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17. *Any other business*

Nathalie Rodriguez: I would like to inform you that the Interim President will arrive a bit later. He apologises, but he has an urgent appointment, so he will arrive a bit later. The floor is to Abdelmoneim El Hussein, the Vice President.

Abdelmoneim El Hussein (EGY): Thank you, Nathalie.

Dear Members of Honour, Dear Members of the Executive Committee, Dear Members of Commissions and Councils,

Dear Presidents and Representatives of the National Federations,

Dear President of the Uzbekistan Fencing Federation, Mr. Maksud Abdusamadov,

On behalf of the International Fencing Federation, it is my pleasure to officially welcome you to the 102nd FIE Congress here in beautiful Tashkent, in Uzbekistan. I am very pleased to see the majority of our member Federations here today for this important Elective Congress in order to continue serving our FIE mission, the development, and the promotion of fencing.

We all sincerely thank the Uzbekistan Fencing Federation and President Abdusamadov for hosting this Congress, for your warmth and hospitality, and your tremendous effort and work. You have managed to make this event possible and successful. We deeply appreciate all your support, time, and commitment to the FIE, and congratulate you on a job well done.

By working together, we each contribute to making fencing a great sport worldwide and for everyone. This Congress also completes and celebrates a very successful staging of the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris for fencing, and we have much to be grateful for. Yes, there is still a lot of work to do and many important decisions to be made to build and develop our sport around the world.

We are here today to address many issues dealing with fencing, to elect effective and excellent leadership for our organisation, and at the same time, to emphasise the unique power that sport has to bring people together and inspire peace throughout the world.

Thank you for your excellent commitment and dedication to the FIE and fencing. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I would like to invite Mr. Adham Ikramov, Minister of Sports of Uzbekistan, who will address the Congress.

We will also be honoured to welcome Mr. Otabek Umarov, the First Vice President of the NOC of Uzbekistan.

I am giving the floor to Mr. Adham Ikramov, Minister of Sports of Uzbekistan.



Adham Ikramov (UZB): Very good morning to all. With your permission, I will speak in English. All of you are very welcome to Uzbekistan. It is a great honour to Uzbekistan, to Tashkent City, to the Ministry of Sport, and to the National Olympic Committee, to host such a prestigious event.

Today, within the framework of the Congress of the International Fencing Federation, the capital city of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, is gathering 280 very high-level specialists from 133 countries over the world. In turn, I express my deep gratitude to the International Fencing Federation for the opportunity to hold this Congress in Uzbekistan.

Thanks to the special attention of our esteemed President, his excellency Mr. Mirziyoyev, all the necessary conditions are being created in the country to increase the number of young people involved in the Olympic Movement, Olympic sports, as well as the development of the Olympics in our country. Currently, more than 85 experienced coaches contribute to regular fencing training, up to 2,000 of our athletes.

And I am especially thankful to the International Fencing Federation for their belief in us in 2015 when we organised here in Tashkent the Junior and Cadet World Championships. At that time, it became a very good start to developing this sport discipline in our country, and many, many of our young generations started at that time, and now they are well known in the world. And I am thankful on behalf of the Federation, and especially at that time, to the President of the Federation Mr. Alisher Usmanov. Due to his efforts, it became possible and his team with our National Olympic Committee did a great job in organising this big competition in our country.

In addition, six qualified foreign coaches are attracted to the national team to prepare athletes for international tournaments. In Uzbekistan, as in many countries in Central Asia, the Asian region, and among the CIS countries, we are looking not only to invite foreign athletes, but mostly to invite the coaches to help organise the system, the environment and contribute to all the efforts to improve that sport discipline in Uzbekistan.

It is known that in recent years, the national team of Uzbekistan has taken a leading position in major international sports competitions. And I can share with all of you that during the last four years, due to the initiative of our President, his Excellency Mr. Mirziyoyev, we are hosting here in Uzbekistan, in Tashkent, in Samarkand city, several World Championships, including the boxing, judo, weightlifting, canoe, and of course, the last 10th World Championship of Futsal. And I hope that we are ready.

I am ensuring all of your Excellencies, and under your leadership all the athletes who you represent here in fencing, that we are ready to host next year's Senior Championship in Uzbekistan, in Tashkent. And I wish to introduce to this conference as Minister of Sport and as National Olympic Committee, the First Vice President of NOC, Mr. Otabek Umarov who also accompanied us. We assure all of you that we are trying to organise those events on a very high level.

In particular, among the results achieved by our athletes of Uzbekistan at the 2023 Asian Games held in Hangzhou, our fencing team was very good. It is very important to mention that the national fencing team of Uzbekistan is an essential part of these achievements. And it should be noted that for the first time in the history of Uzbekistan, a representative of the women's national team won a gold medal at the Asian Games in the Sabre Team competition. In addition, prestigious international fencing sports competitions are held at a high level in our country.

And of course, all of us remember these beautiful Olympic Games, which were held in Paris this year. Our sports teams, with the National Olympic Committee, have been ranked 13th in the Olympics and later in the Paralympics as well. We won eight gold medals, and we are in good standing at boxing, judo, taekwondo, and weightlifting. But I am sure that all the dreams of our athletes, and sports society, are to see the athletes on the podiums of big, big championships, including the Olympics.

We believe that holding the Congress of the International Fencing Federation in Uzbekistan became an important milestone in the further development and popularisation of fencing in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

To all of you within the National Fencing Federation, which is led by our friend, Maksud Abdusamadov and the team of the National Fencing Federation, Uzbekistan, I would like to say that we are ready to host you all in Uzbekistan. We invite you to our beautiful, ancient, but very nice cities, Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. You are very, very welcome here. And in the name of the sports society, in the name of the National Olympic Committee and Ministry of Sport, I wish all of you very fruitful discussions in developing fencing in the world. Thank you very much for your attention from my heart.

Applause.



Nathalie Rodriguez: The FIE Vice President will award the gold medal of the FIE to the Minister of Sport of Uzbekistan and I would like also Mr. Oybek Kasimov, the Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan, to come to the tribune to receive the gold medal of the FIE.

Applause.

I also invite the President and the Secretary General of the Uzbekistan Fencing Federation to come to the tribune to receive the gold medal of the FIE.

Applause.

I would like to thank our guests of honour, the Minister of Sport of Uzbekistan, the First Vice President of the NOC of Uzbekistan, and the Secretary General of the NOC of Uzbekistan. It was a pleasure and an honour to have you here as I know you are extremely busy with all your activities. So, thank you once again for taking the time to come and see us.

Adham Ikramov (UZB): Thank you very much to all for believing in us and for the very prestigious awards, which are awarded not only to the Ministry of Sport but to the sports society. And once more, I wish you a very good Congress here in Uzbekistan. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are starting the roll call. When I call your Federation, please raise your hand so that I can see that you are present, and you will receive a voting device at the same time.

Afghanistan. No?	Bahrain	Denmark
Algeria	Brunei Darussalam	Dominica
Angola	Bulgaria	Ecuador
Antigua and Barbuda	Burkina Faso	Egypt
Argentina	Cambodia	El Salvador
Armenia	Canada	Spain
Aruba	Congo	Estonia
American Samoa	Chile	Finland
Australia	China	France
Austria	Ivory Coast	Great Britain
Azerbaijan	Cameroon	Georgia
Bahamas	Democratic Republic of Congo	Germany
Barbados? Not here?	Colombia	Ghana
Belgium	Cape Verde	Greece
Benin	Costa Rica	Guatemala
Belarus	Croatia	Guinea
Bolivia	Cuba	Guam? Not here?
Botswana	Cyprus	Guyana
Brazil	Czechia	Hong Kong, China

First, I said Guam before and then Guyana. Is Guam not here? No. Guinea is here. Guyana is here. Guam is not here.

1. Validation of attendance and proxies

Honduras	Israel	Korea
Hungary	Virgin Islands	Saudi Arabia
Indonesia	Italy	Kuwait
India	Jamaica	Latvia?
Iran	Jordan	Libya
Ireland	Japan	Lebanon
Iraq	Kazakhstan	Lithuania
Iceland	Kenya	Sri Lanka
Luxembourg	Oman	Slovakia
Macao	Pakistan	Sweden
Madagascar	Panama	Syria
Morocco	Paraguay	Thailand
Malaysia	Peru	Turkmenistan
Moldova	Philippines	Togo
Mongolia	Palestine	Chinese Taipei
North Macedonia	Papua New Guinea	Tunisia
Mali	Poland	Türkiye
Montenegro	Puerto Rico	United Arab Emirates
Mauritius	Qatar	Uganda
Namibia	Romania	Uruguay
Nicaragua	South Africa	USA
Netherlands	Russia	Uzbekistan
Nepal	Rwanda	Venezuela
Nigeria	Senegal	Vietnam
Niger?	Singapore, Singapore is not here?	Yemen
Norway	Serbia	
New Zealand	Kyrgyzstan	

Is there any Federation that just arrived? Afghanistan? Yes. Afghanistan arrived.

[Questions in the audience]

Proxies will be handled afterwards.

Niger? Is Niger here?

Is there any Federation present that I did not call? Yes. Which Federation? No, the proxies will be after. I wish to know which Federations are present. Is there any Federation that was not called? No.

Then we move to the proxies.

Niger has arrived.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, we move to the proxies.

- ✓ Bangladesh has given a proxy to Turkmenistan. Does Turkmenistan accept it?
- ✓ Bermuda has given a proxy to Aruba. Does Aruba accept it?
- ✓ Belize has given a proxy to Venezuela. Does Venezuela accept it?
- ✓ The Dominican Republic has given a proxy to Peru. Does Peru accept it? Peru, where is Peru?
- ✓ Equatorial Guinea has given a proxy to Angola. Does Angola accept it?
- ✓ Guam has given a proxy to New Zealand. Does New Zealand accept it?
- ✓ Haiti has given a proxy to El Salvador. Does El Salvador accept it?
- ✓ Malta has given a proxy to Italy. Does Italy accept it? Yes.
- ✓ Monaco has given a proxy to France. Does France accept it?
- ✓ Mauritania has given a proxy to Morocco. Do you accept it? Thank you.
- ✓ Myanmar has given a proxy to Uzbekistan. Thank you.
- ✓ Portugal has given a proxy to Spain. Does Spain accept it? Yes.
- ✓ Singapore has given a proxy to Hong Kong. Does Hong Kong accept it?
- ✓ Slovenia has given a proxy to Croatia. Does Croatia accept it?
- ✓ Switzerland has given a proxy to Luxembourg. Luxembourg accepts it.
- ✓ Tajikistan has given a proxy to Kazakhstan. Does Kazakhstan accept it?
- ✓ Ukraine has given a proxy to Poland. Does Poland accept it?
- ✓ Equatorial Guinea has given a proxy to Angola. Does Angola accept it?

So, 133 Federations are present, and 17 Federations are represented, for a total of 150 Federations.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We will move now on to the Addresses and the floor is given to Mr. Abdelmoneim El Hussein, Vice President.

Abdelmoneim ElHusseiny (EGY): Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the FIE, I welcome you all here, in Tashkent, to the 2024 Congress. This year was marked by many achievements for the FIE and fencing with very successful competitions and development, educational and environmental programmes, and activities.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere admiration and appreciation to all the fencers for their amazing performances and for being the best ambassadors for our sport and its values. I would like also to express our thanks to all those who supported the FIE during this very special year, for their collaboration and contribution, their hard work and dedication to the goals of our Federation – my colleagues at the Executive Committee, all the National Federations, organisers of Junior and Cadet, and Veteran World Championships, and of all the FIE competitions, the Members of the FIE Commissions and Councils, the technical officials, Delegates and Referees, the CEO, the Sport and Technical Director, and all the staff.

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games have been amazingly successful for the sport of fencing. During the Congress, a detailed review of the Games will take place. Meanwhile, I would like to point out the following. Congratulations to our Olympic Champions and all the fencers participating. Thank you very much to Paris 2024 for all the mutual collaboration and the fantastic Olympic Games with one year less for their preparation. It required hard work and commitment to reach this moment for our sport. We can be proud of our achievement. We must now capitalise on this success for fencing and keep leading our sport towards an even brighter future, especially in view of the Los Angeles 2028 Games.

The FIE is the governing body of the sport of fencing. We all, as a fencing family, must ensure that fencing will continue in its right way. We have managed to face many challenges, especially for the last few years, situations that we had never faced before, and we have done it successfully. We should always count on and invest in the spirit of collaboration and solidarity that we have established. We all share the same position for fencing, and we should all share the same vision for the development of our sport.

I hope this spirit will be the driving force that will lead us all to make the best decisions for fencing, not only now at the Congress, but in every decision that we are making within the FIE, within our National Federations or Confederations, every time we act as a member of the fencing family.

We are now hosting an Elective Congress. Allow me to wish much success to all the candidates. I truly hope that the new President, the new Members of the Executive Committee, and all the Commissions and Councils will work effectively to the benefit of our sport. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes, you have the floor. Please.

Paolo Azzi (ITA): Good morning to everybody.

As we are preparing to elect the new government of the fencing world, as a Member of the Executive Committee, which has finished today his mandate, and as a simple member of the fencing family, I feel it is my duty to thank all the colleagues of the Executive Committee, the Interim President, the CEO, all the staff of the FIE and the Commissions, and all the others. All together, we worked intensely in these difficult years, we faced a difficult time, but our work produced, I think, great results, culminating with a very special and very successful edition of the Olympic Games in Paris. The next four years will be very important for the future of our sport, and I am sure that we will be able to face them with the same commitment and the same spirit of collaboration altogether. Thank you to all of you. Best wishes to the candidates and good work. Thanks.

Applause.

Mirbulat Abuov (KAZ): Good morning, Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Our Italian colleague said nice words. I just want to add a few more. The Olympic cycle is over. Fencing was very successful at the Olympics. And I would like to thank the Executive Committee, all the staff of the FIE, and personally, Madame Nathalie Rodriguez, for the enormous work done. You have once again proven that fencing is one of the top sports in the world. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you very much. Yes please.

Ariel Diamante Peirano (URU): Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning,

I would like to thank the FIE Executive Committee for all the work they have done during this period in which we have gone through an unprecedented pandemic; their work has allowed us to develop our sport and achieve objectives that had not been attained until now.

It would also be unfair not to mention the work done by Mrs. Nathalie Rodriguez so that we can all have access to the aid, support, and projects developed by the International Fencing Federation.

I also believe that we should all be free to express our thoughts, obviously respecting the opinions of others. That is why I would like to take this opportunity to express my displeasure at the remarks made at the time by Mr. Otto Drakenberg, who accused an official member of the FIE without sense. Unfortunately, we experienced an extremely unpleasant situation in 2022 with someone who has not mastered his impulses.

I would also like to thank the FIE Executive Committee for the work they have been doing, achieving record participation in our competitions and in the 2024 Games, where the number of athletes doubled compared to 2008, and small countries have received access to international competitions, including the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

In closing, I would like to mention a concept that is very important to me. It was given to me by Master Kuki, whom I respect and appreciate very much: "Fencing is not a sport for kings". It is the queen of sports. And we must bear this in mind in our actions. Thank you very much for your time.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Before we move to the next item, which is the Ratification of the New Federations, I would like to do a test with the voting devices in order to be sure that everything is fine. So, we are going to display a question on the screen. We are going to do the test vote, and you will be able to vote yes, no, abstention. So, the question is whether the weather is good. We open the vote on this easy question. We are closing the vote. It is working. So, we are moving to the item Ratification of the New Federations.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The Executive Committee pronounced the provisional affiliation of the Fencing Federation of Kosovo, and all Federations have been informed of this provisional affiliation by Information Letter 8-24 from 22 August 2024. We are going to open the vote on the ratification of the Fencing Federation of Kosovo.

We open the vote.

The vote is open.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

The Federation was approved.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item on the agenda is the Approval of The Report of the 2023 Congress held in Sharm-el-Sheikh. We are going to open the vote on that item.

The vote is open.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

The report was approved.

I would like to remind you that you have received a voting device in order to vote. It is very clear that more than 10 Federations are not voting. So, I kindly ask you to use the voting device that you have received.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item on the agenda is the Approval of the 2023 Annual Report of the Executive Committee.

As we traditionally do, we would like to pay tribute to all the friends in the fencing family who passed away in 2023 and 2024. I have just been informed by Mr. Donald Anthony that today Mr. Peter Westbrook passed away. So, I ask you for a minute of silence and to stand up for our tribute to those who passed away. Can we have the movie, please?

[Movie and a minute of silence]

Thank you.

We are opening the vote on the Approval of the 2023 Annual Report of the Executive Committee.

The vote is open.

We are going to close the vote.

The vote is closed.

The report was approved.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item is the Financial Report 2023, the report of the auditors, the approval of the accounts, and the discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors. The floor is to the Treasurer of the FIE.

Ferial Nadira Salhi (ALG): Hello Everyone, the important item for the accounts of the 2023 financial year is that we did not spend the budget that was planned, and were below budget. The three departments of the International Federation were each below the budget, but the entire programme was carried out. We used a lower amount than planned from the International Federation's reserve to supplement the budget, because we reduced the expenditure. We ended the year with a capital of CHF 22,782,057. However, I would like to inform you that CHF 1,405,585 is a theoretical decrease in expenditure; it is a currency reevaluation. Therefore, these are not actual expenses. Do you have any questions? If not, we can proceed to the vote.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Do you have any questions? No questions? Then we are going to open the vote.

The vote is open.

We are going to close the vote.

The vote is closed.

So, the accounts are approved, the auditors' report is approved, and the discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors is approved.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item is the Budget 2025, and the floor is to the Treasurer.

