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Object: Proposed amendments to Panathlon International Statute

Dear all,

In their last meeting of 25 November 2021, the International Board discussed and approved the proposed amendments to PI Statute, as submitted by the Statute Working Group. The aim of these proposals is to ask primarily to the Clubs to express their opinion on the Past President's role within the PC (President Committee) and the IB (International Board), proposing to change his/her capacity from a deliberative one (with the right to vote) to a consultative or advisory capacity.

This amendment stems from the observation that, under the current rules, an international governing "officer" might remain in office for as long as 20 years (e.g., an International Board Member elected for a 4 years' term might then be elected President for 8 years and, finally, hold office as Past President for another 8 years), which appears quite disproportionate for a modern and flexible Movement. The aim is therefore to promote the turnover by increasing the number of Members of the International Board (7 to 8) and by envisaging 2 Vice-Presidents (to be elected from among the International Board Members) to sit in the President Committee in addition to the President.

As regards the increase in the number of Board Members, the proposed solution would enable to preserve a well-balanced international representation within the International Board, giving no advantage to a District in particular over the others. Therefore, as a result of this change, the District with the highest number of Clubs (Italy, at present) would rightly maintain an absolute majority; however, in the event of an Italian President, the other Districts would be granted a more significant presence within the Board.

The proposal to have two Vice-Presidents is thus in line with this principle.

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The other proposed amendments are the following:

- Add a new category of "junior" Members in the Clubs; the junior Members would have the same rights and duties as the ordinary Members, but they might be granted reduced membership fees. This solution would help to attract younger members, while still allowing to form Junior Clubs;
- Make it possible for the President to make urgent decisions (thus filling a gap in the current Statute; as a matter of fact, article 11 of the current version of the Statute requires any urgent decisions adopted by the President... omissis... to be submitted to the IB for final ratification);
- Provide for the possibility to hold remote meetings via electronic communication (including General Meetings, where distance voting will be permitted);
- A higher number of International Board Meetings per year (not less than three), also benefiting from the opportunity to hold online meetings;
- Bringing article 17 of the current Statute fully in line with the amendments already approved in Molfetta, whereby the minimum number of Clubs required to form a District is three (while permitting a Country to have just two remaining Clubs);
- Improved specification of the hierarchy of sources.

Please find enclosed a schedule showing, side by side, the text of the current Statute and the proposed new version. The differences between the two texts are shown in red.

On behalf of the International Board, I hereby invite you to review and discuss the proposed changes during your Club, Area and District meetings, so as to forward your comments or remarks to the General Secretariat by 31st January 2022 at the latest.

Please feel free to contact us for any doubts and/or clarifications you may need.

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary