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## 1. OPENING

By the FEI President:

*"Ladies and gentlemen, Dear members and stakeholders of the FEI, Dear friends, equestrian fans and members of the media,*

*Good morning and welcome to the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2022 in Cape Town, South Africa.*

*This time we made it! We should have held our General Assembly in South Africa already two years ago in 2020, but Covid-19 got in the way. So after a virtual General Assembly in 2020 and a hybrid one in Antwerp last year, I want to extend our sincere thanks to the South African Equestrian Federation for their flexibility and warm welcome when hosting the GA 2020 +2 here in Cape Town.*

*With time, we have further perfected our hybrid capabilities, so I am delighted that we are hosting our second hybrid General Assembly, with 67 National Federations represented by delegates in-person and 42 NFs participating and voting online. Our GA is also being live-streamed for the public and is accessible for all to watch live and in replay on the GA hub, as it has been for several years, with all documents pertaining to this meeting, also publicly available on the very same hub.*

*We have also a number of official stakeholder groups represented here in person and online, as well as regional and continental associations taking part and using this gathering to plan for the future with their regional counterparts. And of course we have the FEI Board, for whom I am eternally grateful for their time and wise council, both of which have been solicited more than ever these past years.*

*It's basically the big FEI Family as we often say, and every year, we come together to review where we stand, the circumstances of our achievements, of our setbacks, as well as where we want to go, and how we intend to get there.*

*But context is everything...*

*2022 has been challenging on many fronts and it has also been rewarding and heart-warming – because we have seen once again the powerful strength and resilience of our community to overcome and deliver in the face of adversity.*

*We discovered much of this strength – or the extent of it – with the Covid-19 pandemic followed by the EHV outbreak in Europe last year – and it certainly developed our confidence in our ability to find solutions, to be flexible and to work together as a team.*



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*The war in Ukraine has been extremely distressing, and we are all saddened by the ongoing conflict and the devastation. It was overwhelming at first to know how and where to help effectively, but we were able to establish priorities quickly, and in part thanks to the past couple of years where we have had to react and respond quickly to ever changing situations. I am very happy to welcome the UKR NF President online and the Secretary General here in person in Cape Town.*

*FEI Solidarity and a number of Federations as well as Associations have played an important role in providing support on the ground to the equestrian community, and we remain committed and will continue to help our Ukrainian colleagues through what will be a difficult winter. The 1 million Swiss franc Solidarity Fund we were able to unblock together with important fundraising by USEF has served already well, and we have really targeted our support thanks to a solid partnership with the Ukrainian Equestrian Federation Charity Foundation and great teamwork with the different service providers.*

*We had hoped the situation would improve by the end of this year, and provide some respite to the Ukrainian people, but also that we would be able to lift the restrictions on Russia and Belarus and allow the equestrian community to begin to rebuild the sport in the region. But things have in fact worsened.*

*Consequently, we had no other choice than to follow the IOC and maintain restrictions in Russia and Belarus in response to their breach of the Olympic Truce and the annexation of territory of another state, territory also of the NOC and the NF.*

*As a result of this, we recently extended until further notice the measure taken in February of this year regarding events in Russia and Belarus, and therefore no FEI events will be held in either country in 2023.*

*A number of other measures also remain in place for the time being such as the freezing of FEI Solidarity projects and the Emergency Board Resolution prohibiting all Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Horses and Officials from participating in FEI Events. This is not a decision we take lightly in sport, or as a community, because we pride ourselves on our ability to bring people together, above and beyond politics, race or culture.*

*And we understand that the Russian and Belarusian Athletes and Officials that have nothing to do with the war feel that they are penalised for the actions of their governments. Given the escalation of events, this is a protective measure we have to maintain to ensure the safety of our athletes and the integrity of our competitions. Believe me when I say that our thoughts are also with the Russian and Belarussian equestrian community and that we hope to welcome them back once this war is over.*

*There is no winner in this situation. But we will continue our efforts to mitigate the effects of the war, and support our community in the best way we can.*

*We will also have to mitigate the effects of the war and the repercussions on our finances as the world is going through an energy crisis, and as all industries including equestrian, grip themselves for rising costs and inflation.*

*So how are the finances of the FEI following Covid-19 and in the context of the conflict in Ukraine?*

*In many ways, 2021 was better than expected, which made it possible to build our reserves and recover from 2020.*

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*As you will have seen in the annexes, we still have a balanced budget for 2022. But we need to be extremely careful as the markets are very volatile and potentially influence in a negative way the performance of our portfolio. Although we have set a provision aside to cover financial risks this will probably have an effect on the final balance sheet for 2022.*

*We are still financially healthy, but according to well respected authorities this situation is going to be more complicated for the coming years and this for all sectors and industries.*

*And while we don't have a crystal ball, it's important we anticipate the impact of this global economic downturn on the activities of our sport. So for this reason, we have been more than in the past conservative in our budget for 2023. And given our financial health we believe it was important to present you a balanced budget for 2023.*

*With all the disruption these recent years, one would expect the sport to have suffered, and the momentum in our governance related initiatives to have taken a back seat. But there could be nothing further from the truth.*

*We are fighting strong, and we – as a community - are leading with conviction.*

*2022 was full of milestones and achievements both on and off the field of play, which have set our sport on a new course.*

*Grooms. It's taken 100 years to recognise them as an official stakeholder group but we can all safely say this was an important milestone for our sport which has already set in motion some key initiatives that will raise the bar at our events, create better conditions for grooms in turn for the care and wellbeing of our horses. And we will continue to cooperate and support the International Grooms Association here represented by its founder and director Lucy Katan.*

*We saw some of these initiatives at the FEI World Championships in Herning and Pratoni del Vivaro, adding to the great success of these events, where wonderful sporting performances took place. Performances which officially put 11 nations on the road to Paris 2024, with the first 25 Olympic and Paralympic qualifying team slots allocated. I think a special mention must go to Germany and Great Britain for securing team slots in all 4 disciplines! For Germany I am sure you made your former President Breido, who regretfully past away last week, very proud.*

