the IHF Statutes.

No objection was raised and no request for amendment was submitted within the deadline of four weeks as stipulated in Article 13.3.8 of the IHF Statutes.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on adopting the minutes of the XXXIX Ordinary IHF Congress held by video conference on 2 November 2023?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	2
Abstentions:	10
Valid votes cast:	164

Yes:	160	(97.56%)
No:	4	(2.44%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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The minutes of the XXXIX Ordinary IHF Congress held by video conference on 2 November 2023 were adopted.

## 8. President's report

 *Report in the form of a movie*

President Moustafa gave the floor to the General Director who pointed out that the IHF Activity Report 2023-2025 was sent to all Congress participants on 21 November 2025 in compliance with Article 15.3, point 1.2 of the IHF Statutes and announced to the Congress that a film will be presented, showing the great

achievements of the IHF in the last two years.

The film outlined the different projects the IHF has launched or maintained in order to further develop handball worldwide, such as the IHF Trophy, the IHF Emerging Nations Championship, the Grow with Handball and Handball at School programmes, aiming to reach 50 million children worldwide in the next years, the New Markets' Project currently being organised in Great Britain, China, Australia, Canada, India, Italy and USA, coaches' courses, the IHF Coaching Licence Structure and Olympic Solidarity. Since the 2023 Congress, the IHF has been very active with regard to the development of handball all over the world and hundreds of NFs and teams in all six continents have benefitted from the IHF development projects.

The film also revealed information on the IHF app, the successful IHF Education Weeks in 2023, the revamp of the IHF Education Centre and the successful IHF Virtual Academy, which was launched in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as on the IHF partners and sponsors, the development and promotion of women's handball, the anti-doping related agreement with the International Testing Agency (ITA) and the modifications of the Rules of the Game that have been tested and approved since the last Congress. Furthermore, the film outlined topics such as the development with regard to officiating, including the three-referee project, the significant growth of IHF media (Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok), new IHF technology (Electronic Team Time-Out, Video Replay System, referee camera, referee microphone), global membership (currently 211 Member Federations) and the IHF finances that continue to be stable and healthy, which allows the IHF to further invest into development programmes. Moreover, the film provided information on the new state-of-the-art IHF house in Basel, Switzerland, which was purchased in 2025 and will also include a museum and a library.

The film also illustrated the important development in the field of wheelchair handball and beach handball, showing highlights of the 11<sup>th</sup> Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships 2024 in China, the beach handball showcase event staged on the fringes of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Men's and Women's Youth (U17) Beach Handball World Championships 2025 in Tunisia and the Beach Handball Global Tour. With respect to wheelchair handball, the film presented scenes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wheelchair Handball World Championship 2024 in Egypt.

Moreover, the film showed highlights of the 26<sup>th</sup> Women's World Championship 2023 in Denmark/Norway/Sweden, the 24<sup>th</sup> Women's Junior (U20) World Championship 2024 in North Macedonia, the 10<sup>th</sup> Women's Youth (U18) World Championship 2024 in China, the 17<sup>th</sup> Men's Club World Championship 2024 in Egypt, the 29<sup>th</sup> Men's World Championship 2025 in Croatia/Denmark/Norway, the 5<sup>th</sup> Men's Emerging Nations Championship 2025 in Bulgaria, the 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Junior (U21) World Championship 2025 in Poland, the 11<sup>th</sup> Men's Youth (U19) World Championship 2025 in Egypt, the 18<sup>th</sup> Men's Club World Championship 2025 in Egypt, the 1<sup>st</sup> Men's U17 World Championship 2025 in Morocco, and the 27<sup>th</sup> Women's World Championship 2025 in Netherlands/Germany.

## **Presentation of IHF TV and Marketing partner Sportfive**

President Moustafa then gave the floor to Sportfive, the IHF TV and Marketing partner, represented by Senior Vice President Karsten Mahlmann, to present their results in maximising IHF broadcast coverage, the TV audience and IHF event partners for recent World Championships (senior, younger age categories, beach handball). After introducing the company as well as its services and portfolio, the Sportfive representative reported that the broadcast time and the cumulative audience have increased significantly since Sportfive took over, both for the men's and women's senior competitions, adding that the situation has improved in traditional as well as emerging handball markets. For example, new broadcast deals were concluded with major partners in China and the US. In addition, the development with regard to the market shares and

audience in selected markets (e.g. Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany) has been very positive. For example, Sportfive managed to improve the market share in Norway and Denmark with over 60% each for the most recent Women's World Championship. The next edition of the Men's World Championship in 2027 is expected to reach an all-time high in terms of audience figures. Moreover, Mr Karsten Mahlmann presented detailed information on the development of marketing rights at IHF World Championships, including cooperations with major global brands. He highlighted the state-of-the-art and unified event presentation as well as the clean venue concept, including limited and exclusive partners and a clear and streamlined advertising set-up that ensure consistent presentation. He also mentioned the static LED boards positioned behind the goals and the implementation of virtual advertising for enhanced partner exposure and targeted marketing features. Referring to the team advertising, he mentioned the first partnered sleeve integration across all teams at an IHF World Championship. Referring to the younger age category events and Beach Handball World Championships, he explained that more than 30 broadcast deals have been concluded since 2023 across all competitions, adding that the number of media partners increased by more than 40% from 2022 to 2024 for beach handball. Mr Karsten Mahlmann also pointed to various innovations such as the referee camera and clip automation. He concluded his presentation by providing an outlook for future developments at IHF World Championships, including the first-ever use of a glass floor at a major handball event, the increased integration of virtual advertising and an extended IHF Trophy tour around partners and media stakeholders to further boost the visibility and recognition of IHF events.

## **Presentation of IHF flooring partner Gerflor**

President Moustafa then gave the floor to Gerflor, the IHF flooring partner, represented by Sport Federations and Events Manager Lionel Arlin, to present a summary of their activities carried out as part of the partnership with the IHF. After introducing the company as well as its services and portfolio, Mr Lionel Arlin reported that at the most recent 2025 Women's World Championship in Germany/Netherlands, 104 matches were played in five different cities, i.e. on five floors. He stressed that the floors did not cause any issue and emphasised that Gerflor provided the best continuity, unity and equality. Furthermore, he stated that Taraflex, the vinyl sport flooring of Gerflor, is the world's leading handball flooring supplier of all continental championships. He also provided information on Sport Court, Gerflor's outdoor flooring. Mr Lionel Arlin then provided more details on the cooperation between the IHF and Gerflor, in particular since 2022. He reported that a study of the new IHF corporate colour floor was carried out in which various colours were tested and three colours (golden, blue and black) were approved and used in all four recent IHF events. With regard to the senior World Championships, he stated that a total of 21 Gerflor floors were used in the 2023 and 2025 Men's and Women's World Championships. Mr Lionel Arlin also reported on the successful delivery and event supervision of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, specifying that five floors were used in the arena in Paris and four floors in the venue in Lille. He remarked that the competition floor in Lille was installed within 16 hours. He highlighted that Gerflor has provided full assistance of official IHF events such as the senior World Championships, the younger age category events as well as the Club World Championships, and he informed the Congress participants that the IHF, in collaboration with Gerflor, donated floors to more than 10 countries from around the world. Moreover, he remarked that the percentage of recycled, bio-based or mineral floors has improved from 50% to 81% in the last five years. In this context, Mr Lionel Arlin emphasised that Gerflor has been engaged in the recycling of waste (cuts) and the re-use of floors. He then mentioned the benefits of Gerflor's handball floor. For the athletes, the floor protects them from any injuries, allows best performances thanks to good grip on the floor and provides best skin comfort when diving. For the organisers, the floor is easy to install and to clean. For sponsors and TV, the colours are very appealing for greater audiences and sponsor stickers can be placed on the floor. Mr Lionel Arlin concluded his presentation by mentioning some of Gerflor's key benefits in the cooperation with the IHF, including but not limited to being present in more than 100 countries, offering the technical expertise to support any installation and providing the most sustainable handball floor as well as a complete range of floors matching any budget.

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## Decision

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The Congress took note of the information provided by President Moustafa, IHF TV and Marketing partner Sportfive as well as IHF flooring partner Gerflor and unanimously approved the President's report.

## 9. Financial and auditors' report

President Moustafa informed the attendees that the financial reports of the years 2023 and 2024 had been audited and confirmed by the external auditing company Copartner Revision AG as well as by the internal IHF auditors. All corresponding documents had been submitted to the Congress in writing within the deadline stipulated in Article 18.4 of the IHF Statutes.

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Mathieu Jaus, representative of the external IHF auditor Copartner Revision AG, who presented more details on the auditors' reports of 2023 and 2024, including the good health of the IHF's financial assets which have increased remarkably over the years. Mr Jaus showed a presentation, illustrating the healthy and stable financial situation of the IHF. He added that the television and broadcasting rights were the IHF's main source of income.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on approving the financial and auditors' reports for the years 2023 and 2024?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	2
Abstentions:	4
Valid votes cast:	170

Yes:	170	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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The 2023 and 2024 financial and auditors' reports were unanimously approved by the Congress.

## 10. Membership admissions

President Moustafa gave the floor to the General Director who informed the Congress that the regional handball league of Mayotte (Ligue de Mayotte de Handball, MYT – Africa) applied for regional IHF membership according to Article 8.1.7 of the IHF Statutes, outlining that regional members have no voting right at IHF

Congresses and are not allowed to participate in official IHF competitions (World Championships, Olympic Games). She stressed that all admission requirements are fulfilled according to Article 8.2 of the IHF Statutes and added that the Ligue de Mayotte de Handball was granted provisional regional membership by the IHF Council in its meeting in Basel, SU1, on 4 June 2025.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on granting definite regional membership to Ligue de Mayotte de Handball?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	2
Abstentions:	12
Valid votes cast:	162

Yes:	154	(95.06%)
No:	8	(4.94%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved. President Moustafa congratulated the representatives of the Ligue de Mayotte de Handball.