Ferial Nadira Salhi (ALG): So, next year's budget is roughly the same as in 2024. The difference is that there will be meetings of the Commissions, Councils, and Ethics Committee to be held, so we have a budget of CHF 6,820,000. We hope, of course, to spend less, which would be good not to over-reduce the reserve. Do you have any questions?

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are moving to the vote on the Budget 2025, and we are opening the vote.

The vote is open.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

The budget is approved. We move to the next item.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item is the Nomination of the auditors for 2025.

Last year at the Congress, we were suggested to request new offers from auditors, which was done this year by the Executive Committee by requesting offers from the big four and even five firms in Switzerland. You have received a table with various information but without the names of the possible new auditors. The recommendation of the Executive Committee is to accept offer #3, which is the offer from PwC.

Ferial Nadira Salhi (ALG): PwC also works with other International Federations, that is why it is recommended.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are opening the vote on the appointment of PwC as auditors of the FIE.

The vote is open.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

PwC has been approved as auditors of the FIE for one year. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item is the Proposals submitted to the Congress. The first proposal is from the Legal Commission, and it is a clarification of Article 6.2.2 of the Statutes.

In view of the election in 2025 of the Presidents of Commissions and Councils, the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal. The date of application will be January 1st, 2025.

We open the vote on that proposal from the Legal Commission of Article 6.2.2.

The vote is open.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal was approved.

The next proposal is a proposal from the Rules Commission. It is the correction of a typo in Article t.96.3. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal, and we can move to the vote on the correction of the typo in t.96.3.

We open the vote.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

The next proposal is also from the Rules Commission. The proposal is to continue until the end of the 2024-2025 season with the rule in t.122. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We move to the vote.

The vote is open.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

There are still 10 Federations which are not voting. I repeat that federations have come to vote. So please exercise your right to vote.

The next proposal is from the Egyptian Federation. It is a modification of the qualification system for the teams. The proposal is to modify "5th to 16th position" by "5th to 24th position" to qualify the highest ranked team from Africa, America, Asia-Oceania, and Europe.

The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

So, we are opening the vote on that proposal.

The vote is open.

We are closing the vote.

The proposal passed.

The number of votes has suddenly increased.

Sustainability and Environmental Working Group

The next item is the working group's progress situation. I would like to ask Ana Irene Delgado Guerra, Vice President, to make a presentation on behalf of the Environmental Working Group.

Ana Irene Delgado Guerra (PAN): Dear Presidents of National Federations, Dear Delegates, Dear Colleagues from the Executive Committee, Dear Friends,

As the Head of the FIE Environmental and Sustainability Working Group, it is an honour to address you in my name and in the name of our working group members from all Confederations and Committees involved: Baiba Brandule, Nasreen Salahalddin Gul Mohammed, Reni Hamzulida, Clare Halsted, Joyce Bolanos, Dr Maha Mourad, Marcelo Lorca, Matt Baker, Wahabou Zorome, and with the invaluable support of Elena Murdaca and Nathalie Rodriguez, with the purpose of explaining to you all the work of our Group during the last months.

We have organised webinars with the presence of the International Olympic Committee and the support of Julie Duffus, the athletes Ambassadors who you will see in the video in a moment, and environmental leaders from around the world.

We have also advanced the environmental guidelines for the FIE, its new environmental policy, and guidelines for organisers. Some of our competitions have earned several awards on all continents for taking care of environmental standards, such as the Blue Ecological Flag in Costa Rica recently and the Charte d'Engagement Green Events in Luxembourg, also Udine, Italy, Rosario, Argentina, and many others, such as the World Championships in Plovdiv and Riyadh.

We are very proud of these advances, but there is still much to do. We have taken the first steps on the carbon footprint measurements and started conversations to join the United Nations Climate Action Framework. I am personally extremely proud of the all-encompassing vision of the working group. As an organisation, the FIE has a responsibility to take urgent action on climate change, which threatens not only the habitat from which our sport depends, but also humanity's way of life.

We also have a duty to ensure the well-being of athletes and protect the human rights of all those working in and around sports. The FIE Sustainability and Environmental Group sets out how we will address all these challenges in an action plan. Only by working together we can reduce the impact of climate change, find solutions, and adopt regenerative practices.

The key priorities of our working group involved:

- 1.Reducing the carbon footprint of the FIE activities and events and supporting concrete actions to combat or adapt to climate change, in collaboration with National Federations and event organisers.
- 2.Promoting biodiversity in national conservation by participating in nature restoration projects.
- 3.Organising educational activities to raise awareness of climate change, nature conservation, integration, and protection, and to increase sustainability awareness and knowledge within our community.
- 4.The responsible sourcing of goods and services to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of the sports industry.

A key element of the working group is for the FIE to calculate and reduce its direct carbon footprint and to support and work with the National Federations and event organisers to reduce their emissions and minimise their environmental impact. Tailored FIE support will be provided to help members calculate their carbon footprint and develop sustainability plans and toolkits to reduce those figures.

FIE has also recognised the equal importance of social and economic change and has included several action points and goals on these fronts.

Sport is one of the few global cultural mechanisms that can drive social transformation to ensure a safer, more equitable future. There are tremendous opportunities to harness the enormous transformative potential of sport and FIE aims to maximise this rare chance to be a positive, inspiring leader in both social and environmental matters.

We call on all National Federations to participate in these initiatives. You can do it through the surveys we share, and your support is extremely essential so that these efforts are seen in each of your countries.

Before continuing to show all of you a video that we have prepared so that you see what we have been doing, I would like to ask the two members of the FIE Environmental Group who are present here to join me on the stage. One is a lady from Bahrain, our colleague Nasreen Salahalddin Gul Mohamed, and also Joyce Bolanos from the U.S. Virgin Islands. And then we are ready to show you all a little video that we have prepared from the bottom of our hearts so you see the work that we are all doing in this Environmental and Sustainability Working Group for the FIE. Thank you very much.

Applause.

[Video presentation]

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you very much.

Melissa Alvarenga (ESA): Dear Translators, we are ready.

It is a pleasure and honour for me to represent the Pan-American Fencing Confederation this morning. It is with great pride that we present the Ecological Blue Flag obtained at the Junior Epee World Cup held in Costa Rica. We met all the requirements and standards to make this an official sustainable and environmentally friendly event. That is why I ask the FIE authorities, Mrs. Ana Irene Delgado Guerra, head of the environmental group, to receive this ecological blue flag obtained in Costa Rica on behalf of the FIE.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you very much. The next report is from the Qualification System Working Group, chaired by Velichka Hristeva. Please, Mrs. Hristeva.

Velichka Hristeva (BUL): Dear Friends, Dear Colleagues,

The aim of our working group is very interesting too but in another way. We started our work after the Olympics in Paris and had two meetings. In our working group, all continents are present, and all members participate in our meetings.

Our working group has held two meetings, and all its members are united by the desire to increase the number of participating countries and ensure more equitable representation of all continents. All of this must comply with the requirements of the International Olympic Committee, which, as you know, are mandatory for us. These requirements include the number of teams qualified for the Olympic Games. It is eight, no more. The number of individual participants in the Olympic tournament is 212. This we cannot change for the moment. This does not leave us much room for significant changes. However, our proposal is as follows:

For Team Qualifications – The final proposal for the working group is to maintain eight teams. The first four will be qualified based on ranking. The other four will consist of teams from each zone. The teams – we just voted for that – must be ranked within the top 24.

For the Individual Qualification – This proposal came from the Egyptian Federation, from Venezuela, and was supported by the working group. For the Individual Qualification, the working group proposed to increase the number of individual participants by reducing the number of participants per team. The general proposal is for the teams to consist of two fencers.

There are a few other proposals, and because it is something new and we do not know how to manage it yet, we decided to provide team events. Before this, we must prepare rules for such a competition, and this will be the next step for our working group.

First, to prepare the rules and after to organise these team events. For this, we are asking the Confederations if they are available for some competition to organise these team events. And of course, after this, we will report to you. Thank you.

Applause.

If you have any questions, please send them to me so that we can prepare the answers for next time.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes, please. When you address the Congress, please state your name and country.

Ilgar Mamedov (RUS): Hello, everybody. It is a big surprise for me. My first Olympic Games were in Seoul in 1988. There were five fencers in the team. In Barcelona, in 1992, the same. In Atlanta less, there were four fencers. In Sydney four. Now we have three people in the team, and the fourth athlete is in reserve. How is it possible to have two fencers in the team? Even if you are thinking about having more athletes in individual qualification, you still kill fencing because two athletes are not a team. After that, it will be a proposal for one person as a team. It is an absolutely abnormal proposal. Of course, I have been out of fencing for more than two and a half years. In February, there will be three years. But everybody in the Executive Committee and many, many professionals are thinking about fencing. What we just heard now, we already heard it four years ago. It was a proposal from the Fencing Federation of Sweden. But we refused because we were thinking about normal fencing. Now you again come with this proposal from the new working group, but I cannot accept this, and not only me. Normal countries, even small countries where we develop fencing, must understand that there are three fencers in the team, not fewer. If we have less, we kill fencing. Thanks.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes please.