*The success of these Championships also reaffirmed the decision to allow different bids in order to secure the best conditions for each discipline, and as you will have seen with the recent announcement, a process we have maintained for the FEI World Championships 2026.*

*And while we are on Paris 2024, having approved the quota last year, and now moving on to approve the Rules, the consultation process and the time we have taken to review the rules has been really beneficial, and I am grateful for the valuable input of the community throughout this process.*

*As you know, one of our biggest priorities is to ensure equestrian remains on the Olympic and Paralympic programme and remains relevant to audiences around the world that tune in to these Games every four years, whether they tune in to TikTok or traditional linear TV.*

*IOC President Thomas Bach was very complimentary of our sport, of the FEI's efforts and the willingness of our community to embrace change when he attended the FEI 100 Years celebration back in April, and also when he visited in September the FEI Eventing World*

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*Championship in Pratoni del Vivaro. We have an incredible sport and the IOC recognises the value of equestrian,... But we are only as good as our last Games, and we are judged on our performance, so we need to continue to keep our sport safe, attract new fans, engage youth and do what is necessary to appeal to a global audience.*

*Like all other sports in the Olympic programme, we are constantly "under review". And again - Context is everything – as we have to compete with new sports, new media landscapes and new trends.*

*We have been working on LA28, and recently I travelled to Los Angeles with FEI Secretary General Sabrina Ibanez to meet with the Organising Committee and to identify together an Equestrian Venue that ticks all the boxes especially cost efficiency by accommodating our 3 Olympic disciplines and Para Dressage in one venue.*

*But it will be based on our performance in Paris that our events and disciplines will be confirmed for LA28. And as you all know, one of the biggest challenges for us (but also many other sports) is around broadcast figures. There were issues with Tokyo2020, as many fans were unable to find or understand where they could watch our sport, on top of the unfavourable time zone differences.*

*This is something we have already started to address, and will actively work to mitigate for Paris and ensure equestrian fans, and new audiences know where to watch our sport during the Games.*

*It will come as no surprise that in line with our efforts to retain and attract viewers, we continue to invest in our digital and communications presence. Creating heroes, storytelling and setting the scene for wonderful performances is necessary to draw audiences in to watch our sport. And this is a collective effort and vision which we as a community must continue to develop. So we need your active help and work together to amplify our presence in the global mixed media landscape.*

*We recently held – and this for the first time – digital seminars aimed at press officers and content creators from our National Federations and our OCs, but also for our athletes and grooms. These were really well attended, and the purpose was to share the best practices we have learnt over the years, so that members of our community can use these tips to better promote their equestrian stories to larger audiences, which will also benefit our sport as a whole.*

*The future is on everyone's lips – and although this future seems to be uncertain – there is one certainty: The youth of today will become the future of equestrian tomorrow. And they already dictate the popularity of sports online. This is a key demographic we must invest in, and listen to...*

*With the postponement of the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar from 2022 to 2026, we believe we had to find a suitable replacement in order to avoid to deprive an entire generation of young athletes with the opportunity to compete on a global stage and have an Olympic Dream. Also knowing that their performances and their journey will inspire their peers.*

*And it certainly was a big stage with our replacement event the FEI Youth Equestrian Games – which ran entirely on the same format as the Youth Olympic Games combining sport with an educational programme supported by the IOC – held in Aachen in May.*

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*For the 30 young athletes from 30 nations and their entourage, this was an unforgettable experience, and I am sure for our hosts here in South Africa, it was also an unforgettable experience, bringing home individual gold and team bronze as part of Team Africa.*

*Every decision we make today at this GA, but also in our respective organisations and associations, has to be in the context of the future. There can be no complacency or reticence to change, to keep things as they are. Because the world is changing, the sporting, media and sponsorship landscapes are changing. And as a result the way we present and manage our sports also have to change.*

*Context is everything and so is good governance...*

*I want to preface this next part of my opening remarks to congratulate all the FEI members, Committee Members, official Stakeholders and FEI HQ staff for their contribution to solid governance and decision making protocols which have once again placed the FEI at the top of the ASOIF Governance Review. This is an achievement we can and should all be very proud of, and a rating which reflects much of the process at our General Assembly week – where dialogue, consultation and transparency take top priority in the decision making process. We don't always agree – but fortunately we can talk about everything.*

*The future of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup was recently discussed with members of the Jumping community, and the need to change was also the conclusion from this important taskforce meeting held in Lausanne last month. The sustainable future of this wonderful series where honour and competing for your country is everything, and for whom we have a fantastic sponsor Longines, depends on our ability to adapt to new conditions. And when I say adapt, it's not about compromise, it's about taking a fresh look and creating quite the opposite – an uncompromising product, which is relevant in today's sporting context with a solid and unique identity and representative of the global values of the Nations Cup. And to do this, we will need our National Federations to support our endeavours, and provide us with the tools to make it happen.*

*Uncompromising is also a good way to describe the Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission, an independent body which we set up in June of this year, in response to growing scrutiny and concerns over the use of horses in sport. Our social licence to operate, so the public's acceptance and approval of our sport and how we manage our sport and safeguard the needs of our equine partner, is not a given and can easily be eroded. We must be proactive and uncompromising in the way we respond to the society in which we operate. It's a question of trust, and we need to earn it, the ball is on our court.*

*This is the context in which our sport is evolving and these are the discussions we must continue to have openly, if we want to secure a sustainable future.*

*And we are the FEI Family, so I have every confidence in our collective ability to make the right decisions for our sport in the long term. We are a unique sport and a community fuelled by passion and determination. We are highly resourceful and we certainly don't shy away from challenges.*

*What we have achieved in 2022 – and since the outbreak of Covid-19 is simply remarkable, and we should all be very proud.*

*Context is everything, but only if we can work TOGETHER... so on that final note, I would like to thank our National Federations, our Regional and Continental Associations, and our Official stakeholders for representing the interests of your members and for regularly engaging in constructive dialogue with the FEI.*

*I would also like to thank the Athletes, Officials, Organisers, Owners, Grooms, Trainers, Sponsors - especially Longines of course – and all others that contribute to the success of our sport for their tremendous commitment and for helping deliver the very best of equestrian to a wider public.*

*And last but not least, I would like to thank all the Committee Members, the newly formed equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission Members, as well as the FEI Board and the great FEI HQ staff for your unfailing and continuous support.*

*As you know there is also a presidential election on this agenda and I sincerely thank you already for your support to continue our journey together for another - in my case last - four years.*

*And now before we move on to the order of the day, let's take a moment to reflect and remember the important individuals we lost since the GA 2021. Individuals that were part of our community and that have shaped our sport – at local, national, regional and international level - and will be dearly missed."*

## 2. QUORUM

The quorum was reached with 66 National Federations present in-person and 42 National Federations online for a total of 108 eligible votes.