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## Decision

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**The Congress decided to grant definite regional membership to Ligue de Mayotte de Handball.**

## 11. Discharge

While treating this agenda item, IHF Honorary Member Mr Jörgen Holmqvist chaired the Congress. Following the external auditor's recommendation, he requested discharge of the President and of the entire Council from the Congress delegates.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Please vote on discharging the IHF Council.*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	3
Abstentions:	11
Valid votes cast:	162

Yes:	159	(98.15%)
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No: 3 (1.85%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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**The Congress gave discharge to the President and the entire Council.**

## **12. Treatment of election-related Statutes motions submitted to the Congress (not applicable)**

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

## **13. Elections and confirmations**

President Moustafa informed the Congress that according to Article 14.3.6 of the IHF Statutes, the IHF Council shall appoint an independent electoral working group which shall ensure the compliance of the candidates' applications with the conditions stipulated in the Statutes. The working group shall inform the Council and report to the Congress on its decisions. Therefore, the IHF Council decided on 4 June 2025 to appoint the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions composed of Mr Jean Brihault (FRA, former IHF Council Member and chairperson of Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions in 2013, 2017 and 2021) as chairperson and Mr Jörgen Holmqvist (SWE, IHF Honorary Member) and Dr Lanre Glover (NGR, former IHF Arbitration Tribunal Member) as members.

Mr Jean Brihault took the floor, stating that, prior to the first meeting of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions that took place by video conference on 26 September 2025, the IHF Head Office provided the working group with the list of candidates as well as the complete application files, the date of submission of the application and a technical analysis of the files. He went on to explain that, based on the aforementioned documents, the working group produced a report consisting of individual comments on the candidates and global recommendations for future electoral Congresses. He added that the candidates not fulfilling all criteria were officially informed of their situation by the IHF Head Office. He concluded that the final report of the working group was presented to the IHF Council in its meeting on 1 October 2025, stressing that the final list of candidates presented to the Congress is in full conformity with the conclusions of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions. Furthermore, he proposed to vote by acclamation for the positions without opposition, which was unanimously approved by the Congress delegates.

President Moustafa thanked Jean Brihault for his excellent work and asked him to chair the Congress during agenda item 13.

### **13.1. Election of the IHF President**

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Dr Hassan Moustafa (EGY), Mr Franc Bobinac (SLO), Dr Gerd Butzeck (GER) and Mr Tjark de Lange (NED) are standing for the position of IHF President, specifying that Dr Moustafa is standing for re-election, while Mr Bobinac, Dr Butzeck and Mr de Lange are first-time candidates. He stated that the IHF Council decided in its meeting held in Cairo, Egypt, on 1 October 2025 to grant a speaking time of up to five (5) minutes during the Congress to each candidate for the position of IHF President to introduce themselves and present their election programme. President Moustafa decided not to use the speaking time

in order to give the other candidates more time for their speeches (i.e. six minutes instead of up to five minutes).

Mr Brihault gave the floor to Mr Franc Bobinac first. After introducing himself and presenting his professional as well as handball biography, he referred to the reasons for his application for the position of IHF President. He stated that he could help develop handball in all the countries on all continents to become a truly global sport, as better development of the continents outside Europe is required. He added that he would secure the Olympic status of indoor handball and that he would try for beach handball to be included in the programme of future Olympic Games. He also seized the opportunity to congratulate Dr Hassan Moustafa on his achievements during his 25 years as IHF President. Mr Franc Bobinac then referred to the financial situation of the IHF. While praising the IHF as a wealthy organisation, he highlighted that many National Federations, especially the smaller ones, have insufficient financial resources and are therefore unable to develop handball adequately. He also presented his idea of bringing more commercial sponsors to the IHF.

Mr Brihault then gave the floor to Mr Tjark de Lange, who started his presentation by praising the commitment of all stakeholders involved in the various National Federations, stating that the size of the individual federations does not matter and that the role of national, continental and international handball bodies should be to support handball activities at all levels. He explained that handball has to grow from the grassroots level to the top level in the respective countries. Furthermore, he remarked that the IHF is not innovative enough, as only a very limited number of emerging federations have made real progress in recent years. He added that the IHF focuses too much on what the National Federations do not have, rather than building on existing structures and activities. Moreover, he remarked that the IHF does not make sufficient use of its financial resources and that creativity, partnerships and new collaborations are required. He stated that the IHF's revenue belongs to the international handball community and that it should be used for long-term sustainable development. Mr Tjark de Lange also stressed that more cooperation across continents is needed, as the individual National Federations could help develop handball beyond their own continents. In this context, he emphasised that the role of the IHF President should be to actively promote knowledge sharing, innovation and cooperation worldwide. He concluded his presentation by stating that one of the objectives of the IHF should be that, within ten years, non-European teams should be able to compete for medals at the World Championships.

Afterwards Mr Brihault gave the floor to Dr Gerd Butzeck, who, after introducing himself and presenting his professional as well as handball biography, emphasised that handball is a global movement that unites cultures and has the power to inspire and promote values such as fairness, integrity, commitment and respect. For this reason, handball deserves more visibility and global reach. He pointed out that the Olympic status and relevance of handball in general are at risk, adding that handball must grow in the world's largest markets and on every continent. In this context, he presented his idea of "urban handball", an outdoor handball discipline with simple rules, easy access and fewer players than indoor handball, which would enable the IHF to reach millions of people who have never played handball before. Moreover, Dr Gerd Butzeck stressed that the IHF has to increase its investments in a fair and transparent manner, stating that every National Federation would receive at least the same level of financial support as in the past, if he were elected IHF President. He also highlighted the importance of online programmes, education and IHF scholarships for various stakeholders and proposed to increase the number of employees at the IHF Head Office in Basel, Switzerland. He mentioned that more continental involvement is required and that the commissions and experts of the IHF should take on more responsibility. He concluded his presentation by stressing that handball deserves more and the time for change is now.

Mr Brihault gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering

that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Please vote for the position of IHF President:*

*Dr Hassan Moustafa – EGY*

*Franc Bobinac – SLO*

*Dr Gerd Butzeck – GER*

*Tjark de Lange – NED*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176	
Valid votes cast:	176	
Abstentions (including blank votes):	0	
Dr Hassan Moustafa – EGY:	129	(73.30%)
Franc Bobinac – SLO:	24	(13.64%)
Dr Gerd Butzeck – GER:	20	(11.36%)
Tjark de Lange – NED:	3	(1.70%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved by Dr Hassan Moustafa.

Mr Brihault declared Dr Hassan Moustafa IHF President for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Dr Moustafa. President Moustafa seized the opportunity to convey his thanks to the Congress delegates for their support and trust and emphasised his ongoing commitment for the global development of handball. He then welcomed the Egyptian Minister of Youth and Sports, Dr Ashraf Sobhy, who welcomed all Congress participants to Egypt and conveyed his congratulations to President Moustafa on his re-election.

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## Decision

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**The Congress elected Dr Hassan Moustafa (EGY) as IHF President for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

### 13.2. Election of the IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Philippe Bana (FRA) and Mr Ali Mohamed Eshaqi (BRN) are standing for the position of IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, specifying that both candidates are first-time candidates.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Please vote for the position of IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:*

*Philippe Bana – FRA*

*Ali Mohamed Eshaqi – BRN*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 176  
Valid votes cast: 174  
Abstentions (including blank votes): 2

Philippe Bana – FRA: 106 (60.92%)  
Ali Mohamed Eshaqi – BRN: 68 (39.08%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved by Mr Philippe Bana.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Philippe Bana IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Bana.

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## Decision

**The Congress elected Philippe Bana (FRA) as IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

### 13.3. Election of the Treasurer

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mrs Anna Rapp (SWE) is the only candidate standing for the position of IHF Treasurer, adding that she is standing for re-election.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as IHF Treasurer (unopposed):  
Anna Rapp – SWE*

Mrs Anna Rapp was elected by acclamation.

Mr Brihault declared Mrs Anna Rapp IHF Treasurer for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mrs Rapp.

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## Decision

**The Congress elected Anna Rapp (SWE) as IHF Treasurer for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

### 13.4. Election of two members to the Executive Committee

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that two candidates are standing for the two positions of IHF Executive Committee Member, specifying that Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU) is standing for re-election, while Mr Francisco V. Blázquez García (ESP) is a first-time candidate.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Members of the IHF Executive Committee:  
Narcisa Lecusanu – ROU  
Francisco V. Blázquez García – ESP*

Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu and Mr Francisco V. Blázquez García were elected by acclamation.

Mr Brihault declared Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu and Mr Francisco V. Blázquez García IHF Executive Committee Members for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

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**The Congress elected Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU) and Francisco V. Blázquez García (ESP) as IHF Executive Committee Members for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

### **13.5. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC)**

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that two candidates are standing for the position of Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC), specifying that Mr Per Bertelsen (DEN) is standing for re-election, while Mr Pascal Jenny (SUI) is a first-time candidate.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Please vote for the position of Chairperson of the IHF Commission of Organising and Competition (COC):*

*Per Bertelsen – DEN*

*Pascal Jenny – SUI*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 176

Valid votes cast: 170

Abstentions (including blank votes): 6

Pascal Jenny – SUI: 103 (60.59%)

Per Bertelsen – DEN: 67 (39.41%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved by Mr Pascal Jenny.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Pascal Jenny Chairperson of the IHF Commission of Organising and Competition for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Jenny.

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## Decision

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**The Congress elected Pascal Jenny (SUI) as Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC) for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

## 13.6. Election of the Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Per Morten Sødal (NOR) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC), adding that he is standing for re-election.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC, unopposed):*

*Per Morten Sødal – NOR*

Mr Per Morten Sødal was elected by acclamation.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Per Morten Sødal Chairperson of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Sødal.