Ana Valero Collantes (SWE): First of all, I would like to thank the Uzbekistan Fencing Federation for the wonderful arrangements for hosting the Congress. I would also like to thank the CEO, Nathalie, and the staff for all the hard work and collaboration. Now, we have talked about this working group for some years. It is time to discuss. We are in discussions. We appreciate the hard work of the working group very much. It is not easy. It is not an easy task. But we have only one question concerning this working group. What is the timeline? And when will there be some concrete proposal for the congress to make a final decision? Thank you.

Velichka Hristeva (BUL): So, as I explained, these are only proposals. We need to prepare rules to see whether this works or not and then send our final proposal to the Executive Committee to be approved. We must consult with the Commissions responsible, maybe Refereeing, Rules, all the Commissions. And after that, we will make the working group's final decision and send it to the Executive Committee for a final decision and to put it for the next Congress. This is the procedure. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We move on to the next item on the agenda, which is the Review of the Olympic Games in Paris, and Vice President Ana Irene Delgado Guerra is going to make a presentation on the fencing events at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Ana Irene Delgado Guerra (PAN): Good Morning, again. So, we will start with the presentation and the review of the Paris 2024 Games. Thank you very much to the CMTV Department: Serge Timacheff, Zhen Ma, Céline Ramseyer, and Augusto Bizzi Photo Team, for the great help with preparing this presentation and for their amazing work on the occasion of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The incredible Grand Palais is where the FIE also held the 2010 Fencing World Championships and hosted two Anniversary Galas, in 2013 (for 100 years), and in 2018 (for 105 years).

Fencing in Paris was even more universal and gender-equal than ever. You can see by the numbers that 53 NOCs participated from all continental regions, a total of 212 fencers, 106 women, and 106 men. So, it was the most gender-equal event ever. Paris 2024 was filled with numerous first-ever fencing participations, medals, and many unique and notable inclusions.

Opening Ceremony:

- The Paris 2024 Opening Ceremony included two French Olympic Champions participating in the final torch relay, Laura Flessel and Jean-François Lamour.
- Seven fencers competing in Paris 2024 served as flag-bearers for their respective countries, including Kuwait, Hong Kong, Uzbekistan, Peru, Italy, Japan and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

First-ever Olympic participation.

- Five Federations had athletes participating in fencing at the Olympic Games for the first time in history: Cape Verde, Cyprus, Kenya, Niger and Rwanda.

First-ever medals for Federations.

- France's Manon Apithy-Brunet won the first-ever Olympic medal for France in women's sabre in the Individual event.
- Italy won its first-ever gold medal in the women's team epee.
- Japan won the men's team foil gold medal: the first time the country has ever won the event.

- Japan's Koki Kano won the first-ever gold medal in an individual Olympic fencing event for Japan in the men's epee.
- Hong Kong, China's Man Wai Vivian Kong won her country's first-ever women's Olympic fencing medal, gold in the women's Individual epee.
- The USA women's Foil fencer Lee Kiefer is the first U.S. fencer in history to win three Olympic gold medals, including two Individual ones in Tokyo and Paris and a Team Title in Paris.
- The USA won the gold medal in women's team foil: the first time the country has won an Olympic gold medal in any team fencing event.
- For the first time in 52 years, Hungary won the Olympic gold medal in men's team epee.

We had massive, positive global press, social media and television coverage. The incredible Grand Palais venue showed fencing at its finest. There were sold-out, "roaring" crowds every day of fencing. We had enthusiastic visits from VIPs, celebrities, dignitaries, and royalty, among many others.

There were fabulous fencing matches with incredible athletes at their peak of performance. We had a global diversity of medals showing fencing as a TRUE world sport. Topping the medals table: Japan – 5, USA – 4, Korea – 3. 13 countries from four continental regions won medals.

It was the largest in-person audience for fencing we have ever had in history. It included two sessions per day for nine days of competitions. We had many activities prior to the Games to get everyone excited about Paris 2024 fencing, including a variety of videos, announcements of fencers and teams qualified, coverage of the Olympic Flame, and announcements of one month, one week, et cetera, "to go" before the Games began.

We also produced a unique FIE Paris 2024 press kit for the media and press. Jackson Wang, Hong Kong superstar and pop music idol, provided a video that had one of the largest social media responses we have ever seen – with hundreds of thousands of views and engagements.

During the Paris 2024 Games, we had thousands of online and print articles published about fencing, as well as global TV coverage in at least 10 languages. Conservatively, we had a worldwide total audience of more than 189 million exposures to Olympic fencing. Yahoo! Global Networks had the largest overall international media coverage. Hong Kong, France, the USA and Great Britain had the largest audiences. The FIE offered a total of 720 free tickets for fencing events to fencers, their families, and Federations from around the world.

In addition to what you see on the screen, here are more amazing quotes from the press and media:

"The view of fencers dancing back and forth is nothing short of gorgeous." Sports Illustrated

"Crowds roaring so loudly ... could have been a football stadium ... The ultimate show amidst a surge in the sport's popularity, a showpiece for fencing's focus, strategy and instincts." NBC Olympics.

"Your breath is taken away by what presents itself to you. White-clad and masked fencers conduct an intricately bewitching dance on the four pistes in the centre of the Great Hall...once in a lifetime." ABC News

"Fencing is growing at an incredible rate ... Amazing [French] fans ... They are knowledgeable, keyed-in to every aggressive lunge ..." Yahoo.

"The Grand Palais makes the fencing competition in a historic site all the more perfect. The photos are amazing. Olympic fans are in awe of the whole thing." USA Today

"It is the Coliseum. You feel like you are in the Coliseum. It is just crazy." NPR.

"Fencing was jam-packed with history-making moments!" NBC.

ASOIF – the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, analysed broadcasting to 20 countries from Paris, and fencing showed extremely positive global coverage. We had many notable people coming to fencing, some of them several times! Here is just a partial list of notable guests that we had:

Heads of State and Royalty – France, Kosovo, Singapore, Slovakia, Luxembourg, Monaco, Italy, Estonia, Hungary, the USA (the First Lady), and Georgia.

Olympic Officials – including Thomas Bach, Tony Estanguet, Amélie Oudéa-Castéra.

Numerous French officials and ministers.

Famous Athletes –Shaun White, Brian Boitano, Jean-François Lamour, Laura Flessel, Lewis Hamilton, Zinedine Zidane, Antoine Griezmann, Claudia Bokel, Britta Heidemann.

Celebrities – Mick Jagger, Nina Dobrev, Bruce Dickinson, Snoop Dogg.

Spectators could try fencing with French fencing coaches behind the tribunes in the Grand Palais, with enthusiastic fans lining up to try fencing. The IOC's "UAP" programme gives elite sponsors a "behind-the-scenes" look at the Grand Palais and how the fencers "progress" from their arrival at the venue to when they go on the main piste. Then they got to try fencing with the initiation. Overall, the IOC

said our "UAP" programme was "excellent"; and we received five out of five scores in IF Friendliness and Professionalism, Content Quality Rating, and Overall UAP Experience. It was out of 36 key sponsors attending.

Before Paris 2024, CMTV increased our press database to more than 5,000 journalists worldwide with an advanced press release distribution platform. Of the press releases sent out for the Games, a total of nearly 150,000 emails were sent, with nearly 40,000 of them opened by the press, which is a very strong rate. Some of the top press releases included the announcement of fencers and teams, the wrap-up conclusion press release for fencing at the Games, and when the USA won gold in the women's team foil.

During Paris 2024, the FIE website had more than 1 million views, in addition to nearly 1 million more combining pre- and post-Games posts. In addition, there were almost 5 million "event counts", meaning the amount of total individual "activities" on our website during that time, such as clicking on other pages, etc. You can see that in this chart.

From 685 Instagram posts during the Games, there were 1.2 million engagements, along with almost 22 million impressions, and we increased the number of followers by 16,000 people. On Facebook, the posts during the Games generated 714,000 engagements with 12.3 million impressions, as well as an increase of more than 5,000 followers. The posts on Twitter/X during the Games generated 130,000 engagements with 2.2 million impressions.

With so much success at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, combined with such tremendous growth in the visibility and image of fencing worldwide, we are actively building on the momentum, especially as we begin the Road to Los Angeles 2028.

The IOC President Thomas Bach said, "You have never seen fencing until you have seen it in the Grand Palais, where thousands of people are singing and cheering for every competitor in a magnificent setting."

Thank you very much to the CMTV Department and all those who contributed to the successful Games!
Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you very much. I think we can say that these were the best Olympic Games for the FIE and fencing ever. This is thanks to the Members of the Executive Committee's huge help and also thanks to all those who contributed to the success of these Games Paris 2024 – the French Fencing Federation, the officials and referees at the Olympic Games, the CMTV Department, and of course the technical delegates Dieter Lammer and Jacek Bierkowski, and all the members of the FIE staff. Thank you very much. We are very grateful for what you did.