## 3. ELECTIONS OF SCRUTINEERS

The General Assembly elected the following Scrutineers for the Ordinary General Assembly: **(R)**

- Nara Ketusingha (THA), Chair;
- Jukka Koivisto (FIN), Member; and
- Glenda Warbuton (SWZ), Member.

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 89 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

### 4.1. Suspension

The National Federations of Lithuania, Iceland and Turkmenistan had been provisionally suspended due to non-payment of the Annual Membership Subscription Fee.

**NOTE FROM HEADQUARTERS:** *After the General Assembly the National Federations of Lithuania and Turkmenistan paid their Annual Membership Subscription Fee and therefore their suspension was lifted.*

The General Assembly was informed that the National Federation of Malawi had withdrawn its membership from the FEI due to current economic conditions in the country.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF HYBRID GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021**

The General Assembly approved the minutes of the Hybrid General Assembly 2021. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 89 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

## **6. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

The General Assembly approved the Annual Report 2021. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 86 votes validly casted there were 86 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

## **7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & AUDITORS REPORT 2021**

The FEI Chief Financial Officer (CFO) provided delegates with a detailed presentation on FEI Finances, covering the years 2021 to 2022.

With energy prices sky rocketing, inflation and the tightening of credit conditions by central banks following the war in Ukraine, there was growing concern that economies around the world would turn into a recession in 2023. If this was the case, organisers, athletes and other stakeholders would be affected by general inflation and energy cost increase situations, which in turn would impact fan participation and potentially lower the number of events in 2023.

The FEI Chief Financial Officer reported that the FEI had decided to take a conservative approach to the operational revenues for 2023 and had reduced some operational revenues assumptions by 10% compared to 2019. This concerned organising dues, passports, and Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Program (EADMCP) fees.

By reducing revenues expectations, and with the goal of presenting a balanced budget, the FEI had carried out a thorough examination of its expenses. As expense reductions alone were not enough to balance the budget, the CFO had proposed releasing money from IT funds and from various provisions in the amount of CHF 3.2 million to achieve that goal.

The General Assembly approved the 2021 accounts and auditors' report. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 89 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

## **8. AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chair of Audit & Compliance Committee presented her report to the General Assembly. No questions were raised.



## **9. RELEASE OF THE BOARD & SECRETARY GENERAL FOR 2021**

The General Assembly approved the release of the Board and the Secretary General for 2021. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 87 votes validly casted there were 87 yes, 0 no and 1 abstentions.

## **10. APPOINTMENT OF FEI AUDITORS**

The General Assembly elected PricewaterhouseCoopers in Lausanne as FEI Auditors for 2023. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 86 votes validly casted there were 86 yes, 0 no and 3 abstentions.

## **11. REVISED BUDGET 2022**

The General Assembly approved the revised budget for 2022. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 88 votes validly casted there were 88 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention.

## **12. BUDGET 2023**

The FEI Chief Financial Officer presented the main aspects of the 2023 Budget, which was approved by the General Assembly. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 89 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 1 abstentions.

## **13. APPROVAL OF FEI RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **13.1. FEI General Regulations: Modifications**

The Legal Director clarified that, as discussed during the Rules Session 2 on 12 November 2022, the Calendar Application Deposit would not apply to CSI3\* and CSIO3\* Events.

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the FEI General Regulations, effective as of 1 January 2023. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 87 votes validly casted there were 86 yes, 1 no and 2 abstentions.

## **13.2. Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes**

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, effective as of 1 January 2023. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 90 votes validly casted there were 90 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

## **13.3. Equine Anti-Doping & Controlled Medication Regulations**

The General Assembly approved the proposed changes to the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, effective as of 1 January 2023. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 91 votes validly casted there were 91 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

## **13.4. Para Equestrian Classification Rules**

The Para Equestrian Classification Rules were approved. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 88 votes validly casted there were 87 yes, 1 no and 1 abstentions.

## **13.5. Paris 2024 Olympic Regulations**

The General Assembly approved the 2024 Olympic Regulations. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 92 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 3 no and 0 abstentions.

## **13.6. Paris 2024 Paralympic Regulations**

The 2024 Paralympic Regulations were approved. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 90 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 0 no and 1 abstentions.

## **13.7. Paris 2024 Olympic Ranking Rules**

The General Assembly approved the 2024 Olympic Ranking Rules. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 91 votes validly casted there were 91 yes, 0 no and 1 abstentions.

## **13.8. Paris 2024 Paralympic Ranking Rules**

The Paris 2024 Dressage Ranking Regulation were approved. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 91 votes validly casted there were 91 yes, 0 no and 1 abstentions.



## 14. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL CHARGES 2023

The General Assembly approved the 2023 financial charges effective as of 1 January 2023. **(R)**

Out of 96 voting Delegates and 92 votes validly casted there were 86 yes, 6 no and 1 abstentions.

## 15. JUMPING

### 15.1. Jumping Committee Report

The Chair of the FEI Jumping Committee provided a brief overview of the Jumping Report.

The discipline had seen a return to regular competition scheduling in 2022, although various countries still experienced Covid-19 travel restrictions with some cancellations seen at the beginning of 2022.