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### Decision

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**The Congress elected Per Morten Sødal (NOR) as Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC) for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

## 13.7. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Dietrich Späte (GER) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM), adding that he is standing for re-election.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM, unopposed):*

*Dietrich Späte – GER*

Mr Dietrich Späte was elected by acclamation.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Dietrich Späte Chairperson of the IHF Commission of Coaching and Methods for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Späte.

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### Decision

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**The Congress elected Dietrich Späte (GER) as Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM) for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

## 13.8. Election of the Chairperson of the Medical Commission (MC)

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Dr Yannick Mossus (CMR) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Medical Commission (MC), adding that he is a first-time candidate.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Medical Commission (MC, unopposed):  
Dr Yannick Mossus – CMR*

Dr Yannick Mossus was elected by acclamation.

Mr Brihault declared Dr Yannick Mossus Chairperson of the IHF Medical Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Dr Mossus.

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### Decision

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**The Congress elected Dr Yannick Mossus (CMR) as Chairperson of the IHF Medical Commission (MC) for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

## 13.9. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission for Development (CD)

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that two candidates are standing for the position of Chairperson of the Commission for Development (CD), specifying that Mr Tomislav Grahovac (CRO) is standing for re-election, while Mr Bruno Souza (BRA) is a first-time candidate.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Please vote for the position of Chairperson of the IHF Commission for Development (CD)  
Tomislav Grahovac – CRO  
Bruno Souza – BRA*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Valid votes cast:	176
Abstentions (including blank votes):	0

Tomislav Grahovac – CRO:	100	(56.82%)
Bruno Souza – BRA:	76	(43.18%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved by Mr Tomislav Grahovac.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Tomislav Grahovac Chairperson of the IHF Commission for Development for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Grahovac.

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## Decision

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**The Congress elected Tomislav Grahovac (CRO) as Chairperson of the Commission for Development for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

### **13.10. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal and of the 10 members**

#### Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Zoran Radojicic (MNE) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal, adding that he is standing for re-election.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal (unopposed):  
Zoran Radojicic – MNE*

Mr Zoran Radojicic was elected by acclamation.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Zoran Radojicic Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Radojicic.

#### 10 members of the Arbitration Tribunal

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that four candidates are standing for the ten positions of member of the Arbitration Tribunal, specifying that Mr Pedro Mourao (POR) is standing for re-election, while Mrs Alazne Giraldo Iglesias (ESP), Mr Rémy Lévy (FRA) and Mr Barış Orhonlu (TUR) are first-time candidates. Taking into account that only four candidates are standing for the ten positions of member of the Arbitration Tribunal, the IHF Council proposed to the Congress to authorise the IHF Council to fill the six vacant positions.

Mr Brihault read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation and to raise their hand in case of any objections, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Members of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal:  
Pedro Mourao – POR  
Alazne Giraldo Iglesias – ESP  
Rémy Lévy – FRA  
Barış Orhonlu – TUR  
and on authorising the IHF Council to fill the six vacant positions?*

Mr Pedro Mourao, Mrs Alazne Giraldo Iglesias, Mr Rémy Lévy and Mr Barış Orhonlu were elected by acclamation. No objections regarding the authorisation of the IHF Council to fill the six vacant positions of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal were raised.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Pedro Mourao, Mrs Alazne Giraldo Iglesias, Mr Rémy Lévy and Mr Barış Orhonlu members of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

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The Congress elected Zoran Radojicic (MNE) as Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the following four-year term 2025-2029.

The Congress elected Pedro Mourao (POR), Alazne Giraldo Iglesias (ESP), Rémy Lévy (FRA) and Barış Orhonlu (TUR) as IHF Arbitration Tribunal Members for the following four-year term 2025-2029.

The Congress approved the authorisation of the Council to fill the six vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal.

### 13.11. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members

#### Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Lovro Badzim (CRO) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission, adding that he is standing for re-election.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Commission (unopposed):*

*Lovro Badzim – CRO*

Mr Lovro Badzim was elected by acclamation.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Lovro Badzim Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Badzim.

#### 10 members of the Arbitration Commission

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that six candidates are standing for the ten positions of member of the Arbitration Commission, specifying that Mr Mouadh Ben Zaied (TUN), Mrs Elena Borrás Alcaraz (ESP), Mr Miguel Fernandes (POR) and Mrs Elizabeth Ling Yang (HKG) are standing for re-election, while Mr Nicolae Luca (ROU) and Mr Muhammad Amir Yousaf (PAK) are first-time candidates. Taking into account that only six candidates are standing for the ten positions of member of the Arbitration Commission, the IHF Council proposed to the Congress to authorise the IHF Council to fill the four vacant positions.

Mr Brihault read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation and to raise their hand in case of any objections, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Members of the IHF Arbitration Commission:*

*Mouadh Ben Zaied – TUN*

*Elena Borrás Alcaraz – ESP*

*Miguel Fernandes – POR*

*Elizabeth Ling Yang – HKG*

*Nicolae Luca – ROU*

*Muhammad Amir Yousaf – PAK*

*and on authorising the IHF Council to fill the four vacant positions?*

Mr Mouadh Ben Zaied, Mrs Elena Borrás Alcaraz, Mr Miguel Fernandes, Mrs Elizabeth Ling Yang, Mr Nicolae

Luca and Mr Muhammad Amir Yousaf were elected by acclamation. No objections regarding the authorisation of the IHF Council to fill the four vacant positions of the IHF Arbitration Commission were raised.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Mouadh Ben Zaied, Mrs Elena Borrás Alcaraz, Mr Miguel Fernandes, Mrs Elizabeth Ling Yang, Mr Nicolae Luca and Mr Muhammad Amir Yousaf members of the IHF Arbitration Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

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**The Congress elected Lovro Badzim (CRO) as Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Commission for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

**The Congress elected Mouadh Ben Zaied (TUN), Elena Borrás Alcaraz (ESP), Miguel Fernandes (POR), Elizabeth Ling Yang (HKG), Nicolae Luca (ROU) and Muhammad Amir Yousaf (PAK) as IHF Arbitration Commission Members for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

**The Congress approved the authorisation of the Council to fill the four vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Commission.**

### 13.12. Election of the Chairperson of the Ethics Commission and of the five members

#### Chairperson of the Ethics Commission

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that according to the decision of the IHF Council dated 1 October 2025, Mr Hussein Moustafa Fathy (EGY) is proposed as Chairperson of the Ethics Commission as per Article 6.2 of the IHF Legal Provisions, adding that he is standing for re-election.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Ethics Commission (unopposed):*

*Hussein Moustafa Fathy – EGY*

Mr Hussein Moustafa Fathy was elected by acclamation.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Hussein Moustafa Fathy Chairperson of the IHF Ethics Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Fathy.

#### Five members of the Ethics Commission

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that, according to the decision of the IHF Council dated 1 October 2025, the following two candidates are proposed as members of the Ethics Commission as per Article 6.2 of the IHF Legal Provisions:

- Mr José Costa (POR) – *standing for re-election*
- Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez (MEX) – *standing for re-election*

Taking into account that only two candidates are standing for the five positions of member of the Ethics Commission, the IHF Council proposed to the Congress to authorise the IHF Council to fill the three vacant positions.

Mr Brihault read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation and to raise their hand in case of any objections, considering that an absolute majority of votes

cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Members of the IHF Ethics Commission:*

*José Costa – POR*

*Jorge Pulido Vazquez – MEX*

*and on authorising the IHF Council to fill the three vacant positions?*

Mr José Costa and Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez were elected by acclamation. No objections regarding the authorisation of the IHF Council to fill the three vacant positions of the IHF Ethics Commission were raised.

Mr Brihault declared Mr José Costa and Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez members of the IHF Ethics Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

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**The Congress elected Hussein Moustafa Fathy (EGY) as Chairperson of the IHF Ethics Commission for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

**The Congress elected José Costa (POR) and Jorge Pulido Vazquez (MEX) as IHF Ethics Commission Members for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

**The Congress approved the authorisation of the Council to fill the three vacant places of the IHF Ethics Commission.**

### 13.13. Election of two internal IHF auditors and one substitute auditor

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that three candidates are standing for the two positions of internal IHF auditor, specifying that Mr Ulisses Pereira (POR) is standing for re-election, while Mr Sebastjan Gergeta (SLO) and Şevket Altuğ Taşdemir (TUR) are first-time candidates. He explained that the IHF Council proposed that the two candidates obtaining the highest numbers of votes be elected internal auditors and the candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes be elected substitute auditor.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Please vote for the position of internal IHF auditor, taking into consideration that the two candidates obtaining the highest numbers of votes shall be elected internal auditors and the candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes shall be elected substitute auditor (please choose two candidates):*

*Ulisses Pereira – POR*

*Sebastjan Gergeta – SLO*

*Şevket Altuğ Taşdemir – TUR*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176	
Valid votes cast:	157	
Abstentions (including blank votes):	19	
Ulisses Pereira – POR:	135	(85.99%)
Sebastjan Gergeta – SLO:	106	(67.52%)

Şevket Altuğ Taşdemir – TUR: 73 (46.50%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved by Mr Ulisses Pereira and Mr Sebastjan Gergeta.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Ulisses Pereira and Mr Sebastjan Gergeta internal IHF auditors and Mr Şevket Altuğ Taşdemir substitute auditor for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

**The Congress elected Ulisses Pereira (POR) and Sebastjan Gergeta (SLO) as internal IHF auditors and Şevket Altuğ Taşdemir (TUR) as substitute auditor for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

### 13.14. Confirmation of Vice-Presidents from the continents

Referring to the confirmation of the Vice-Presidents from the continents, Jean Brihault informed the Congress that the African Handball Confederation, the Asian Handball Federation and the European Handball Federation nominated the following candidates as continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF:

Africa: Mr Mansourou Aremou (BEN)

Asia: Mr Bader Al-Theyab (KUW)

Europe: Mr Michael Wiederer (AUT)

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming as Vice-Presidents from the continents:*

*Mansourou Aremou (BEN) – Africa*

*Bader Al-Theyab (KUW) – Asia*

*Michael Wiederer (AUT) – Europe*

Mansourou Aremou (Africa), Bader Al-Theyab (Asia) and Michael Wiederer (Europe) were confirmed by acclamation.

