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ATTENDANCE LIST

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| Ingmar De Vos | FEI President |
| Shaikh Khaled Al Khalifa | FEI 1 st VP/Chair Group VII |
| Mark Samuel | FEI 2 nd VP/Chair Group IV |
| Maria Gretzer | Chair Athletes |
| Brian Mangan | Chair Audit & Compliance |
| Frank Kemperman | Chair Dressage |
| Karoly Fugli | Chair Driving |
| Brian Sheahan | Chair Endurance |
| David O'Connor | Chair Eventing |
| Stephen Ellenbruch | Chair Jumping |
| John McEwen | Chair Veterinary |
| Armagan Özgörkey | Chair Group I |
| Hanfried Haring | Chair Group II |
| Sadyr Mamytov | Chair Group III |
| Mark Samuel | Chair Group IV |
| Mary Binks | Chair Group IX |
| Carmen Barrera | Chair Group V |
| Luiz Roberto Giugni | Chair Group VI |
| Jack Huang | Chair Group VIII |

CHAIR OF NON-BUREAU STANDING COMMITTEES

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| Erik Dagfinn Elstad | Chair FEI Tribunal |
| Peter Whitehead | Chair Medical |
| Robert Thompson | Chair Reining |
| John Alexander Eccles | Chair Vaulting |

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Communications

Dressage, Para-Equestrian
Dressage, Reining & Vaulting

Education & Standards

Endurance & Driving

Eventing & Olympic

FEI Solidarity

Finance

Games Operations

Information Technology

Jumping

Legal

Legal

President's office

Veterinary

Key:

I = Information/Discussion/Details

R = Resolution/Decision

T = Task

1. WELCOME OF NEW BUREAU MEMBERS

The President congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Bureau members and the newly elected Vice Presidents. **(I)**

2. PLANNING OF KEY FEI EVENTS AND MEETINGS – JANUARY – JULY 2018

The tentative timetable of events for the first half of 2018 was presented. It would be completed throughout the year. The President requested that the Bureau members inform his office of the events they were planning to attend so that organising committees could include them in the official ceremonies. **(I)**

3. LONGINES FEI NATIONS CUP™ JUMPING 2018

The calendar of Division 1 had not been finalised. It was a complex task which was taking time. **(I)**

3.1. Rules for Division 2

The Director of Jumping provided an overview of the rules for qualification for the Longines FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping Division 2 qualifier. They had been prepared by the European Equestrian Federation (EEF) in cooperation with the FEI and were up for Bureau approval. The Chair of Group II and EEF President explained the basic principle which was to allow teams to qualify without the need to travel extensively. **(I)**

The same technical conditions would apply at all CSIOs in Division 2 Regional Groups A, B, C and D where Division 2 NFs from the respective Groups could earn points towards qualification for the Longines FEI Nations Cup™ Division 2 qualifier although the star-level of each event would correspond to the amount of prize-money offered. CSIO venues not having hosted a CSIO3* or higher in the past three years would be permitted to host a CSIO1* or CSIO2*; all other events must have the status of at least a CSIO3*. The height of the Nations Cup competition at these CSIOs must be according to the specifications for 4*

Nations Cup competitions as detailed in Jumping Rules Art. 264.3.1, and the height of the Grand Prix must be 1.60 m. The minimum prize-money for 1* and 2* Nations Cup competitions would be EUR 20'000 with a minimum of EUR 10'000 for the Grand Prix. **(I)**

The President highlighted the requirement for OCs to avoid conflict in sponsorship and be loyal to Longines. Although the above mentioned CSIOs where points could be earned towards qualification for the Division 2 qualifier were not technically part of the series, entering in partnership with watch brands other than Longines had to be avoided. The Legal Director explained that a shorter version of the agreement between the OCs and the FEI would be signed. For greater clarity the provision would be included in the rules. **(I)**

The Bureau approved the rules for qualification for the Longines FEI Nations Cup™ Division 2 qualifier. (R)

The Secretary General suggested that as the qualification system for the Longines FEI Nations Cup™ Division 2 qualifier had been drawn up by the EEF with the approval of the FEI, the title of the Rules should reflect EEF's ownership. **(I)**

4. UPDATE CONTINENTAL GAMES

The Director Eventing and Olympic provided an extensive update on the regional and continental Games featuring equestrian on their programme. **(I)**

The information, contained in the annex distributed prior to the meeting, had been difficult to assemble. The Director would be travelling to Indonesia in December as there were doubts regarding their overall feasibility. There had been little, if any, progress on the preparation of the venue and positive developments were unlikely in the coming months during the rainy season. The Asian Equestrian Federation (AEF) had made commitments regarding transportation of horses. **(I)**

The officials had been appointed and were approved by the AEF and the organising committee. **(I)**

The Chair of Group VIII agreed there was little information regarding the Asian Games. The armed forces of Qatar had committed to transporting the horses but did not have aircrafts equipped for such a service. There were veterinary issues in connection with the landing of the horses. The Asian Games could be a great reputational risks for the FEI. **(I)**

The Chair of Group VIII also mentioned the numerous problems encountered in connection with the South East Asian Games held in Kuala Lumpur (MAS) in August 2017. Those included an adverse analytical finding involving the

individual Jumping champion. However as there had not been security in the stables, this might have been a case of sabotage. **(I)**

The President acknowledged the situation surrounding the South East Asian Games was complex. There were issues of potential match fixing. The very role of the FEI was under discussion: the FEI had signed off the rule book but the OC had changed the rules without the FEI's agreement. Although the Games were not under the authority of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), they were run by the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and were therefore part of the Olympic network. **(I)**

Since the FEI was not the only IF to experience similar issues, the board of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) would address the matter. Cooperation with the other IFs was essential. **(I)**

Ways to tackle the complex situation were discussed as it was acknowledged the Games were an important development tool for the sport. It was the only time NFs would get support from the respective NOCs to participate in an international event. **(I)**

It was decided that the Director Eventing and Olympic would meet with the Technical Delegates, who had officiated at the Games, and would then compile a list of non-compliance issues on the basis of the officials' reports. The President would then address a letter to the AEF with the request to look into the problems. The relevant organisation deadlines would also be included. **(T)**

Where the Pan American Games were concerned, there was a risk of a new change of venue. The proposed new venue, which would be in a private club, would be too small. It would be feasible for Dressage and Jumping but not feasible for Cross Country, for which additional land on either side of the venue would be necessary. Spectator flow would also be problematic. A change could require duplication of services. **(I)**

It was clarified that no public money would be invested into a private facility. **(I)**

The Pan American Sports Organisation (PASO) had been informed that the current venue had been signed off by the FEI. If a new venue were proposed, it would have to be fully reassessed. **(I)**

Since the organising committee for equestrian had changed, a letter to follow up on outstanding matters and outline concerns would be sent. The Secretary General was tasked with following up the matter. (I and T for SG)

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President expressed his special thanks to the General Assembly organising team who had done a wonderful job and had run a smooth and enjoyable event. **(I)**

Where rule changes were concerned, 2018 should be dedicated to consolidating and successfully implemented the changes that had been voted in already. **(I)**

6. NEXT BUREAU TELECONFERENCE, 12 DECEMBER, 15.00 CEST

The following Bureau teleconference would take place on 12 December. **(I)**

The Bureau meeting concluded at 18.00 UYT.