The staging of the ECCO FEI World Championships 2022 in Herning (DEN) for Jumping, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ in Leipzig (GER) in April, and the 2022 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final in Barcelona (ESP) in early October were hugely successful for the discipline.

The introduction of the FEI Veterinary Department's EHV-1 prevention protocol greatly reduced the risk of the outbreaks that were experienced in mainland Europe in 2021. All the 2022 Longines FEI Nations Cup™ events took place, with the exception of one leg that unfortunately had to be cancelled due to concerns about a local outbreak.

The FEI Jumping Committee found that the changes introduced to the fully revised 2022 Jumping Rules had enhanced the foundations of horse welfare and fair play in the Jumping discipline.

The Chair confirmed approval by the FEI Board of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Rules 2023, Longines Global Champions Tour Rules 2023, Global Champions League Rules 2023, Longines EEF Series Rules 2023, FEI Jumping World Cup Rules 2022-2023, and FEI Nation's Cup Youth 2022 Rules.

### 15.2. Jumping Rules: Modifications

In a separate vote the General Assembly approved the approval of a per diem for CSI3\* Events in Europe & North America of €250 for President of the Ground Jury, Foreign Judge, Chief Steward, and Foreign Steward and a per diem of €175 for all other officials. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 86 and 4 abstentions the voting was as followed:

- 250 Euros (PGJ, FJ, CS, FS) and 175 Euros (other Officials): 46
- 175 Euros (PGJ, FJ, CS, FS) and 150 Euros (other Officials): 40

The General Assembly approved the modifications to the Jumping Rules. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 93 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 4 no and 0 abstentions.

## 16. DRESSAGE

### 16.1. Dressage Committee Report

The Chair presented her report and acknowledged the valuable discussions that had taken place with National Federations and Stakeholders during the full revision of the Dressage Rules over the year.

The Chair also mentioned the very successful ECCO FEI World Championships 2022 in Herning (DEN), and thanked the Organiser for the top quality delivery of this Event. Dressage had been incredibly successful at these Championships with an amazing atmosphere. There had been 93 entries and 92 combinations started in the Grand Prix which saw representation from all regional groups.

The Chair also mentioned the use of innovative judging technology which helped Officials remain active during this period during which traveling had been more challenging. Officials were offered several opportunities to attend online Judge's education sessions.

A new World Ranking system had also been created, which included a Ranking list for Athletes and one for Horses.

The Chair thanked the out-going Vice-Chair, Irina Maknamy (RUS), for her invaluable contribution on many projects, including the full rules revision. The Chair also thanked out-going member Beatriz Ferrer-Salat (ESP), who had been a great representative of the Athletes' voice on the Committee. The Chair was pleased to welcome the recently appointed new members, Frederico Pinteus (POR) and the elected Athlete representative, Yvonne Losos de Munis (DOM).

### 16.2. Dressage Rules: Full Revision

A number of National Federations had asked for two articles to have separate votes within the new Dressage Rules during the Rules Session on 12 November 2022. As a result, the Delegates were asked to vote specifically on the following items:

- Art. 401.7: whether to allow the option to offer a Grand Prix in CDI2\*/CDIO2\* with the understanding that the GP at the level would not count for MERs nor for World Ranking Points.

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 91 votes validly casted there were 87 yes, 4 no and 2 abstentions in favour of allowing GP to be offered in CDI2\*/CDIO2\*. **(R)**

- Chapter VI Officials: whether they were in favour of applying the Level system to FEI Dressage Judges on the understanding that the L4/5\* reference would be used in the official working documents (e.g. Event Schedules, Education System, Courses).

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 90 votes validly casted there were 71 yes, 19 no and 2 abstentions in favour of the proposal. **(R)**

The 2023 Dressage Rules were approved. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 91 votes validly casted there were 83 yes, 8 no and 1 abstention.

## 17. PARA DRESSAGE

### 17.1. Para Equestrian Committee Report

The Chair presented her report and acknowledged the valuable discussions that had taken place with National Federations and Stakeholders during the full revision of the Para Dressage Rules over the year. An on-line Para Forum had taken place at the beginning of the year allowing gathering of input of the stakeholders on the main proposed rules amendments.

The Chair also mentioned the very successful ECCO FEI World Championships 2022 in Herning (DEN), and thanked the Organiser for the top quality delivery of this Event.

The Chair confirmed that the new education system had been finalised for Judges, Classifiers and Stewards, which had been published on the FEI website and would be effective 1 January 2023.

The Para Equestrian Committee, the Para Dressage Department and the FEI Solidarity Department had worked hard to deliver a new FEI World Para Dressage Challenge effective 1 January 2023. The Para Equestrian Committee hoped that this new format would enable new National Federations to embrace the discipline and further develop to reach the highest level with their Athletes, as this was one of the Committee's main aims, to grow the discipline and attract more Athletes from new nations.

The Chair thanked out-going Vice-Chair, David Hamer (GBR), for his great contribution on many projects as well as Angelika Trabert (GER), who had been the voice of the Athletes on the Committee. The Chair was pleased to welcome the recently appointed new members, Rodolpho Riskalla (BRA) and the elected Athlete representative, Erin Orfort (GBR).

The Chair also mentioned the Para Equestrian Digest started by the FEI Communications Department to bring attention to the social barriers that our Athletes face, while highlighting the therapeutic value of the horse-human connection. This was a wonderful tool to promote Para Equestrian and its deep values.

### 17.2. Para Dressage Rules: Full Revision

The 2023 Para Dressage Rules were approved. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 90 votes validly casted there were 90 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention.

## 18. EVENTING

### 18.1. Eventing Committee Report

The Chair of the FEI Eventing Committee provided an overview of the positive developments in the discipline, including the recovery in the number of events (of 21%) following Covid-19.

He also highlighted the successful FEI Eventing World Championship in Pratoni del Vivaro (ITA), which would be relevant for the development of Eventing for the future in many

ways. He referenced the record number of 26 nations participating with 16 teams showing the representation of the sport with 3 continents on the team podium. He congratulated the Organiser and the National Federation in the delivery of this important event, which was also attended by the IOC president Thomas Bach and an IOC delegation.