Jean Brihault declared Mansourou Aremou (Africa), Bader Al-Theyab (Asia) and Michael Wiederer (Europe) continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

**The Congress confirmed the following persons as continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF for the following four-year term 2025-2029:**

**Africa: Mansourou Aremou (BEN)**

**Asia: Bader Al-Theyab (KUW)**

**Europe: Michael Wiederer (AUT)**

### 13.15. Confirmation of the Council members from the continents

Referring to the confirmation of the Council members from the continents, Jean Brihault informed the Congress that the African Handball Confederation, Asian Handball Federation, European Handball Federation,

North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation, Oceania Continent Handball Federation and South and Central America Handball Confederation nominated the following candidates as continental representatives in the IHF Council:

Africa: Mr Amos Marcel Mbayo Kitenge (COD)  
Asia: Mr Ahmed Al Shaabi (QAT)  
Europe: Mr Predrag Boskovic (MNE)  
North America and the Caribbean: Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX)  
Oceania: Mr Ricardo Blas (GUM)  
South and Central America: Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo (CHI)

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming as Council members from the continents:*

*Amos Marcel Mbayo Kitenge (COD) – Africa*

*Ahmed Al Shaabi (QAT) – Asia*

*Predrag Boskovic (MNE) – Europe*

*Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX) – North America and the Caribbean*

*Ricardo Blas (GUM) – Oceania*

*Marcel Mancilla Bravo (CHI) – South and Central America*

Amos Marcel Mbayo Kitenge (Africa), Ahmed Al Shaabi (Asia), Predrag Boskovic (Europe), Mario Garcia de la Torre (North America and the Caribbean), Ricardo Blas (Oceania) and Marcel Mancilla Bravo (South and Central America) were confirmed by acclamation.

Jean Brihault declared Amos Marcel Mbayo Kitenge (Africa), Ahmed Al Shaabi (Asia), Predrag Boskovic (Europe), Mario Garcia de la Torre (North America and the Caribbean), Ricardo Blas (Oceania) and Marcel Mancilla Bravo (South and Central America) continental representatives in the IHF Council for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

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**The Congress confirmed the following persons as continental representatives in the IHF Council for the following four-year term 2025-2029:**

**Africa: Amos Marcel Mbayo Kitenge (COD)**

**Asia: Ahmed Al Shaabi (QAT)**

**Europe: Predrag Boskovic (MNE)**

**North America and the Caribbean: Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX)**

**Oceania: Ricardo Blas (GUM)**

**South and Central America: Marcel Mancilla Bravo (CHI)**

### 13.16. Confirmation of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission (AC)

The Congress was informed about the current status of the IHF Athletes' Commission (AC):

On 5 June 2024, the IHF sent a communication to all IHF Member Federations, asking them to submit their candidatures for the position of a Member of the IHF Athletes' Commission by 30 June 2024. The following candidatures were submitted:

- Mr Pedro MARTINEZ CAMI (ARG)
- Mr Mohammad SANAD (EGY)
- Mr Gonzalo PEREZ DE VARGAS MORENO (ESP)
- Mr Dika MEM (FRA)
- Ms Xenia SMITS (GER)
- Ms Ana GROS (SLO)

As the IHF Executive Committee shall check the candidates' eligibility to stand for election according to Article 3.1.a of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the IHF Executive Committee studied the submitted candidatures and confirmed on 14 July 2024 that all six candidates fulfil the criteria stipulated in Article 4.2.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission and are thus eligible to stand for election. General information on the candidates was published on the IHF website on 15 July 2024.

On 26 July 2024, the IHF sent a communication to all teams participating in the Paris 2024 Men's and Women's Olympic Handball Tournaments, informing them that the voting would be conducted as paper ballot voting during the preliminary round of the Men's and Women's Olympic Handball Tournaments, e.g. on the fringes of a match at the Handball Arena or at a training session of the team. All athletes participating in the Olympic Handball Tournaments were entitled to vote according to Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission.

The Election Commission, composed of IHF Executive Committee Member Ms Narcisa Lecusanu, IHF Vice-President Africa Mr Mansourou Aremou and IHF Representative Asia Mr Bader Al-Theyab, undertook the election process as well as the counting of the votes cast according to Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, taking into consideration that 406 athletes were eligible to vote and 327 ballot papers were cast, out of which 326 ballot papers were valid.

The Election Commission determined that the candidates for the members of the Athletes' Commission received the following number of votes:

1.	Gonzalo PEREZ DE VARGAS MORENO (ESP)	203 votes
2.	Dika MEM (FRA)	178 votes
3.	Ana GROS (SLO)	173 votes
4.	Xenia SMITS (GER)	165 votes
5.	Pedro MARTINEZ CAMI (ARG)	69 votes
5.	Mohammad SANAD (EGY)	69 votes

According to Article 4.5.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the largest number of votes cast were obtained by the candidate Gonzalo PEREZ DE VARGAS MORENO (ESP, 203 votes). Furthermore, in view of Article 3.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, according to which the Athletes' Commission is composed of five members, and due to the tied result between Pedro MARTINEZ CAMI (ARG, 69 votes) and Mohammad SANAD (EGY, 69 votes), the Election Commission proposed to confirm both of them as elected members. However, Pedro MARTINEZ CAMI (ARG) withdrew his candidature by email dated 4 August 2024.

According to Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the IHF Council decided on 15 August 2024 (by email communication) to confirm the election result of the IHF Athletes' Commission for the four-year term 2024-2028:

 Gonzalo PEREZ DE VARGAS MORENO (ESP)      Chairperson

 Mohammad SANAD (EGY)	Member
 Dika MEM (FRA)	Member
 Xenia SMITS (GER)	Member
 Ana GROS (SLO)	Member

In addition, as per Article 16.1.2 of the IHF Statutes and Article 5.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the IHF Council provisionally approved Mr Gonzalo PEREZ DE VARGAS MORENO (ESP) as chairperson of the IHF Athletes' Commission. The 2025 Ordinary IHF Congress shall give its definite confirmation.

Jean Brihault read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas Moreno (ESP) as Chairperson of the IHF Athletes' Commission (AC)?*

Mr Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas Moreno was confirmed by acclamation.

Jean Brihault declared Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas Moreno Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission until 2028 and conveyed his congratulations to him.

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## Decision

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**According to Article 16.1.2 of the IHF Statutes and Article 5.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the Congress confirmed Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas Moreno (ESP) as chairperson of the IHF Athletes' Commission until 2028.**

### 13.17. Confirmation of the supervisory body

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that the current supervisory body of the IHF, Copartner Revision AG, has applied for the same position again.

He read out the following question and asked the representatives entitled to vote to vote by acclamation, considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming as IHF supervisory body (unopposed):  
Copartner Revision AG*

Copartner Revision AG was confirmed by acclamation.

Jean Brihault declared Copartner Revision AG IHF supervisory body for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to the company.

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## Decision

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**The Congress confirmed Copartner Revision AG as IHF supervisory body for the following four-year term 2025-2029.**

## 14. Motions to the Congress

### 14.1. Motions from IHF Council regarding IHF Statutes

President Moustafa referred to the approval of the establishment of the International Handball Court of Arbitration (IHCA) Foundation as well as the proposed amendments to the IHF Statutes in this regard as decided by the IHF Council on 4 June 2025. He gave the floor to Mr Markus Plazer, President of Austrian Handball Federation, who had been involved in the preparation of the drafts of the IHCA Code and Procedural Rules, to present the concept of the IHCA to the Congress. Mr Plazer explained that the aim of the IHCA is to ensure fast, fair, cheap and efficient procedures for all stakeholders involved. For example, streamlined procedures with clear timelines shall ensure speed and quality of the IHCA. With regard to the independence of the IHCA, he pointed out that Council members and arbitrators cannot hold positions within the IHF, the Continental Confederations or the National Federations and that any potential conflicts of interest for both arbitrators and Council members shall be disclosed. He added that the arbitrators cannot act as legal counsel in IHCA procedures. With respect to the costs, he explained that, compared to ordinary courts, lower administrative costs shall allow for cheaper procedures, adding that the IHCA will also be more efficient than ordinary courts. He stated that, compared to ordinary courts, IHCA procedures are designed to be more accessible and faster to complete.

Mr Markus Plazer then provided more detailed information on the composition of the IHCA and remarked that the IHF shall be the founder of an independent foundation headquartered in Basel, Switzerland. The foundation shall have a Board of Trustees composed of five members. The first members are to be appointed by the founder. Thereafter, the Board of Trustees co-opts itself and it elects a chairperson and determines the signatory powers of its members. Regarding the tasks and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, Mr Markus Plazer explained that it shall adopt the rules and regulations for the IHCA, adding that the official language of the IHCA shall be English. Moreover, the Board of Trustees shall manage the IHCA finances and assets, shall be responsible for the acceptance of annual financial statement and shall represent the foundation externally. Furthermore, the Board of Trustees shall elect the members of the IHCA council who shall be nominated by the National Federations, Continental Confederations, and groups representing leagues, clubs and athletes. The IHCA council shall appoint and remove arbitrators and decide on challenges against arbitrators as well as propose rules to the Board of Trustees and ensure consistency with the IHCA's purpose. Moreover, it shall be responsible for financial reporting by submitting financial reports to the board and managing the implementation of the budget. Mr Markus Plazer informed the Congress that the arbitrators of the IHCA shall be elected by the IHCA council and nominated through the same stakeholder process as the members of the IHCA council. The arbitrators shall decide cases as panel members, while they may also act as sole mediators. Mr Markus Plazer further remarked that an IHCA office shall provide administrative support for the IHCA system and coordinate case management and documentation. They shall also be involved in communication with the parties and in handling the payment of administrative and arbitrator fees and costs. The arbitrators of the IHCA shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and prepare annual reports.