Applause.

And now, it is time for a coffee break.

(Coffee Break)

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are resuming the Congress. We move to the next item, item twelve, which is the Vote to award the organisation of the World Championships.

We have informed you that the candidature for the 2025 Veterans World Championships was withdrawn. In the next item of the agenda, we will make a call for candidatures.

There will be a presentation from Georgia for the 2026 Veterans World Championships. I would like to ask the Georgian Federation to come to the podium, please.

Presentation of Georgia

Nino Jerenashvili (GEO): Dear Mr. President, Dear Mrs. Nathalie Rodriguez, Dear National Federations, Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour for me to be here today, and I would like to make a short presentation about the World Championships 2026.

The first question is: Why is the Fencing Federation of Georgia willing to host such an important tournament? Because organising a World Championship will be such a historical event in Tbilisi. Such competition will bring the country not only recognition but also financial prosperity.

As you know, in 2025, we are going to organise the Senior World Championships. Such a tournament has never been held in any sport before in Georgia. And thank you very much for your support this past year. World Championship is a prerequisite for successfully holding the Veterans World Championship 2026. Georgia has made great progress, winning medals in the World Cup during the World and European Championships.

You can see here Tbilisi, our capital. We are going to hold the World Championship in the new Olympic Sports Palace, which has two halls and accommodates 4,200 spectators. Also, we have various hotels: Hilton Garden Inn, a five-star hotel; Biltmore Hotel, a seven-star hotel; Moxie, a four-star hotel. We have various prices for the accommodation. Also, we provide transfer from airport to hotel and hotel to airport. We have two international airports, Shota Rustaveli and Kutaisi International Airport. Thank you very much for your attention. And now, we move to the short video clip, which was made specifically for this Congress. Please play the video.

[Video presentation]

Thank you very much for your attention.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are now going to open the vote on the award of the Veteran World Championships to the candidature of Georgia.

Can you please open the vote? The vote is open. And please do not forget to vote.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

So, the 2026 Veteran World Championships are awarded to Georgia.

Applause.

Six Federations are still not voting. I was just asked to remind you that when you push any button, yes, no, or abstention and then valid, you must wait a few seconds for the word valid to appear. It takes a few seconds. It is just that there are many of us here.

The next presentation is the candidature of Estonia for the Junior and Cadet World Championships 2027, and I ask the Federation to come to the podium.

Presentation of Estonia

Heino Märks (EST): Dear Fencing Friends, I am representing the Estonian Fencing Association, and we are really interested in organising the Cadet and Junior World Championships in Tallinn. Next year we will hold the European U23 Championships and the 2026 European Senior Championships.

To get to Tallinn, you have different possibilities: harbour, railway station and bus station for the neighbouring countries. During the last Olympics, we gained nothing, but this is an old picture to remember that Estonia knows how to fence. It has been many years since the World Cup in Tallinn, and now we are starting to jump higher. We want to be the organiser of the World Championship in the future as well. Thank you.

We have a Qualification Hall for this event; it is a brand new, renovated and totally rebuilt Arena, where we can put by all the 33 pistes. And we have this colourful basketball hall where we were organising the World Cup in the past, and where we can put these colour pistes. And the final plus is 15 pistes for warming up. Thank you, and welcome to Estonia!

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are going to open the vote on the candidature of Estonia. I think the dates that you wanted to request were not exactly in line with the Statutes. Therefore, I think you are requesting an exception to hold the World Championships a bit later. Is it correct? Can you please provide the exact dates you are proposing to organise the event?

Heino Märks (EST): At the moment, we have dates on the second week of February and starting... Just one second to be exact. I will check it.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I think you mean April, not February.

Heino Märks (EST): Yeah, sorry. Sorry, it is from April 9th to 17th.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Can you repeat, please?

Heino Märks (EST): From 9th till 17th.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you.

Heino Märks (EST): But we are flexible in moving it. This is the timeframe we have booked all the venues for now.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you.

Heino Märks (EST): Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The dates proposed by the Federation are from April 9th to 17th.

Ilgar Mamedov (RUS): Nathalie, before voting...

Nathalie Rodriguez: Can you please state your name and the Federation?

Ilgar Mamedov (RUS): The Russian Fencing Federation. I have one question. Does the FIE have a government guarantee from the Estonian government for the participation of all athletes from all over the world? As far as I know, our athletes cannot go to Estonia. Therefore, if we do not have this possibility to enter the country, how is it possible to have this competition in Estonia?

Nathalie Rodriguez: With the documentation for the Congress, you have received the files for all candidatures, including a Letter of Commitment from the Estonian Federation, and item #3 states, "The National Federation confirms that it has received from its national authorities a written agreement guaranteeing the granting of visas to all the participants of the member National Federations of the FIE." This letter was included in the documents for the Congress.

Ilgar Mamedov (RUS): Thank you very much.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, we open the vote.

The vote is open.

We are closing the vote.

The vote is closed.

The 2027 Junior and Cadet World Championships are awarded to Estonia.

Applause.

Next is the candidature of Uzbekistan for the 2027 Senior World Championships, and I would like the Uzbekistan Federation to come to the podium.

Presentation of Uzbekistan

Gulnora Saidova (UZB): Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a really great pleasure to see you at this conference. I hope that you can see that many of you, especially those who need a visa or something else, have no problem coming to Uzbekistan. We are a really safe country. We have many flights. We have hospitality. We love tourism, and so we do promise that you will enjoy during 2027 World Championship competitions. I would like you to spend a few minutes of your time watching a short video where I hope you will see what we can present to you during 2027.

[Video presentation]

Applause.

Gulnora Saidova (UZB): Thank you very much.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are going to open the vote on the candidature of Uzbekistan for the 2027 Senior World Championships.

The vote is open.

We are going to close the vote.

The vote is closed.

The 2027 Senior World Championships are awarded to Uzbekistan.

Applause.

Thank you very much.

13. Call for candidatures for the organisation of the World Championships

Nathalie Rodriguez: We move to the next item, which is the Call for candidates for the organisation of the next World Championships.

So once again, we make a call for the organisation of the 2025 Veterans World Championships, and we would be very happy if some Federations here would be interested in the organisation of the 2025 Veterans World Championships.

Nasreen Salahalddin Gul Mohamed (BRN): Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. We will be delighted to host the Veteran Championship in 2025, and we will be more than happy to welcome everybody in Bahrain. It is a very small country, but it is very cozy and friendly. And I appreciate you joining us for the Veterans Championship in 2025.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you very much. We will send you the candidature form and the list of required documents as soon as we finish the Congress.

Nasreen Salahalddin Gul Mohamed (BRN): Thank you very much.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We also make a call for candidatures for the Veterans 2027 and 2028. For those who are interested, please send us an email, and we will provide you with the candidature form and a list of the documents required.

We are also calling for candidatures for the 2028 Junior and Cadet World Championships. So again, if you are interested, please send us an email after the Congress, and we will provide you with the candidature form and the list of relevant documents.

It is now time for the photo of the Congress. As the weather is as it is, we will have to take the photo of the Congress inside the Congress room because it is not very hot outside. And then, after the photo, you will have lunch.

We are asking all the delegations to come here, the Executive Committee to come up to the tribune, and the delegations to stand on each side of the podium.

Applause.

14. Elections of the President, Executive Committee, Commissions and Ethics Committee

Nathalie Rodriguez: We now move to item 14 of the agenda, which is the Elections of the President, Executive Committee, Commissions and Ethics Committee.

Yesterday, the Executive Committee made several decisions. There will be scrutinisers for the elections, and each Confederation has provided the name of a person who is not a candidate for the elections.

For the European Confederation, the person will be Ursula Kappus.

For the African Confederation, the person will be Mohammed Nahi

For the Oceania Confederation, the person will be Andrea Chaplin.

For the Pan-American Confederation, the person will be Daniel Kirchenberg.

And for the Asian Confederation, the person will be Meret Meredov.

The Executive Committee also decided that for the presidency, both candidates would be able to address the Congress for five minutes each in the order of the list of elections.

Before starting the actual vote, we will make a test vote a bit later so that you get familiar with the system, which you already know, but it is better to make a test to see how it will run. On your device, you will have to select the candidates you wish to elect one by one and press valid. For example, you will type 11 – valid, 12 – valid, 13 – valid, etc.

For the Executive Committee and the Commissions, there is a maximum number you can vote for. You can vote for 15 people maximum for the Executive Committee. For the Commissions, the maximum is 10. There is no minimum. You can vote for one or for more persons, as you wish.

Before we start with the test vote, the Vice President Mr. Abdelmoneim El Hussein will address the Congress.

Abdelmoneim El Hussein (EGY): Dear Delegates, before we proceed to the election of the President, I have to address a very important issue – the issue of sanctions.