The Chair extended his thanks to the outgoing members from the Committee, William Fox-Pitt (GBR) the athlete representative, and Geoff Sinclair (AUS) for their great work. Geoff Sinclair (AUS) had however accepted to continue his very effective and positive chairmanship on the FEI Eventing Risk Management Working Group.

The new education system coming into effect in 2023 was mentioned, thanking involvement of the working group for the past 2 years. It was clarified that the impact would be monitored during the 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation.

The new Challenge for Eventing was presented and smaller nations were encouraged to get involved in this very user-friendly competition format.

The report also provided updates on the FEI Eventing Series and Championships held in 2022.

## 18.2. Eventing Rules: Full Revision

The Full revision of the 2023 Eventing rules were. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 88 votes validly casted there were 88 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions.

## 19. ENDURANCE

### 19.1. Endurance Committee Report

The Endurance Committee Chair noted several key Events held during 2022, which included several Endurance Championships for Juniors, Young Riders and Young Horses.

The Chair also informed the General Assembly participants of the FEI Championship allocations for 2024.

The Chair confirmed that the FEI Endurance World Championship, originally allocated to Verona (ITA), would be held in Butheeb (UAE) following a decision at the FEI Board meeting on 10 November 2022.

Later, the FEI Secretary General would thank all the bidders for the Championship and provided some additional insights into the conditions offered by the Organising Committee of the FEI Endurance World Championship in Butheeb (UAE), namely: - No entry fee - Flight transportation for horses from Europe and North America, as well as flights and accommodation for athletes and teams. - An award for the Best Condition and prize money for all finishers.

The Committee Chair also noted that the Hyposensitivity Control Teams, and the new testing procedures, had been positively viewed by the community. Under the direction of the FEI Veterinary Department, horses had been tested at a range of Endurance competitions at all FEI Endurance Championships on different continents at 19 venues.

## 19.2. Endurance Rules: Modifications

The General Assembly approved the proposed Endurance Rules modifications. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 84 votes validly casted there were 82 yes, 2 no and 4 abstentions.

## 20. DRIVING & PARA DRIVING

### 20.1. Driving Committee Report

The Chair informed the General Assembly that the Committee agreed to adapt the Pony Measuring system in order to better fit the practicalities of the Driving Discipline. Working closely with the FEI Veterinary Department and FEI Veterinary Committee, it was decided that Driving Ponies would be exempt from requiring an Interim or Lifetime Measuring Certificate for CAI1\*, CAI2\* and CAI3\* events unless a pony was suspected to exceed the regulatory height.

### 20.2. Driving & Para Driving Rules: Modifications

In the first of three separate votes National Federations voted in favour of retaining the 2021 carriage minimum weight. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 78 votes validly casted there were 72 yes, 6 no and 11 abstentions.

National Federations also voted in favour of approving that Organisers had the option of an 80x40m or 100x40m arena for all non-Championship Four-in-Hand Horses Events. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 79 votes validly casted there were 73 yes, 6 no and 11 abstentions.

In the third vote, National Federations voted in favour of a mandatory 100x40m arena for all Four-in-Hand Horses Championships. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 71 votes validly casted there were 65 yes, 6 no and 19 abstentions.

The General Assembly approved all modifications to the Driving and Para Driving Rules. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 76 votes validly casted there were 75 yes, 1 no and 15 abstentions.

## 21. VAULTING

### 21.1. Vaulting Committee Report

The Chair presented her report. As the Vaulting Rules had undergone a full review in 2021, there were only a few amendments for 2023. The focus of the Vaulting Committee had

been on the implementation of the new Rules, which included an update of the Vaulting Guidelines and a rewrite of the Technical Tests.

In the first quarter of the year, the Committee had been testing the New Concept for judging the Free Test which was going to be included in the Vaulting Rules for 2023. The Testing had shown that there were still details that needed to be worked out and therefore, the implementation of this new concept had been kept on-hold.

The Chair highlighted the successful ECCO FEI World Championships 2022 in Herning (DEN), alongside Jumping, Dressage and Para Dressage and the European Championships for Juniors and Young Vaulters that took place in Kaposvar (HUN). Both editions had shown great sport and the first ever edition of the Championships for Young Vaulters had been very promising for the future of this category.

The Chair also mentioned the 2022 Open Online Forum, the three online sessions for judges that had taken place as well as the annual in-person FEI Vaulting Seminar that had taken place in 2022, all with great attendance.

The Chair thanked the out-going members, Anita Flamand (AUT), Rob de Bruin (NED), and Christina Boe (GER), Athletes' representative and mentioned their incredible commitment to the discipline and their support in all the projects. The Chair finally welcomed the new members Anna Andersen (SWE) and Lise Berg (DEN), as well as Lambert Leclezio (FRA), the new Athletes' representative.

### **21.2. Vaulting Rules: Modifications**

The modifications proposed in the Vaulting rules, including the two clarifications which had been agreed to during the Rules session that took place on 12 November, were approved. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 81 votes validly casted there were 81 yes, 0 no and 9 abstention.

## **22. VETERINARY**

### **22.1. Veterinary Committee Report**

The FEI Veterinary Committee Chair provided updates on the key changes to the Veterinary Regulations which were subject to a full review this year. The General Assembly was informed that the sanction system (approved by the FEI GA 2021) was revised after concerns had been raised by Athletes and National Federations, and was implemented globally on 1 July 2022.

The FEI Veterinary Committee Chair also referred to the findings and results of the EHV-1 report published earlier this year and thanked Ms Grania Willis for her support in this work. Other related biosecurity matters included in the Committee report, as well as updates on pony measuring, anti-doping and controlled medication testing, the FEI Equipment Expert Working Group and the education of Official Veterinarians were also mentioned.