Referring to the IHCA jurisdiction and mediation, Mr Markus Plazer emphasised that IHCA competence only applies if parties have agreed to its jurisdiction in main contract or post-dispute agreement. The IHCA shall handle contractual disputes and handball-related matters as defined in the IHCA rules. He stated that decisions are to be rendered by a panel of three arbitrators, specifying that one arbitrator shall be appointed by the Claimant and one by the Respondent and that nominated arbitrators shall select the chairman of the panel. The arbitrators shall be selected from the list of arbitrators and confirmation by the chairperson of the IHCA council is required. Mediation is possible only if both parties agree to participate and shall be conducted by a mutually agreed-upon mediator who serves as a neutral third party. The mediator shall be appointed from the list of arbitrators, and confirmation by the IHCA council chairperson is required. With regard to possible appeal procedures, Mr Markus Plazer pointed out that appeals must be filed after all internal remedies have been

exhausted and that they are to be reviewed by a panel consisting of three arbitrators. Said panel can confirm the appealed decision, annul the appealed decision and refer the case back for reconsideration or replace the appealed decision. He stressed that disputes related to anti-doping and disputes related to Olympic Games remain under the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) or other designated/stipulated bodies.

President Moustafa then gave the floor to CD Chairman Tomislav Grahovac to present the following motions from the IHF Council approved on 4 June 2025 regarding the IHF Statutes.

## **Motion No. 1**

### **Article 8.1 – Membership – General Provisions**

6. National Federations applying for membership in the IHF should comply with standard statutes formulated by the IHF for all National Federations. They should submit their application to the IHF before the next Congress. ~~In case of any change to these statutes, the National Federation must communicate them to the IHF for assessment and approval before submitting them to the National Federation's Congress.~~ The National Federation should also comply with the IHF Regulations.

[...]

~~15. The IHF may assign a representative to supervise the National Federation's electoral general assembly. The assigned representative shall report to the IHF Head Office on the GA procedures that must be in compliance with the IHF Statutes and the NF's statutes.~~

#### *Justification:*

*The provisions concerned are proposed to be moved from Article 8.1 to Article 8.3 of the IHF Statutes (please refer to the motions related to Article 8.3 below).*

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 1 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 8.1 – Membership – General Provisions)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	26
Abstentions:	7
Valid votes cast:	143

Yes:	137	(95.80%)
No:	6	(4.20%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

## **Motion No. 2**

### **Article 8.2 – Membership – Admission Conditions**

The National Federation's statutes, in conformity with the IHF standard statutes, shall be enclosed in the application for membership and shall contain the following mandatory provisions:

- Permanent compliance with the Statutes, Regulations and decisions of the IHF and of the Continental Confederation concerned
- Compliance with the Rules of the Game applicable
- Recognition of the IHF ~~adjudicating~~ legal bodies, **International Handball Court of Arbitration (IHCA)** and Court of Arbitration for Sport, as specified in **Article 23** of these Statutes
- Independent management of their missions and guarantee that their own affairs are not influenced by any third parties

Additional required documents:

- Admission request letter from the National Olympic Committee
- Composition of the National Federation's Board of Directors approved by the NOC concerned
- Confirmation that the National Federation has its own budget and a court to play handball.

Violations of this paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of the Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines.

*Justification:*

- *In view of the proposed introduction of the International Handball Court of Arbitration within the legal framework, it is necessary to require future Member Federations to recognise the decisions of the IHCA.*
- *The term 'adjudicating bodies' is proposed to be replaced by 'legal bodies' throughout the IHF Statutes and Regulations (please refer to the motion related to Article 22 for a more detailed explanation).*

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 2 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 8.2 – Membership – Admission Conditions)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	35
Abstentions:	7
Valid votes cast:	134

Yes:	124	(92.54%)
No:	10	(7.46%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

### **Motion No. 3**

#### **Article 8.3 – Membership – Member Federations' Obligations**

Member Federations have the following obligations:

a. full compliance with the Statutes, Regulations, directives and decisions of the IHF bodies at any time as well as the decisions of the **International Handball Court of Arbitration (IHCA)** and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) **as specified in Article 23 of these Statutes**. In case of conflict or contradiction with the IHF Statutes and Regulations, the IHF Statutes and Regulations shall prevail;

**b. If a National Federation changes or amends any provision of its statutes, it must submit the revised version**

to both the IHF and the relevant Continental Confederation for confirmation before presenting it to the National Federation's congress.

c. When an electoral congress is convened, the National Federation concerned shall duly notify the IHF of the scheduled congress and subsequently of the results, and shall provide the required documentation (e.g. minutes of the electoral congress, the confirmation letter from the NOC concerned, names and positions of the members of the Board of Directors and the contact details of the National Federation in case of any change). The IHF may decide to appoint a representative to supervise the proceedings. The appointed representative shall submit a report to the IHF Head Office on the conduct of the congress, which must be in full compliance with the Statutes of the IHF, the relevant Continental Confederation and the National Federation.

d. full compliance with the IHF Ethics Code;

e. participation in and completion of competitions organised by the IHF if qualified;

f. settling membership fee and any outstanding debt if due;

g. ensuring that their own members comply with the Statutes, Ethics Code, Regulations, directives and decisions of the IHF bodies;

h. compliance with the Rules of the Game;

i. full compliance with all other duties arising from these Statutes and other Regulations.

Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member Federation may be subject to sanction according to Article 14.3.27.

*Justification:*

**Point a:** *In view of the proposed introduction of the International Handball Court of Arbitration (IHCA) within the legal framework, it is necessary to require Member Federations to recognise and comply with the decisions of the IHCA.*

**Point b:** *This provision is proposed to be moved from Article 8.1.6 to Article 8.3 of the IHF Statutes in order to clarify that it is the obligation of each Member Federation to submit any amendments or supplements related to its statutes to the IHF and Continental Confederation concerned for their prior approval.*

**Point c:** *This provision is proposed to be moved from Article 8.1.15 to Article 8.3 of the IHF Statutes in order to clarify the IHF's right to appoint a representative to supervise a National Federation's electoral congress. In addition, it is proposed to include the obligation of each Member Federation to provide information about their electoral congresses, allowing the IHF Head Office to monitor the NFs' elections more effectively.*

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 3 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 8.3 – Membership – Member Federations' Obligations)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	28
Abstentions:	8
Valid votes cast:	140

Yes:	122	(87.14%)
No:	18	(12.86%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

## ***Motion No. 4***

### ***Article 9 – Autonomy of Handball Stakeholders***

2. Stakeholders' bodies shall be elected by their ~~general assembly congress~~. The stakeholders' statutes shall provide for a procedure that guarantees fully independent elections.

3. Stakeholders' bodies that have not been elected in compliance with the provisions, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognised by the IHF. ~~In case of National Federations, under exceptional circumstances, the IHF shall have the right to appoint an internal interim committee to manage the National Federation until the organisation of the electoral congress in consultation with the relevant Continental Confederation.~~

[...]

### ***9.1 Internal Interim Committee***

1. Under exceptional circumstances, the IHF shall have the right to appoint an internal interim committee to manage the affairs of a National Federation until the organisation of an electoral congress in consultation with the relevant Continental Confederation.

2. The term "exceptional circumstances" shall include, but not be limited to, situations where:

- The legality of the National Federation's elections is contested and the results are not recognised by the NOC concerned for reasons accepted by the IHF;
- The majority or all members of the National Federation's Board of Directors have resigned from their positions without duly replacing them within the required timeframe;
- A quorum cannot be reached for the electoral congress and no specific regulations in this regard are provided for in the National Federation's statutes;
- The majority or all members of the National Federation's Board of Directors have been convicted by a national court, resulting in a prison sentence, or have been sanctioned by a court or arbitral decision, resulting in a ban from handball-related activities.

*Justification:*

**Point 2:** *Minor change of terminology for the sake of consistency.*

**Article 9.1** is proposed to replace the corresponding provision in **point 3** to provide a clear framework for the jurisdiction and authority of the internal interim committee.

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 4 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 9 – Autonomy of Handball Stakeholders)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	33
Abstentions:	5
Valid votes cast:	138

Yes:	130	(94.20%)
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No: 8 (5.80%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

## ***Motion No. 5***

### **Article 21 – Rules of the Game**

1. All IHF Member Federations and Continental Confederations shall be obliged to play handball according to the Rules of the Game approved by the Council. With the ~~PRC's~~ agreement of the PRC, the Beach Handball Working Group, or the Wheelchair Handball Working Group, respectively, a minimum of three Member Federations of different sports levels shall, for a limited period of at least one season, play according to modified rules in order to try them out.

2. In case of any change to the Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball, Beach Handball or Wheelchair Handball passed by the Council, the Council shall decide

- if the respective change to the Rules of the Game (not affecting the structure of the game) may be implemented starting from the following season (1 July), considering that the change must be reported in advance to the Member Federations and Continental Confederations (by 1 March); or
- if the respective change to the Rules of the Game must be tested according to Article 21.1 and announced at the Congress before being published by 1 March of the following year and coming into force on 1 July of the same year.

3. Changes to the Rules of the Game may be applied at official IHF competitions taking place between the date of publication (1 March) and the official effectiveness date (1 July) of such changes according to the approval of the PRC, the Beach Handball Working Group, or the Wheelchair Handball Working Group, respectively.

4. IHF Member Federations shall be responsible for quickly making the changes known within their federation. They shall be entitled to declare that changes to the Rules of the Game already announced shall immediately become valid within their federation.

*Justification:*

**Points 1 & 2:** It is proposed to explicitly mention all three forms of handball and their responsible bodies for the sake of clarity.

**Point 3:** The proposed amendment aims to allow the application of a new version of the Rules of the Game prior to its official effectiveness date, for example at IHF competitions starting in June (Men's/Women's Junior World Championship). The application of two different versions of the Rules of the Game throughout one competition shall be avoided.