One of the candidates, **Mr. Alisher Usmanov**, is sanctioned in several jurisdictions. Because of that, in exercising our fiduciary duty, and in analysing this candidate, the Executive Committee decided to address this issue of sanctions thoroughly and diligently.

14. Elections of the President, Executive Committee, Commissions and Ethics Committee

In accordance with our Statutes, we requested the opinion of the Legal Commission, which recommended to get the legal opinion of an Independent Swiss Legal Counsel. The legal opinions were received, analysed and discussed. Although I am not a Swiss lawyer, the following shall be reported to you. The right to run for the office of the FIE President is not a breach of sanctions relevant to the FIE. The election of a sanctioned person as a President is not a breach of the sanctions relevant to the FIE. If a sanctioned person is elected the FIE President and starts to act as a President, especially if he makes appointments or financial decisions, we may be getting into the so called “gray zone” , because it may be interpreted by the relevant authorities as exercising control by a sanctioned person over a Swiss entity. This potentially may lead to sanctions, although there have been no precedents as of yet.”

The Executive Committee believes that you should be advised of these facts and conclusions prior to your vote in order to make an informed decision with knowledge of relevant facts. Thank you, and good luck to you all.

We may proceed, Nathalie.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, I will ask the candidates to come to the tribune. The first person is Mr. Otto Drakenberg, and I invite him to come to the tribune to address the Congress.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Dear Congress Participants,

Thank you for inviting me to speak. These are the central points of the programme that I propose should I be elected President of the FIE.

First, I think a global organisation with 156 National Federations should have a very clear strategy for the future in order to ensure that as many as possible in the fencing community feel ownership and that they are not bystanders, but active participants in the strategy process of the FIE. I would put everything in my power that I have into making this happen.

Secondly, I think we all know that without a stable financial basis, it is impossible for an International Sports Federation to be successful. Therefore, we must prioritise to ensure that our long-term financial plan is realistic, prevents overspending, but also is very ambitious.

Thirdly, we need to abide by and respect the principles of good governance. Inside sports, there are many sensitive areas where conflicts of interest must be taken seriously. Decisions are taken to appoint, to award, to punish, to help and to support. All these actions are formative for a sport organisation and a sport organisation of the future. But the integrity of these decisions must not be jeopardised, and transparency is the key. Checks and balances, formalised procedures, open evaluations are needed – important in all organisations in the world, important in fencing. We should focus on strategy. We should focus on increasing transparency and accountability. And we should focus on independence by creating our own sources of income.

I believe that everyone will become winners if we manage to restore real trust in our sport. Most importantly, enforcing good governance throughout the FIE would reduce the level of conflicts and enable us to have a culture of inclusion and justice, whatever strategy of the future we may choose. These are my thoughts. Thank you for listening.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I am now inviting Mr. Alisher Usmanov to address the Congress.

Alisher Usmanov (RUS): In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, peace be upon you. Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends, and Opponents,

With a big gratitude, I welcome you in Tashkent, to our Elective Congress, and to my beautiful motherland. I welcome everybody here.

I am very happy that this Congress takes place in Tashkent, and I want to openly tell why I am present here. The reason for my presence is these papers. I want to give these papers to our Executive Committee and our Director General, Madame Rodriguez. These papers are addressed personally to me from 103 Federations, who approached me to put my candidature to run for the President of the FIE. Please.

And of course, such an enormous majority of our member Federations and the wishes that they have expressed to me cannot be left without my answer. And first of all, I want to tell everybody who sent these letters, despite the opinion of our opponents, I am grateful, deeply from my heart. Thank you very much to everybody who approached me and proposed this opportunity to me. But a special gratitude that I want to express is to our Executive Committee, together with our friends, my friends, my personal friends like Emmanuel Katsiadakis, who headed the Executive Committee during these three difficult years when I voluntarily suspended my duty as President of the FIE.

And I want, first of all, to report to you. Our way, which we chose for developing our sport under my presidency, gave, firstly, one result – a reserve, which has given our Federation the possibility to survive such big obstacles as the pandemic and as unfair, in my view, absolutely no logical and ridiculous sanctions which came against me. But justice, in any case, will establish itself, I think. The unfair sanctions, God willing, will be lifted. And I am glad for your support. I am here, but simultaneously, I want to announce to everybody and to everybody who created some dirty campaign against me that I never make even one step that can be risky for our Federation. And everything, will be, first of all, lawful, according to the law, within the framework of every regulatory possibility for performance. And we do not begin anything without these confirmations. I again want to tell everybody that the way which we chose from 2008 is the right way to develop our sport. We, again, it is we, not me. But everybody knows how big or how small my role is in this process. We achieved full fencing events in the Olympic programme – this is number one. No other sports have this, and we should never forget like many people forget that I supported them. Never forget the support of Thomas Bach, the President of the IOC, who supported our approach, because it made true the dream of the fencing family of 26 years. And today we have 12 full Olympic disciplines. That is number one, and I think I have a right to remind this to you.

Second, every newspaper, every television channel, every internet site every year, more and more increases its attention towards our sport. It is also a big achievement for our Federation. Simultaneously, I want to tell you that it was possible with our unity, with our real love for our sport, which we demonstrated when I was re-elected three times after the first election to this post. And because of this, I absolutely do not think about my nominations. I am fully in my fight to clean my name and to defend my family, and you are my family

also. Because of this, I talk about it openly.

First of all, I have already, due to damage from my opponents, won more than 26 defamations, and received apologies from every newspaper, television, and many, many sites. I have won five or six court cases in Germany already. I closed the biggest investigations where people, supported by my opponents, wanted to find money laundering in my activity, and in the FIE also. We won in court. And I do not know why nobody answered these fraud people who talk about the corruption system, which they said was created in FIE. This is absolutely unacceptable. I immediately went to court and the court took a solution against these people who wanted to put any doubt about our activity, about our love for fencing.

In my programme for the future... Before this, I want to talk about my opponent. I do not say anything here about him because I know about success which demonstrated my opponent in his own Federation. I have known him already for a long time, as any champion from Sweden, because I started my path in fencing, in Russia. I continued my path in the European Confederation, and only after that, I did put forward my nomination to be the directing person in the FIE. This is very important for me because maybe it is my last conversation with you as a President and I want to express everything that I have in my heart, that I have in my soul to you. First of all, I love you, everybody. And my future programme has a basis from this feeling to you. It gives me an absolutely confident feeling that we are on the right path. We need to increase the brightness of our sport, firstly for use in this technological cycle where we need to increase the level of our equipment, the level of our weapons, make it also a different colour, etc. Many, many things we will have as a target. But primarily, I want to wish you to elect deserving persons in the new Executive Committee, and I wish you all the best, to everybody. And you must know, again, despite everything, and not being related to these elections, the fencing family has one participant like me. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes please.

Joonas Lyytinen (FIN): Dear Fencing Friends, Lyytinen from the Finnish Fencing Federation,

In order to make a wise decision tonight, I would like to have some more information, and for that, I would like to ask two questions.

The first question I would like to ask Nathalie and the Bureau is basically: Could you please tell us what were the effects on the operations of the FIE when we had a President who was under wide international sanctions before, like what were the practicalities, and what happened when the sanctions were raised against the President at the time Usmanov?

And then I would like to ask candidate Usmanov if he could please tell us how he will handle the possible problems that the sanctions against him will cause the FIE and how he will try to mitigate those problems if he gets elected.

I think this would be important information for us all before we vote. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: First, there were no precedents for such a situation, and we can only speculate, or imagine, or anticipate. What was made clear by the Vice President, was that this was a very unusual situation that had not been experienced before. And it is actually not the election itself that would be problematic, we have the opinions of several lawyers and the Legal Commission. What could raise issues is the exercising of certain functions in the duties and prerogatives of the President...

Alisher Usmanov (RUS): Nathalie?

Joonas Lyytinen (FIN): Yes.

Alisher Usmanov (RUS): Excuse me. Nathalie, I am interrupting you because I think that our friend had asked these questions much earlier. These questions can be addressed to me after we know the result of the elections, number one. Number two, we have already survived these three years, and I do not think we need to change anything that can create any risk for our Federation, but democracy and the wishes of countries cannot be ignored by anybody. The majority must play a role everywhere. And if somebody is in the minority, he cannot talk about something dirty or doubtful without a reason. Because of this, wait for the elections result, and after that, when somebody gets elected, ask these questions to that President. Maybe Mr Drakenberg wins, and you will not have these questions. Thank you.
Applause.

Joonas Lyytinen (FIN): I am sorry, I do have a brain of my own, and I can ask my own questions. I do not get them from anybody else.

Alisher Usmanov (RUS): Thank you very much to you...

Joonas Lyytinen (FIN): But we do have to admit that before were some problems because your previous presidency ended to the fact that you suspended your presidency because...

Alisher Usmanov (RUS): You see these results. Today we have a Congress. Here are the results of my actions. Do you understand? Thank you very much. There are too many questions about what does not exist.

Joonas Lyytinen (FIN): Thank you. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Other questions? Yes please.