## 22.2. Update on Equine Influenza vaccine shortage

Due to vaccine shortage, a Board Emergency Resolution was approved the Board meeting on 8 September 2022 to derogate the booster intervals of vaccinations against Equine Influenza. The derogation had been implemented on 1 October 2022 and will be in force to 1 April 2023. The FEI Veterinary Chair stressed that the derogation only had been possible thanks to the high level of immunity of FEI horses that is a result of the extensive FEI vaccination requirements.

## 22.3. Veterinary Regulations: Full Revision

The FEI Veterinary Director informed about the amendment to the proposal of Article 1008.11.b of the FEI Veterinary Regulations that had come out as a result of the previous day's Rules Session. The General Assembly approved all modifications to the Veterinary Regulations including the amended proposal. **(R)**

Out of 97 voting Delegates and 91 votes validly casted there were 89 yes, 2 no and 1 abstention.

## 23. MEDICAL

### 23.1. Medical Committee Report

The FEI Medical Committee Chair updated delegates on the education programme sessions that were held around the world, Athlete testing during 2022 and Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs).

The FEI Medical Committee Chair reported that there would be a testing programme increase in 2023 and that the FEI Education programme was now mandatory under the WADA International Standards for Education. He reminded National Federations of their critical role in helping athletes avoid doping violations by conducting anti-doping education.

The FEI Medical Committee Chair provided an update of the International Conference on Concussions in Sport – where the FEI was a co-organiser and sponsor - which took place in Amsterdam (NED) on 27 and 28 October 2022, FEI Discipline specific medical coverage requirements and other Medical Committee projects in development for 2023.

## 24. ATHLETES

### 24.1. Athletes Committee Report

The outgoing FEI Athletes' Committee Chair, Maria Gretzer (SWE) thanked her Committee, the FEI and all the members of the FEI Board and the community for their continued support and efforts to include the Athletes voice in the decision-making process.

The FEI Athletes' Committee Chair underscored the important strides that had been made since becoming Athletes Committee Chair and underscored the importance of the Athlete Committee within the FEI Administration.

The FEI Secretary General presented the new Athletes Committee, and the participation rate for the term 2022-2026 following the nomination and election process, where eligible Athletes were invited to present themselves and vote for their representatives.

She expressed disappointment that the voting participation rate was low despite the fact the voting system had been simplified, the number of athletes' eligible to vote increased and there was a significant communication's push.

The FEI Secretary General thanked the FEI Staff that worked hard and tirelessly along the year organising the online election process, namely Julie Schlaefli, Jérôme Begey and Francisco Alves.

## 25. SOLIDARITY

### 25.1. Solidarity Committee Report

The FEI Solidarity Director provided delegates with a detailed presentation on the FEI Solidarity Committee report which included a round-up of activities from September 2021 until mid-August 2022, updates on the Department's various projects, and information on the FEI World Challenges 2022.

### 25.2. FEI Solidarity Relief Fund for Ukraine

Delegates also heard from the Secretary General of the Ukrainian Equestrian Federation and the Founder of the Ukraine Equestrian Charity Foundation Mykhaylo Parkhomchuk. He thanked the community for their support and assistance since the war in Ukraine.

### 25.3. Approval of Solidarity Committee Members

The FEI President and Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee thanked all the outgoing Solidarity Committee Members:

- Ulf Helgstrand (DEN) - President DEN NF
- HH Prince Moulay Abdellah El Alaoui (MAR) - President MAR NF
- Glenda Warburton (SWZ) - President SWZ NF

The FEI President reminded that Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee were appointed for a 1 year term and may serve a maximum of 4 terms and thanked the newly appointed FEI Solidarity Committee Members who were approved by the General Assembly for 1 year 2022-2023: **(R)**

- EEF Group Ingmar De Vos (BEL) - Chair;
- EEF Group Marjukka Manninen (FIN);
- Group III Sadyr Mamitov (KGZ);
- Group IV Catherine Ramsingh-Pierre (BAH);
- Group V Juan Manuel Melgar Bardales (GUA);
- Group VI Luis Miguel Soria Céspedes (CHI) ;
- Group VII Badr bin Mohamed Al-Darwish (QAT);
- Group VIII Mikaela Conjuangco Jaworski (PHI);
- Group IX: Mary K. B. Binks (KEN).



Out of 97 voting Delegates and 91 votes validly casted there were 83 yes, 3 no and 1 abstention.

## 26. NOMINATIONS

### 26.1. Nominations Committee Report

The Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the Annex. No questions were raised.

## 27. ELECTIONS

The General Assembly elected the following persons:

### 27.1. FEI President

Ingmar De Vos (BEL) was re-elected President for the four-year term 2022-2026. **(R)**

Ingmar De Vos (BEL) was the only Candidate. Out of 97 voting delegates and 92 validly votes casted he received 89 votes in favour and 3 against. There were 0 abstentions. 5 votes were not received.

After the elections the FEI President addressed the General Assembly as follows:

*"Thank you dear colleagues and dear friends,*

*I am honoured and humbled to be your President for a third and final term!*

*As I ran unopposed, it is not necessarily a surprise, but now it's very real, and it's an honour – so thank you for placing your trust in me and for confirming your confidence in the work we have done so far.*

*Over the past eight years, I have had the privilege to witness the power of unity at work in our community, and it is this solidarity that brought us through some incredibly challenging times.*

*We have moved forward together because we all put aside our differences for the wider benefit of our sport and community. We have come out stronger than ever as a result and I know that this foundation will serve us well for the future.*

*And the future is very much on my mind as I now start my final term in office. I am determined to leave a strong legacy that my successor and the community can continue to build on in the years to come.*

*While we have achieved a great deal together, it is clear that we also need to make some further changes to guarantee the continuity and wellbeing of our sport and organisation.*

*This will like always require some difficult choices, and on some points we will probably disagree but if history is any indication, I know that the decisions we make together for our sport and organisation will always be grounded in our commonly held values of horse welfare and integrity.*

*So once again:*

*Thank you to all the NFs for your support and everything you do for the sport and the community at the national and international level*

*Thank you to the FEI Board for your availability and wise council*

*Thank to the FEI's Official Stakeholders for your continued collaboration*

*Thank to our volunteers, committee members, officials, athletes, organisers, grooms, owners and breeders for your dedication*