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 5 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 21 – Rules of the Game)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	43
Abstentions:	2

Valid votes cast: 131

Yes: 130 (99.24%)

No: 1 (0.76%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

## **Motion No. 6**

### **Article 22 – IHF *Adjudicating Legal Bodies***

1. The *adjudicating-legal* bodies are:

- a. the Arbitration Commission
- b. the Arbitration Tribunal
- c. the Ethics Commission
- d. the Disciplinary Commission
- e. the Jury

2. The responsibilities and function of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Legal Provisions, Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines and the Ethics Code.

3. The powers of the *adjudicating legal* bodies are without prejudice to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and Council as provided for in these Statutes.

4. ~~There are two main adjudicating bodies: the Arbitration Commission and the Arbitration Tribunal. The Arbitration Commission, the Arbitration Tribunal and the Ethics Commission shall be referred to as 'adjudicating bodies'.~~

5. The Disciplinary Commission and the Jury shall be referred to as '*disciplinary bodies*' and are active only during sports events.

6. The Ethics Code is the umbrella of the above-mentioned bodies.

#### *Justification:*

**Points 1, 3, 4, 5:** *The term 'adjudicating bodies' generally refers to any body that makes formal judgements or decisions in disputes while the term 'disciplinary bodies' refers to a specific type of body that deals in particular with rule violations and sanctions, often following different procedures and within a distinct scope. Both adjudicating and disciplinary bodies shall be collectively referred to as 'legal bodies'. The proposed change of terminology also enables the IHF to establish a clearer distinction within its Legal Provisions and other regulations.*

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 6 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 22 – IHF Adjudicating Bodies)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 176

Not participated: 27

Abstentions: 6

Valid votes cast: 143

Yes: 142 (99.30%)  
No: 1 (0.70%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

## Motion No. 7

### **Article 22.1 – IHF ~~Adjudicating~~ Legal Bodies – General Principles**

1. In the case of disputes concerning these Statutes or the regulations and resolutions of IHF bodies, ~~clubs, players' agents, officials, coaches, and~~ players, ~~and the~~ Member Federations ~~and the Continental Confederations~~ to which they belong shall be subject exclusively to the sports jurisdiction of the IHF's statutory ~~adjudicating~~ legal bodies, ~~except in cases referred to in Article 23.2 of these Statutes.~~

2. The Continental Confederations and National Federations shall agree to fully comply with any decisions passed by the relevant IHF ~~adjudicating~~ legal bodies according to these Statutes. They shall take every precaution necessary to ensure that their own members, players and officials comply with these decisions.

~~3. The Continental Confederations and National Federations shall insert a clause in their statutes or regulations, stipulating that handball disputes may not be challenged in ordinary courts of law, unless otherwise stated in the IHF Statutes and Regulations. Instead of recourse to ordinary courts of law, provision shall be made for arbitration in accordance with Article 23 of the IHF Statutes.~~

~~4.~~3. Any violation of the foregoing provisions will be punished in compliance with the IHF Legal Provisions and the Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines.

The composition and duties of the IHF ~~adjudicating~~ legal bodies are set down in the IHF Legal Provisions, ~~and, in the case of the Ethics Commission, additionally in the IHF Ethics Code.~~

#### *Justification:*

**Point 1:** *The proposed amendment aims to include further stakeholders. Additionally, a reference to Article 23.2 is proposed to be included for the sake of clarity.*

**Point 3:** *Given that IHF decisions may not be challenged in ordinary courts (as stipulated in the IHF Legal Provisions), the proposed provision should also apply to Continental Confederations and National Federations. The new point 3 aims to further strengthen the Member Federations by stipulating the jurisdiction of the IHCA (referring to Article 23 of the Statutes).*

**Last sentence:** *The amendment is proposed given that the IHF Legal Provisions only stipulate the composition of the Ethics Commission and refer to the Ethics Code for its functions.*

In light of the findings of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Case C-600/23, as set out in its decision of 1 August 2025, and having regard to Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, Mr Grahovac informed the Congress that the provisions highlighted in yellow were revoked by the IHF Council.

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 7 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 22.1 – IHF Adjudicating Bodies – General Principles)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 176  
Not participated: 27  
Abstentions: 5  
Valid votes cast: 144

Yes: 140 (97.22%)  
No: 4 (2.78%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

## **Motion No. 8**

### **Article 23 – *International Handball Court of Arbitration and Court of Arbitration for Sport***

1. All disputes arising from these ~~Regulations~~ Statutes, IHF Regulations and resolutions of IHF bodies will be handled by the IHF legal bodies. After exhaustion of the internal IHF remedies, the final decision of IHF can be appealed to the International Handball Court of Arbitration (IHCA) in Basel, Switzerland.

2. Notwithstanding the above, the Court of Arbitration for Sport Anti-Doping Division is the adjudicating body for all matters pertaining to anti-doping and arising from the IHF Anti-Doping Rules. Furthermore, any disputes related to the Olympic Games shall be exclusively adjudicated by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, in accordance with the CAS Code. ~~The decision of CAS will be final according to Articles R46 and R59 of the CAS Code.~~

~~3. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless specifically provided for in the IHF Regulations. Recourse to ordinary courts of law for all types of provisional measures is also prohibited.~~

#### *Justification:*

**Points 1 & 2:** *In view of the establishment of the International Handball Court of Arbitration (IHCA) Foundation, the IHCA (instead of CAS) shall serve as appeal authority once all the legal remedies defined in the IHF Statutes and Regulations have been exhausted. Any references to CAS in the other IHF Regulations will be adapted accordingly, if applicable.*

*However, the IHCA shall not be competent for any disputes related to Olympic Games, and anti-doping cases, which are under the jurisdiction of CAS. According to the IHF Council decision of 14 February 2025, the Court of Arbitration for Sport Anti-Doping Division has been appointed as the adjudicating body for all matters pertaining to anti-doping and arising from the IHF Anti-Doping Rules (the IHF Legal Provisions and IHF Anti-Doping Rules have already been amended accordingly).*

~~**Point 3:** *The proposed provision aims to prevent any handball stakeholder from approaching ordinary courts, in line with the practices of sports organisations (e.g. FIFA), which rely on internal and arbitration systems for dispute resolution.*~~

*Note: On condition that the Congress approves the motion concerning the International Handball Court of Arbitration (IHCA), the aforementioned motion shall come into effect immediately after the Ordinary IHF Congress taking place on 21 December 2025 in order to initiate the process of establishing the corresponding foundation. The same applies to any references to IHCA in the IHF Statutes and Regulations.*

In light of the findings of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Case C-600/23, as set out in its decision of 1 August 2025, and having regard to Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, Mr Grahovac informed the Congress that the provisions highlighted in yellow were revoked by the IHF Council.

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 8 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 23 – Court of Arbitration for Sport)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	23
Abstentions:	4
Valid votes cast:	149

Yes:	142	(95.30%)
No:	7	(4.70%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

## **Motion No. 9**

### **Article 25 – Transitional and Final Provisions**

1. These Statutes were amended at the Ordinary Congress in Cairo on 21 December 2025.
2. Continental Confederations and National Federations shall amend their statutes in accordance with the amendments to these Statutes.
3. All proceedings, except for as provided under Article 23.2, that have been initiated before the Court of Arbitration for Sport prior to the establishment of the IHCA shall be completed and concluded before CAS.

*Justification:*

**Point 2:** *Considering that coordination between the Continental Confederations and National Federations is essential, it is necessary to oblige them to carry out the required amendments to their statutes and regulations governing dispute matters. The legal basis for their obligation arises from Article 8.3 and Article 11.3, respectively, of the IHF Statutes, requiring them to be in full compliance with the IHF Statutes and Regulations. Such procedure will allow the IHF to ensure the proper functioning of the International Handball Court of Arbitration. Otherwise, if the Continental Confederations' and National Federations' statutes are not amended, players, coaches and other stakeholders may continue to initiate disputes before the CAS.*

*Note: On condition that the Congress approves the aforementioned motion, it shall come into effect immediately after the Ordinary IHF Congress taking place on 21 December 2025.*

*Remark: Any amendments which are required in the other IHF Regulations as a result of the aforementioned motions will be incorporated in the respective regulations accordingly.*

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 9 from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 25 – Transitional*

and Final Provisions)?

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	30
Abstentions:	6
Valid votes cast:	140

Yes:	138	(98.57%)
No:	2	(1.43%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

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## Decision

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### **The Congress approved motions no. 1 to no. 9 regarding the IHF Statutes.**

According to Article 13.6.6 of the IHF Statutes, the Congress resolutions will come into force three months after the decision of the Congress, i.e. on 21 March 2026, unless otherwise specified in the motions.

### **14.2. Motions from IHF Member Federations regarding IHF Statutes – GRE**

Tomislav Grahovac informed the Congress about the motion regarding the IHF Statutes submitted to the IHF by the Hellenic Handball Federation on 17 September 2025 and gave the floor to the President of the Hellenic Handball Federation, Mr Konstantinos Gkantis, who briefly presented their motion to the Congress.

#### **Motion from Hellenic Handball Federation**

##### **Article 15 – Executive Committee**

###### 15.1. Composition

The Executive Committee consists of the following members:

- President
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President
- Treasurer
- two members elected by the Congress

###### 15.2. General Conditions

1. The Executive Committee shall convene three times a year and whenever necessary.
2. Decisions shall be passed by simple majority; in case of a tie, the President has a casting vote.
3. The members of the Executive Committee shall not exercise any other functions in any other official handball body in the Continental Confederations.
4. There shall not be more than one member from one National Federation on the Executive Committee.
5. In case an Executive Committee member retires, the Congress decides about the substitute. Retired members will get compensation on a proportional basis.
6. **At the time of election, a candidate for a position that leads to membership in the Executive Committee (as defined in Article 15.1 of the IHF Statutes) shall not have reached the age of seventy five (75) years.**

*Justification:*

*Establishing a clear age limit in the IHF Statutes will help ensure regular renewal, generational change, innovation and effective governance within the IHF Executive Committee, as one of the federation's key bodies. Several major international sports federations, such as the European Handball Federation (EHF), already maintain statutory age limits for their bodies (for example, the EHF Statutes stipulate an age limit of 70 years for EHF Executive Committee Members).*

*Note: The motion shall take effect from 2026. The wording of the motion and justification is according to the original communication received from Hellenic Handball Federation.*

The General Director added that the IHF Council decided in its meeting held in Cairo, EGY, on 1 October 2025 to recommend a postponement of the motion concerned until the 2027 Ordinary IHF Congress.