Mirbulat Abuov (KAZ): I am the President of the National Federation of Kazakhstan. Mr. Usmanov has done a lot for fencing by now, and I am sure he will do even more. Today, he is a candidate nominated by many Federations. He has every right to run for president. And let us not speculate. It is elections. It is not speculation. FIE is a public organisation operating on democratic principles. I propose to vote and let it be like a majority of delegates' vote.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Is there any other request? Yes please.

Mbagnick Ndiaye (SEN): Thank you Madam.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Congress,

At the start of the vote, I would like to welcome the opportunity I have been given to talk about an extremely important fact and to truly ask whether we are going in the direction of giving our Federation to the man who behaved in this extremely disturbing way in Lausanne in 2022, which was to take his shoe, tap it on the table and tell us to shut up, because at the time we were awarding the World Championship to Saudi Arabia and because at the time one of our Vice Presidents intervened and told this gentleman to stop, I have the opportunity to see him and ask him two or three questions. Given your fierce attitude, given your truly discriminatory attitude towards a country, and towards a nation, and towards a race, are we going to have fun in our family united as one man to hand over this power to you because you are going to discriminate, you are going to discriminate, and you are going to ensure that this family which was united can be divided?

Mr. Drakenberg, I would like to know you physically because I cannot identify you yet, but if that happens what are you going to do? What is the special programme that you will have for the development of Africa, and for the development of the world in general?

I, representing a federation, say loud and clear and without hesitation that I would not vote for someone who divides, I would not vote for someone who has a retrograde attitude towards the development of our structure. And I ask all those who are for peace, all those who are for the unity of the International Federation, not to vote for him. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes please.

Paal Frisvold (NOR): Madame Chair, everybody. My name is Paal Frisvold. I am from Norway. I would just like to express on behalf of the Norwegian Federation to Mr. Usmanov that we share your love and your dedication for our sport and that we are very grateful indeed for what you have done. And I would like to underline that the fact that Mr. Drakenberg poses his candidature is not an act of animosity. It is not a threat. It is a symbol that this federation should allow for an open and democratic process. So, I would like to urge all of you to... maybe we could, as we Norwegians say, speak with an inner voice, and to allow this democratic process to unfold, and to respect the candidates that we have put forward, and the fact that they have different standpoints, different views, and that this election can enforce the integrity of the winning candidate. Thank you.

Applause.

Ben Daouda NASS (GUI): Hello Everyone. My name is Ben Daouda Nass.

I am the President of the Guinean Fencing Federation, and I am also the President of the National Olympic Committee of Guinea.

So when my comrades informed me that we had to give our opinion on the candidacy of a certain Usmanov, I am a President, a new President, I know this gentleman less. Being President of an Olympic Committee, I cannot commit myself in a direction that I do not master. That led me to inform myself. I took a month to inform myself at the IOC level with the most appropriate person, whose name I will not say here. And he also did not inform me directly. He took the time to tell me that Mr. Usmanov's candidacy was clear and that I could give my opinion as I wanted. So, this is to tell you that I am reassured and that he is a candidate who deserves to be a candidate and that it is the opinion of the voters that will count. I resolved to having a favourable position for this candidacy, after what pointed to me the most appropriate person at the IOC, who told me that his candidacy is clear and that he can run.

So if I had been disappointed, I have the right to come and testify to this, and I would say it, and I would say it on my honour, and if I am led one day to designate the person concerned, I will say his name, and you will see that he is the most appropriate person. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Venezuela, do you want to speak?

Francisco Rafael Marín Alvarez (VEN): Good Afternoon, Dear Federation Members, Colleagues, Mr. Usmanov. I welcome all Federation members. My intervention is short and to the point and is directed towards the candidate from Sweden, Mr. Drakenberg. Today you have a huge opportunity, but the huge opportunity that I see is not to be a president, but to offer an apology to the entire assembly for your attitude at the Lausanne Congress, which was one of discrimination and attack on a full member, a member with

rights, where it seems that there are very small Federations and Federations with another status. Well, I speak to you with great respect but with the moral authority of having qualified a team by world ranking for the Paris Games, where we also have an Olympic Champion, because some time ago you spoke of the results they had. Well, a small Federation like Venezuela has also had results, many of those results. Thank you, Mr. Usmanov, for the support you give to these small Federations. I only invite you, Mr. Drakenberg, to apologise. Apologising is not bad. That is, that attitude was not good, and you know it. Apologise to the entire assembly and leave through the front door with an apology, because with an apology you can make yourself a bigger person. And we will always be on this side. You can count on our support, Mr. Usmanov. Thank you very much to everyone.

Ah, a joke. Excuse me, Mrs. Nathalie. I think we owe you a table, a table in Lausanne, right? Well, if we owe you a table, we have to pay for that too. Apologise, Mr. Drakenberg, I invite you to do so with much affection, from a small Federation, but present at the Paris Olympic Games and with an Olympic Champion proudly. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Is there any other request? Yes please.

Mohammed Mahadi (GHA): Good Afternoon, Colleagues Presidents,

I would want to, sorry, I am Mohammed Mahadi, the President of Ghana Fencing Association. I would like to remind all our colleagues here that sports really achieved huge success when the United Nations voted for its autonomy. So, the greatest victory of sports is its autonomy in becoming free from politics. The decision we are making here is not a political decision. It is a decision based on the merit and achievement of the leaders who are standing for election today. We should not mix the two – the political decisions of the politicians and those who voted for the autonomy of sports. And to end it all is to say, Mr. Usmanov, we appreciate your great commitment over the years, and we from Ghana have already nominated you, and you have our support. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Any other requests? Yes please.

Vasif Mammadov (AZE): I would like to express our support for Mr. Usmanov and just mention a couple of moments we have seen during the last years and during his presidency. One of them is the support to newly established and small Federations with various kinds of programmes. And it affected and increased the number of athletes and inspired a lot of people to try it out. And also, I would like to mention the media and PR support which we have received via TV and other kinds of activities. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Any other requests? No. Before we move to the actual vote, as I said, we are going to have a test vote. We will do it as if it was a Commission. And I would like to display on the screen of the test vote for you. So, the screen will always display, in the case of Commissions and Executive Committee, the maximum number of people you can vote for.

The process is simple. If you want, for example, to elect, to select Candidate 11, you type 11, and then valid on your device. You wait two or three seconds, and you will have confirmation of your vote with the number you voted. We are making a test vote now to be sure that everything is clear because the process is the same, whether it is for the Presidency, Executive Committee, or the Commissions. The process is simple.

Participant in the audience: Nathalie, it is because Nathalie... I think you said that to vote for Candidate 11, you had to enter 11. In the example here, you have to enter 21.

Nathalie Rodriguez: No, we did not want to put a name. We put Candidate 1, Candidate 2, Candidate 3, Candidate 4, but it is the numbers next to them that you have to use.

Participant in the audience: Yeah, the number on the left that we use.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The number on the left. We did not want to put any names, so we put Candidate 1, Candidate 2, Candidate 3. The number you will use is the one on the left. That is 11 – valid, 16 – valid, 18 – valid. You are not obliged to vote for 10 candidates. You can vote for one candidate in the Commissions and the Executive Committee if you wish. If you think that you made a mistake, then you have to clear all votes by entering 00 plus valid, and you will start again. So, take your time. We are not in a hurry.

We are going to open the vote for the test vote.

The vote is open.

To clarify again, if you want to vote for Candidate 6, then you use the number on the left – 16, and valid. If you want to vote for Candidate 10, you take the number on the left, then enter 20 and valid. If you want to vote for Candidate 3, you enter the number on the left, which is 13, and valid. So, for each candidate, you use the number on the left plus valid.

Each time you press valid, you wait two or three seconds, and you will have the confirmation of what you have voted for on your screen.

Those Federations that have a proxy have received two devices and they should vote on the two devices. So, you have two devices, and you vote twice. I hope I was clear. So, we are going to close the vote.

The vote is closed.

Can you please display the screen after we have closed the vote?

We have closed the vote.

You can now display the results on the screen. On the right, you have the results of the voting: the numbers of votes each candidate received by order of numbers. I can tell you that 136 Federations voted, which means that 14 have not voted. I ask you to vote, please.

So, we are concluding this test vote, and we will now move to the vote for the presidency. Can you please display it on the screen?

So, if you want to vote for Mr. Drakenberg, you have to enter 11 and valid.

If you want to vote for Mr. Usmanov, you have to enter 12 and valid.

You can vote only for one candidate.

So, we are opening the vote.

The vote is open.

We are going to close the vote.

The vote is closed.

The results will be printed, I will receive them, and then the votes will be displayed on the screen.

You can display the votes on the screen.

Mr Alisher Usmanov has been elected.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes, Mr. Usmanov, please come to the tribune.

Applause.