*Thank you to all the great FEI Staff, my department and especially our brilliant FEI SG Sabrina Ibanez for your incredible energy and commitment to the goals we have set*

*Thank you to the FEI's sponsors and especially the FEI's Top Partner Longines – whose support and vision are a tremendous asset for our sport*

*Many thanks also to my predecessor and great inspiration still today HRH Princess Haya and who is still on my peoples' minds (if she's watching hi..) and my mentor and friend who is regrettably not any longer amongst us.*

*And last but of course not least – to my wonderful wife Sabine and children for their patience and understanding*

*And now, let's get back to work :)”*

## **27.2. FEI Vice-Presidents**

Mark Samuel (CAN) and Jack Huang (TPE) were re-elected Vice Presidents for the four-year term 2022-2026. **(R)**

Mark Samuel (CAN) and Jack Huang (TPE) were the only Candidates for the two positions of Vice Presidents.

Mark Samuel (CAN): out of 97 voting delegates and 91 validly votes casted he received 87 votes in favour and 4 against. There were 0 abstentions. 6 votes were not received.

Jack Huang (TPE): out of 97 voting delegates and 89 validly votes casted he received 85 votes in favour and 4 against. There were 2 abstentions. 6 votes were not received.

**NOTE FORM HEADQUARTERS:** *for clarification purposes the Vice-Presidents Terms are meant to end in 2024 coinciding with their FEI Board Terms (both ending in 2024).*

## **27.3. EEF Regional Group Chair**

Theo Ploegmakers (NED) was re-elected EEF Regional Group Chair for the four-year term 2022-2026. **(R)**

The Ploegmakers (NED) was the only Candidate as per Article 24.13 of the FEI Statutes: *“The EEF President and EEF 1st Vice President shall be the sole Candidates presented to the General Assembly for Election for the position of EEF Regional Group Chairs on the Board provided that they meet the relevant FEI eligibility requirements.”*

Out of 97 voting delegates and 77 validly votes casted he received 76 votes in favour and 1 against. There were 12 abstentions. 8 votes were not received.

## **27.4. EEF Regional Group Deputy Chair**

Quentin Simonet (FRA) was elected EEF Regional Group Deputy Chair for the four-year term 2022-2026. **(R)**

Quentin Simonet (FRA) was the only Candidate. Out of 97 voting delegates and 79 validly votes casted he received 77 votes in favour and 2 against. There were 9 abstentions. 9 votes were not received.

## **27.5. Regional Group VI Chair**

Esteban Abedrabbo (ECU) was elected Regional Group VI Chair for the four-year term 2022-2026. **(R)**

Esteban Abedrabbo (ECU) was the only candidate. Out of 97 voting delegates and 77 validly votes casted he received 76 votes in favour and 1 against. There were 11 abstentions. 9 votes were not received.

## **27.6. Regional Group VI Deputy Chair**

Gabriel Vidal (URU) was re-elected Regional Group VI Deputy Chair for the four-year term 2022- 2026. **(R)**

Gabriel Vidal (URU) was the only candidate. Out of 97 voting delegates and 74 validly votes casted he received 69 votes in favour and 5 against. There were 16 abstentions. 7 votes were not received.

## **27.7. Veterinary Committee Chair**

Jenny Hall (GBR) was re-elected Chair of the FEI Veterinary Committee for the four year term 2022-2026. **(R)**

Jenny Hall (GBR) was the only Candidate. Out of 97 voting delegates and 89 validly votes casted she received 86 votes in favour and 3 against. There were 2 abstentions. 6 votes were not received.

## **27.8. Audit & Compliance Committee Member**

Theola Barclay (ZAM) was elected Audit & Compliance Committee member for the four-year term 2022-2026. **(R)**

There were 3 Candidates for 1 available position:

- Avalon Everett (IRL);
- Theola Barclay (ZAM);
- Nazar Abdelwahab (SUD).

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The General Assembly was informed that Theola Barclay (ZAM) was the Candidate recommended by the Nominations Committee.

In the first round, out of 97 voting Delegates, 90 votes validly casted, 0 abstentions and 7 votes not received the results were:

- Avalon EVERETT (IRL): 41
- Theola BARCLAY (ZAM): 39
- Nazar ABDELWAHAB (SUD): 10

Because none received the necessary majority a second round took place, having removed the Candidate with the least number of votes received.

In the second round, out of 97 voting Delegates, 90 votes validly casted, 0 abstentions and 7 votes not received the results were:

- Theola BARCLAY (ZAM): 46
- Avalon EVERETT (IRL): 44

## 27.9. FEI Tribunal Members

Brian Ward (CAN) was elected FEI Tribunal member for the four-year term 2022- 2026. **(R)**

Diane Pitts (USA) was elected FEI Tribunal member for the four-year term 2022-2026. **(R)**

There were 3 Candidates for 2 available positions:

- Brian WARD (CAN)
- Diane PITTS (USA)
- Radhouane ELAIBA (TUN)

The General Assembly was informed that Brian Ward (CAN) and Diane Pitts (USA) were the Candidates recommended by the Nominations Committee.

In the first round, out of 97 voting Delegates, 89 votes validly casted, 0 abstentions and 8 votes not received the results were:

- Brian WARD (CAN): 42
- Diane PITTS (USA): 28
- Radhouane ELAIBA (TUN): 19

Because none received the necessary majority a second round took place for position number 1, having removed the Candidate with the least number of votes received.

In the second round, out of 97 voting Delegates, 87 votes validly casted, 0 abstentions and 10 votes not received the results were:

- Brian WARD (CAN): 59
- Diane PITTS (USA): 28

A new voting took place between the remaining Candidates for position number 2. Out of 97 voting Delegates, 90 votes validly casted, 0 abstentions and 7 votes not received the results were:

- Diane PITTS (USA): 56
- Radhouane ELAIBA (TUN): 34

## **27.10. Nominations Committee Regional Group VI Member**

Guillermo Valente (URU) was elected to the FEI Nominations Committee for the term 2022-2023. **(R)**

Guillermo Valente (URU) was the only Candidate. Out of 97 voting delegates and 84 validly votes casted he received 80 votes in favour and 4 against. There were 7 abstentions. 6 votes were not received.