Mr Grahovac gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on the motion from Hellenic Handball Federation regarding the IHF Statutes (related to Article 15 – Executive Committee)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	23
Abstentions:	13
Valid votes cast:	140

Yes:	98	(70.00%)
No:	42	(30.00%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

According to Article 13.6.6 of the IHF Statutes, the Congress resolution will come into force three months after the decision of the Congress, i.e. on 21 March 2026.

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## Decision

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**The Congress approved the motion from Hellenic Handball Federation regarding the IHF Statutes.**

## 15. Report on changes to the Rules and Regulations ratified by the Council

The General Director took the floor, reporting on the changes to the Rules and Regulations ratified by the Council and pointing out that all related information had been submitted to the Congress in writing.

### 15.1. Legal Provisions (II)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council by email communication on 14 February 2025. The revised version of the Legal Provisions was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.2. Player Eligibility Code (III)

Amendments were approved by the 7<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Cairo (EGY) on 30 September 2024.

*Note: The List of Top, Developed and Emerging National Federations (Appendix 3) was updated in February 2025.*

The revised version of the Player Eligibility Code was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.3. Regulations for Transfer between Federations (IV)

Amendments were approved by the 8<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Basel (SUI) on 4 June 2025.

*Note: The List of Top, Developed and Emerging National Federations (Appendix 2) was updated in February 2025.*

The revised version of the Regulations for Transfer between Federations was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.4. Regulations for IHF Competitions (V)

Amendments were approved by the 6<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Créteil (FRA) on 16 April 2024, as well as by the IHF Council by email communication on 7 May 2024 and 21 August 2024. The revised version of the Regulations for IHF Competitions was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.5. Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball (IXa)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council by email communication on 27 February 2024 (being published by 1 March 2024, coming into force on 1 July 2024), by the IHF Council by email communication on 27 February 2025 (being published by 1 March 2025, coming into force on 1 July 2025), as well as by the 8<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Basel (SUI) on 4 June 2025 (only related to Guidelines and Interpretations, Electronic Team Time-Out Regulations, and Video Replay Regulations – coming into force on 1 July 2025). The revised versions of the Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball as well as of the Regulations on Protective Equipment & Accessories, Electronic Team Time-Out Regulations and Video Replay Regulations were uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.6. Rules of the Game for Beach Handball (IXb)

Amendments were approved by the 8<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Basel (SUI) on 4 June 2025. The revised version of the Rules of the Game for Beach Handball will be published by 1 March 2026 and come into force on 1 July 2026.

## 15.7. Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball (IXc & IXd)

Amendments were approved by the 8<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Basel (SUI) on 4 June 2025. The revised versions of the Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Four-a-Side and Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Six-a-Side will be published by 1 March 2026 and come into force on 1 July 2026.

## 15.8. Regulations for International and Continental Referees (XI)

Amendments were approved by the 6<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Créteil (FRA) on 16 April 2024. The revised version of the Regulations for International and Continental Referees was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.9. Goal Regulations (XIIIb)

Amendments were approved by the 8<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Basel (SUI) on 4 June 2025. The revised version

of the Goal Regulations was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.10. Anti-Doping Rules (XIV)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council by email communication on 14 February 2025. The revised version of the Anti-Doping Rules was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.11. Ethics Code (XV)

Amendments were approved by the 6<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Créteil (FRA) on 16 April 2024. The revised version of the Ethics Code was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.12. Financial Regulations (XXIV)

Amendments were approved by the 6<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Créteil (FRA) on 16 April 2024 and by the 7<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting in Cairo (EGY) on 30 September 2024. The revised version of the Financial Regulations was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.13. Wheelchair Handball Classification Rules & Regulations Six-a-Side and Four-a-Side (XXIX)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council by email communication on 20 February 2024 and 24 December 2024 (coming into force on 1 January 2025). The revised version of the Wheelchair Handball Classification Rules and Regulations Six-a-Side and Four-a-Side was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

*Note: According to the decision taken at the 9<sup>th</sup> IHF Council Meeting held in Cairo, EGY on 1 October 2025, the number of Team Balance Points in wheelchair handball four-a-side was reduced from 12 to 11 per team with effect from 1 January 2026. The Wheelchair Handball Classification Rules and Regulations will be updated and published on the IHF website accordingly.*

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## Decision

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**The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the IHF Regulations, which had been ratified by the Council.**

## 16. Confirmation of the IHF programme of activities

President Moustafa gave the floor to the General Director who informed the attendees that the IHF has created an extensive Four-Year Plan, detailing the activities and projects planned for the period between 2026 and 2029. She added that the IHF Four-Year Plan 2026-2029 was sent to all stakeholders on 21 November 2025 according to Article 15.3, point 1.3 of the IHF Statutes. The main objective of the IHF Four-Year Plan 2026-2029 presented to the 2025 Ordinary IHF Congress is to help develop handball throughout the globe, through a multitude of projects, tailor-made for stakeholders to cater for their needs. In addition, the Four-Year Plan 2026-2029 aims to increase diversity and the awareness of different roles in the National Federations as well as promote handball worldwide.

The plan revealed the Game and Rule Development plans, including aspects such as the digital floor, the three-referee project, the referee camera, the continuous use of technology for more transparency, the evolution of the "Official IHF Rule Interpretation", the strategic repositioning amidst sporting competition, and the focus on the future. The PRC Chairman took the floor and provided more detailed information on the three-

referee project, emphasising that it should enable the referees to improve their level of decision-making. However, he also pointed out that the system will not be applied in all handball matches at all levels in the future, as some National Federations already experience difficulties in finding enough individuals for the current two-referee system. He added that various tests will be conducted from 2026 to 2028. In addition, the PRC Chairman remarked that the IHF will continue to work with the referee camera and the referee microphone, as the IHF believes in transparency and received very positive feedback from various stakeholders regarding the announcement of the decisions by the referees after the use of the Video Replay at the most recent Women's World Championship in Germany/Netherlands. Furthermore, he mentioned that the IHF Global Referee Training Programme (GRTP) as well as the Advanced Referee Training Programme (ARTP) will be continued. The PRC Chairman also highlighted the importance of an IHF support system for the referees at all levels as the environment for referees has become more hostile (e.g. online abuse). Moreover, he pointed out that generation change is expected to take place after the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

The plan also detailed the IHF activities in terms of technology, including the IHF AI Roadmap, the IHF Player Management Platform, the IHF Scouting Platform and the "Young Handball Pro" app. The IHF CCM Chairman took the floor, mentioning that he is currently developing a new e-learning programme about handball tactics in cooperation with IHF CCM Expert Mr Jochen Beppler. Activities aimed at reaching the next level in handball development were also outlined, including the promotion of selected Member Federations in a development pool, the IHF Education Academies and the pool of professional experts. Furthermore, the plan put a focus on women in handball through championing women's handball at all levels, a new campaign to attract girls to handball, the promotion of female coaches and referees and a more effective framework for women in handball. The CCM Chairman added that a new working group made up exclusively of female members will be created and an IHF Forum on this topic will take place. Moreover, the plan provided an overview of the activities that are part of the expansion of the IHF education, including, but not limited to the implementation of the IHF Coaching Structure outside Europe, new education programmes to boost the IHF Licence Structure, education through IHF Multipliers and mandatory coaching licences for coaches participating in IHF events. In addition, the plan revealed the initiatives in terms of digital education, including aspects such as transforming teaching and learning through digital education, the IHF Virtual Academy, targeted e-Learning for dynamic skill development and the IHF Education Weeks. The CCM Chairman then referred to the implementation of the IHF Coaching Structure outside Europe, highlighting the importance of closing the performance gap between European and non-European National Federations. In this context, he emphasised that the IHF will place greater focus on long-term projects comprising online and on-site elements, with IHF experts developing tailor-made concepts and travelling to the respective National Federations. Moreover, he remarked that education shall be individualised in order to save time and money, adding that a network of IHF Academies is an important element to reach this goal.

The plan also outlined various IHF projects, including Development Aid, the New Markets' Project, the Former Players Project, the Traveller Coach Project, Handball at School, the Four-Year Plan, the resin-free ball, the IHF Trophy and the Retired Player Solidarity Fund. The plan concluded with a presentation of the development of the new handball video game.