## **28. DECISIONS BY THE BOARD & APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Secretary General informed the General Assembly about the following decision taken by the FEI Board at its in-person meeting on 10 November 2022:

- Reallocation of the FEI World Endurance Championships 2022 to Butheeb (UAE) on 25 February 2023.
- Appointment of the following Committee Members:
  - o Veterinary Committee:
    - Lars ROEPSTORFF (SWE) 2022 – 2026
    - Mark SINNOTT (GBR) 2022 - 2026
  - o Medical Committee: Linsey MASON (IRL) 2022 – 2026
  - o Jumping Committee: Michael STONE (USA) 2022 – 2026
  - o Dressage Committee: Frederico PINTEUS (POR) 2022 – 2026
  - o Eventing: Neil MCKENZIE – HALL (NZL) 2022 – 2026
  - o Driving Committee: Joaquin MEDINA (ESP) 2022 – 2026
  - o Vaulting Committee:
    - Anna ANDERSSON (SWE) 2022 – 2026
    - Lise BERG (DEN) 2022 – 2026
  - o Para Equestrian: Rodolpho RISKALLA (BRA) 2022 – 2026

## **29. CLEAN SPORT**

### **29.1. Global Equine Anti-Doping Control Medication Programme (EADCMP)**

The FEI Veterinary Director reported on the FEI Global Equine Anti-Doping Controlled Medication Programme (EADCMP), which includes data on FEI Global EADCMP 2021 testing, and for 2021 and 2022 for the Hypo Sensitivity Control (HSC) in Endurance and Limb Sensitivity Control (LSC) in Jumping. The presentation included statistics of positive cases of Doping, Controlled Medication Cases, LSC and HSC.

The number of FEI Events with examinations carried out by LSC- or HSC-teams had a significant increase in 2022 compared to 2021. The number of EADCMP samples for 2021 were still lower than normal due to Covid-19 and the EHV-1 outbreak in Europe.

## **30. INTERNATIONAL HORSE SPORTS CONFEDERATION**

The FEI Veterinary Director updated on the ongoing activities between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE) and the IHSC. He also informed delegates of the need for African Horse Sickness (AHS) vaccines, the availability of these vaccines in South Africa and potential mid to long-term solutions to solve the issue.

The IHSC AHS-vaccine working group, which is chaired by John McEwen, supports the South African Horse Industry Group in their work to resolve this acute situation, including seeking alternative AHS-vaccines. They will also look at ways to create awareness of the vaccines in the horse industry and public sector.

## **31. OLYMPIC GAMES/PARALYMPIC GAMES**

### **31.1. Paris 2024 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Update**

As representatives for Paris 2024 were unable to attend the FEI General Assembly, a video providing an overview of the venue and preparations was shown to the General Assembly. The video which gave a progress report for Equestrian venue in Versailles, highlighting venue plans, competition schedule/timetable and testing activities.

## **32. FEI MANAGEMENT**

The Secretary General referred to the Annex provided to the General Assembly. No questions were raised.

## **33. FEI TRIBUNAL**

The Secretary General referred to the Annex provided to the General Assembly. No questions were raised.

## 34. EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY INTEGRITY UNIT

Lord John Stevens, Chairman for Quest Global Ltd, presented the report of the Equestrian Community Integrity Unit. No questions were raised.

## 35. WORLD HORSE WELFARE

Roly Owers, Chief Executive of the equine charity World Horse Welfare, spoke about what could be done to establish an even stronger horse/human relationship, and a fairer partnership, especially in horse sport.

Roly Owers congratulated the FEI for making social licence a priority issue by establishing the Equine Ethics and Welfare Commission (EEWB) independent Commission.

## 36. SPORTS FORUM & GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

The FEI Sports Forum 2023 would be held in Lausanne (SUI) on 24 and 25 April 2023.

The sessions for the FEI Sports Forum 2023 would include discussions on the report of the Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission, FEI Events Organisation, FEI Endurance Full Rules Revision, update on the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Series and a Progress report on Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Delegates were also informed that the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2023 would take place from 17-21 November in Mexico City (MEX).

## 37. ITEMS RAISED BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS WITHIN STATUTORY DEADLINE (NO ITEMS RAISED)

None.

## 38. RECOGNITIONS

As the General Assembly came to the end, the FEI President presented outgoing Executive Board Members with a commemorative plaque and Delegates warmly supported the proposal to make them FEI Honorary Board Members with FEI Honorary Board Member pin.

- Luiz Roberto Giugni (BRA) – Chair Group VI – Term: 2011-2022
- Maria Gretzer (SWE) – Chair Athletes' Committee – Term 2013-2022

Following the election of the new FEI Board Member, the President welcomed Esteban Abedrabbo (ECU) - Chair of Group VI – Term 2022 – 2026 with the FEI Board members gold pin.

The President presented a FEI badge to the Delegate Ken Lalo (ISR) for reaching 15 (or more) at a FEI General Assembly.

In addition, the President warmly thanked Bettina De Rham - FEI Director Dressage, Para Dressage and Vaulting for her commitment and contribution to the FEI and the Equestrian Community and wished her good luck for her future endeavours. He invited her on the podium to address the audience.

The FEI President concluded by expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the South African Equestrian Federation and its President Ian Sanne as well as his Secretary General Sharlene Venter for hosting the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2022 with commemorative plaques.

Before closing the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2022, the FEI President thanked all the delegates and the South African Federation for hosting the event, before also offering his thanks to the Board members, the FEI Secretary General and the wonderful FEI staff.

Delegates were reminded of the FEI Awards Gala presented by Longines, before the President invited everyone to Lausanne next April 2023 for the FEI Forum and declared the General Assembly closed.

## **39. CLOSING**

Refer to Point 38 Recognitions above.