President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to confirm the programme of activities and gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming the IHF programme of activities for the period 2026-2029?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 176  
Not participated: 28  
Abstentions: 2  
Valid votes cast: 146

Yes: 144 (98.63%)  
No: 2 (1.37%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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**The Congress confirmed the IHF programme of activities for the period 2026-2029.**

## 17. Setting membership fees and approval of the budget

The Treasurer took the floor, explaining that the following membership fee categories are currently applicable according to the IHF Financial Regulations:

-  Category A - Annual fee CHF 3,500.–
-  Category B - Annual fee CHF 2,000.–
-  Category C - Annual fee CHF 150.–

Furthermore, she pointed out that it is proposed to exempt Member Federations of category C (annual fee of CHF 150) from paying membership fees for the years 2026-2027.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on exempting Member Federations of category C (annual fee of CHF 150) from paying membership fees for the years 2026-2027?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 176  
Not participated: 22  
Abstentions: 3  
Valid votes cast: 151

Yes: 139 (92.05%)  
No: 12 (7.95%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Mathieu Jaus, representative of the external IHF auditor Copartner Revision AG, took the floor and presented the proposal of the IHF budget for the years 2026 and 2027, outlining the total incomes and total expenses of the two years and noting that the composition of the proposed budget is very similar to the budgets of the

previous years. He pointed out that the budget foresees a loss for 2026 and a profit for 2027, while the IHF is active in the development of handball and adding new expenses, for example for the acquisition and renovation of the new IHF house, providing more detailed information on the building. He stated that the biggest source of income in 2026 and 2027 will be the TV/media rights, adding that the expected income will mostly be invested into the different IHF projects, which have been tailored to assist the National Federations and further develop handball worldwide, such as Development Aid, the IHF Trophy, and the New Markets' Project.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on approving the budget for the years 2026 and 2027?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	22
Abstentions:	3
Valid votes cast:	151

Yes:	143	(94.70%)
No:	8	(5.30%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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**The Congress agreed on exempting Member Federations of category C (annual fee of CHF 150) from paying membership fees for the years 2026-2027 and approved the budget for the years 2026 and 2027.**

## 18. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress

President Moustafa gave the floor to the General Director who informed the Congress that by official communication dated 21 August 2025, the IHF invited all IHF Member Federations to apply for hosting the 41<sup>st</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress in 2027. Those federations interested in organising the aforementioned event were asked to study the related bidding conditions and submit the completed event concept form to the IHF Head Office by 21 September 2025. However, she remarked that no National Federation expressed its interest in hosting the 2027 Ordinary IHF Congress and no event concept was submitted within the stipulated deadline. Consequently, it was proposed to authorise the IHF Council to award the 2027 Ordinary IHF Congress according to Article 19.3.2 of the IHF Statutes.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on authorising the IHF Council to award the 41<sup>st</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress 2027 according to Article*

## 19.3.2 of the IHF Statutes?

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	176
Not participated:	25
Abstentions:	2
Valid votes cast:	149

Yes:	146	(97.99%)
No:	3	(2.01%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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### Decision

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**The Congress agreed on authorising the IHF Council to award the 41<sup>st</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress 2027 according to Article 19.3.2 of the IHF Statutes.**

## 19. Awarding of IHF President's Development Award and other Honours

The General Director took the floor and announced that according to Article 2 of the IHF Regulations for Awards, the IHF President's Development Award is granted to IHF Member Federations every two years at the Ordinary Congress of the IHF. It is awarded for particular services to the development and spread of handball in the Member Federations' own countries and/or throughout the world. The IHF President's Development Award is granted to applicants on two levels:

1. Handball developed countries
2. Emerging federations

### 19.1. IHF President's Development Award – Handball developed countries

The General Director announced to the Congress that, according to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Cairo, Egypt, on 1 October 2025, the Handball Federation of Faroe Islands and the Italian Handball Federation will receive the IHF President's Development Award in the category "Handball developed countries". President Moustafa congratulated the representatives of the Handball Federation of Faroe Islands and the Italian Handball Federation and awarded them a corresponding certificate and a trophy.

### 19.2. IHF President's Development Award – Emerging federations

The General Director announced to the Congress that, according to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Cairo, Egypt, on 1 October 2025, the Handball Federation of Puerto Rico and USA Team Handball will receive the IHF President's Development Award in the category "Emerging federations". President Moustafa congratulated the representatives of the Handball Federation of Puerto Rico and USA Team Handball and awarded them a corresponding certificate and a trophy.

## **19.3. IHF President's Development Award – Special award for outstanding commitment**

The General Director announced to the Congress that, according to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Cairo, Egypt, on 1 October 2025, the Senegalese Handball Federation will receive a special IHF President's Development Award for outstanding commitment in recognition of their services to the development and spread of handball and sports in general on the African continent, also in view of the first-ever Youth Olympic Games in Africa – Dakar 2026. President Moustafa congratulated the representatives of the Senegalese Handball Federation and awarded them a corresponding certificate and a trophy.

## **19.4. Joël Delplanque – Honorary Member**

The General Director announced to the Congress that, according to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Cairo, Egypt, on 1 October 2025, Mr Joël Delplanque was proposed to be appointed as IHF Honorary Member for his contribution to handball as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the IHF since November 2017 and IHF Executive Committee Member since May 2009. Moreover, he was President of the French Handball Federation (FFHandball) from 2008 to 2020 and had served in the capacity of adviser to the President of the FFHB Board of Directors from 2004 to 2007. On behalf of the international handball family, President Moustafa expressed his sincere appreciation for Mr Delplanque's valuable contribution to the development of handball in France and worldwide for years. He handed over to Mr Delplanque an official certificate of appreciation and Mr Delplanque seized the opportunity to thank President Moustafa and the international handball family for their great support and trust.

## **19.5. Dr František Táborský – Honorary Member**

The General Director announced to the Congress that, according to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Cairo, Egypt, on 1 October 2025, Dr František Táborský was proposed to be appointed as IHF Honorary Member for his contribution to handball as IHF Executive Committee Member since 2013 and Chairman of the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group since 2019. Moreover, he was EHF Executive Committee Member from 2000 to 2012 and had served in the capacity of Vice-President of the Czech Handball Federation (CSH) from 1993 to 2005. On behalf of the international handball family, President Moustafa expressed his sincere appreciation for Dr Táborský's valuable contribution to the development of handball in Czechia and worldwide for years. He handed over to Dr Táborský an official certificate of appreciation and Dr Táborský seized the opportunity to thank President Moustafa and the international handball family for their great support and trust.

## **19.6. Kåre Geir Lio**

The General Director announced to the Congress that Mr Kåre Geir Lio will be honoured for his contribution to handball as President of the Norwegian Handball Federation from 2015 to 2025 and in recognition of his untiring commitment to the sport of handball on national and international level and his unwavering dedication to promoting and developing handball in Norway. On behalf of the international handball family, President Moustafa expressed his sincere appreciation for Mr Kåre Geir Lio's valuable contribution to the development of handball in Norway and worldwide for years. An official certificate of appreciation was handed over to Mrs Randi Gustad, President of the Norwegian Handball Federation, who will award it to Mr Kåre Geir Lio.

## **19.7. Raymond Hahn**

The General Director announced to the Congress that Mr Raymond Hahn, IHF Honorary Secretary General, will

be honoured. He started playing handball as a young boy at local club Racing de Strasbourg and the handball section of ASPTT in Strasbourg in 1953. Moreover, he served as Vice-President of the French Handball Federation and was a member of the office of the French National Olympic Committee. He had also served in the capacity of Treasurer of the IHF between 1984 and 1990 and Secretary General of the IHF between 1990 and 2004. On behalf of the international handball family, President Moustafa expressed his sincere appreciation for Mr Hahn's valuable contribution to the development of handball worldwide for years. An official certificate of appreciation was handed over to Mr Philippe Bana, President of the French Handball Federation, who will award it to Mr Raymond Hahn.

## 19.8. Organisers of IHF championships

President Moustafa conveyed his sincere gratitude to the organisers of the IHF championships held since the last Ordinary IHF Congress, i.e. November 2023:

- 🏐 26<sup>th</sup> Women's World Championship 2023 in DEN/NOR/SWE
- 🏐 11<sup>th</sup> Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships 2024 in CHN
- 🏐 24<sup>th</sup> Women's Junior (U20) World Championship 2024 in MKD
- 🏐 10<sup>th</sup> Women's Youth (U18) World Championship 2024 in CHN
- 🏐 3<sup>rd</sup> Wheelchair Handball World Championship 2024 in EGY
- 🏐 17<sup>th</sup> Men's Club World Championship 2024 in EGY
- 🏐 29<sup>th</sup> Men's World Championship 2025 in CRO/DEN/NOR
- 🏐 5<sup>th</sup> Men's Emerging Nations Championship 2025 in BUL
- 🏐 3<sup>rd</sup> Men's and Women's Youth (U17) Beach Handball World Championships 2025 in TUN
- 🏐 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Junior (U21) World Championship 2025 in POL
- 🏐 11<sup>th</sup> Men's Youth (U19) World Championship 2025 in EGY
- 🏐 18<sup>th</sup> Men's Club World Championship 2025 in EGY
- 🏐 1<sup>st</sup> Men's U17 World Championship 2025 in MAR
- 🏐 27<sup>th</sup> Women's World Championship 2025 in NED/GER
- 🏐 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary IHF Congress 2025 in EGY

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## Decision

**The Congress decided to appoint Joël Delplanque and Dr František Táborský as Honorary Members. The Congress took note of the awarding of the 2025 IHF President's Development Awards to Handball Federation of Faroe Islands and Italian Handball Federation (category "Handball developed countries"), Handball Federation of Puerto Rico and USA Team Handball (category "Emerging federations") and Senegalese Handball Federation (special award for outstanding commitment) as well as of the Honours granted to Kåre Geir Lio, Raymond Hahn and the organisers of IHF championships.**

## 20. Miscellaneous

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

## 21. Close of the Congress

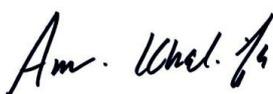
President Moustafa thanked all Congress participants, the Council members, the interpreters, the electronic voting system provider Lumi, the independent notary Edward Gardiner and the staff of the IHF Head Office for their collaboration and their contribution to the success of the Congress.

President Moustafa promised to continue working hard to the benefit of the Member Federations and asked the delegates for their collaboration in promoting handball in their countries. He reiterated his willingness to support the Member Federations and wished them good luck in their activities. He conveyed once again his wishes for continued good health and safety to all participants. He also invited all Presidents of the IHF Member Federations to the official opening of the new IHF house in Basel, Switzerland, planned to take place in May 2026.

President Moustafa declared the 40<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation officially closed.

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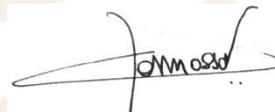
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