[Exclamations in the Audience]

Alisher Usmanov (RUS): You know, it is very, very emotional when, you know, at my age, you have many things, whatever you want, but you cannot take full advantage of it. Because of this, I have a similar feeling. I am so grateful to every one of the 120 countries and their representatives in our fencing sport Federations who voted for me and elected me as the President of the FIE. For this, first of all, I am proud. And second, it signals that I do not live for nothing. Thank you very much to everybody.

Applause.

You know, I did not want to have a long speech before because I did not have time. The second time, I did not want to stop our beautiful orators. My friends Scarso and Mbagnick, these people are the two biggest examples of leaders of our sport who love to explain to everybody their honest opinion. And it is very good to have a different opinion.

I received no less than 120 votes. I am very happy with the 12 votes of the countries who sanctioned me. They also added and joined to support me. It is a big responsibility for me, and its acknowledgment must be expressed to our Federations. And again, I assure you, we will not do anything, and I will not act until we clarify with every legal institution how we can work on our development in our sport. This is number one on what I currently work with my lawyers. And after this result, I need to approach several Departments to ask them the following questions. How do we need to survive this wish? Such a big family. Thank you very much to everybody. I wish you again to take very responsible actions at the coming elections of the Executive Committee and Commissions. I wish everybody a big, big success in sports activity and in private life. And I absolutely forgive everybody who forgives me. And I forgive everybody who forgets me. Thank you very much to everybody.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mr Jenö Kamuthy has asked for the floor.

Applause.

Jenö Kamuthy (HUN, MH): Dear Mr. President, Dear Members of the Congress,

Welcome to Everybody, who is here. We are happy. I hope everybody is that Alisher Usmanov is elected. And I would like to tell something to you, everybody.

Dear Mr. Alisher Usmanov, it is a real pleasure for me to meet you in person again. It is a special pleasure for me to continue with the work I was doing as a member of the Medical Commission and the President of the International Fair Play Committee after my COVID coma two years ago. At my age, 87, my farewell to this early world can take.

Applause.

Thank you. I take the place to wish my ubiquitous me to thank those friends and people and those whose words, whose achievements are listing that I have done for the Community. You are one of them. I would like to highlight the act where you shall see the IOC's founder, Pierre de Coubertin's Manuscript at Auction

or Olympic Bible Legacy and donated to the Olympic Museum in Lausanne for perpetual preservation. This is a historic act that came from your heart. And I must express my personal thanks with an old sport, friendship, and respect. I would like to give you a commemorative Diploma for your gesture.

Applause.

Alisher Usmanov (RUS): Thank you very much. It is a big honour for me to receive such a big present. What is it? Ah. I understand. I think everybody must know my respect for this person, the Chairman of the Fair-Play Committee of the IOC. But I recognise him as a person who deserves to be in the Guinness Records because he is the biggest fencer who has more than anybody silver medals in Olympic Games and World Championships. It is our history. He never recognised himself as a Veteran. He is the person who invited me into this difficult world of sport organisation managing fencing, and he invited me to the European Confederation. Thank you very much for your confidence in me. And second, now I am very proud of this recognition. Thank you.

Applause.

Now I am left to close the possibility, like we spoke yesterday with Nathalie, to have any doubt about our activity in this Congress. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are now going to move to the election of the Executive Committee.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, we will display on the screen the names of the candidates. As I explained earlier, you have the name of the candidate in the middle, and you have the number of each candidate on the left. If you want to select one candidate, you enter the number on the left plus valid. The maximum number you can vote for is 15, and you will see it on your screen. We do not have to hurry.

We will open the vote, and the vote is open.

[Discussions and exclamations in the audience]

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes. What is the problem? What do you mean it does not work? Can you please explain?

[Discussions and exclamations in the audience]

I do not hear you. So, when you press the number and then valid, it does not validate? But you have to wait two or three seconds to get the validation of your vote.

Participant in the audience: Excuse me Nathalie, it does not work, because we started the voting, we pressed valid, but how, it does not validate.

Nathalie Rodriguez: You have to wait two or three seconds.

[Discussions and exclamations in the audience]

Nathalie Rodriguez: The vote is closed, and we will reopen it.

We are going to reopen the vote. Please wait a few seconds.

We restarted the vote. The vote is open.

[Discussions and exclamations in the audience]

It is a technical problem, which will have to be solved. So please be patient.

So please, before we open the vote, when you type a number and valid, please wait. Do not type again the same number. So, if you want to vote for 99, you type 99, valid, and you wait. Do not type it again, please. So, the vote is open.

[Discussions and exclamations in the audience]

We will start again, hoping that the problem has been solved. It is the system that gets blocked.

We will reopen the voting, hoping that there will be no problem. In case the system is blocked once again, we will move to the good old technology, which is paper.

[Laughter, applause in the audience]

We open the vote. The vote is open.
Blocked again?

[Exclamations in the audience]

Does everybody have the same problem?
[Exclamations in the audience]

We are going to come back to paper. We are preparing the voting papers and the boxes in order to vote. And we will need the scrutinisers to count the votes. I am sorry, it will be like in the good old times, when we needed one full day for the elections.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are able to resume.

Please. Can you take your seat? We are going to start again.

I will explain the process put in place. Here are three transparent boxes in which you will be able to put the voting slips. I would like Sandra and Stella to show... Can you show that the boxes are empty?

I will call the Federations six by six. There are three tables on each side of the tribune. Each voter will use one table to fill in the voting paper. There is a large space between the tables, and no one can see for whom you are voting. On the voting papers, there is a column on the right. To select a candidate, please write a cross. I repeat. When you select the candidate, please put a cross next to him/her on the right.

For the Executive Committee, you can vote for 15 people maximum, and there is no minimum.

I will call the Federations six by six. After I have called the Federations present, I will call the Federations, which have a proxy.

After the vote, the counting will take place at this end of the room. 4 scrutinizers will process, and 1 scrutiniser will serve as an observer.

One person will open the voting slip and will read the names. The person next to that person will verify that this is correct. One person will write a sign or a cross in front of the names of the candidates. One person will verify that the crosses have been put into the correct places. This way, four people will be verifying the votes.

The FIE lawyer is in the room and will stand next to them in order to verify that the process is correct.

In order to gain some time, because we have lost a lot, and while the process to count the votes is taking place, we will move to the medal awards to the athletes. Then we will continue with the election of Commissions.

For the Commissions, it will be the same system, except that you will receive the voting slips for all commissions at the same time. It will be the same process, you will select the candidates, and then you will put the voting slips in one of the boxes. In order to gain some time, I would need three additional scrutinisers in order to have eight in total.

I would like to know if you have any objections on the names of the additional scrutinisers I have received: Joyce Bolanos from the Virgin Islands, Louise Seibaek from Denmark, and Louise Lombard from South Africa. We will have eight scrutinisers for the Commissions. Do you have any questions? Do you have any objections?

The question I just received is whether you can put a checkmark or a cross on the voting slip. Please put a cross. Like this. Do you have any objections?

I am actually advised to accept either a cross or a check sign. Do you agree to this? No objection? No. So I will start calling the Federations six by six. When I call your Federation, please come here or here. You will receive a voting slip, and you will then move to one of the tables. Please come with your own pen. I am starting.

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia.

And please fold the voting slip.

Aruba, American Samoa, Australia. Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas.

Belgium. Benin. Belarus, Bolivia.

Botswana, Brazil. Bahrain. Brunei Darussalam. Bulgaria.

Burkina Faso. Cambodia, Canada, Congo and Chile.

China, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Colombia. Cape Verde. Costa Rica.

Croatia. Cuba. Cyprus. Czech Republic. Denmark, Dominica.

Ecuador. Egypt. El Salvador. Spain and Estonia.

Finland. France. Great Britain. Georgia.

Germany, Ghana. Greece, Guatemala.

Guinea, Guyana, Hong-Kong China, Honduras, Hungary.
Indonesia, India, Iran, Ireland, Iraq.
Iceland, Israel, Virgin Island, Italy, Jamaica.
Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan.
Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Latvia, Libya.
Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao, Madagascar.
Morocco, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia, North Macedonia.
Mali, Montenegro, Mauritius, Namibia, Nicaragua.
Netherlands, Nepal, Nigeria.
Niger, Norway, New Zealand, Oman.
Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay.
Peru, Philippines, Palestine, Papua New Guinea.
Poland, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania.
South Africa, Russia, Rwanda.
Senegal, Serbia, Sri Lanka.
Slovakia, Sweden, Syria, Thailand.
Turkmenistan.

The federations with proxies will be called after. I am now calling the Federations present.
Togo, Chinese Taipei, Tunisia.
Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, Uganda.
Uruguay, USA, Uzbekistan.
Venezuela, Vietnam, and Yemen.

I now call the Federations which have a proxy.
Turkmenistan, who is voting for Bangladesh.
Aruba, who is voting for Bermuda.
Venezuela, who is voting for Belize.
Peru, who is voting for the Dominican Republic.
Angola, who is voting for Equatorial Guinea. Angola?
New Zealand, who is voting for Guam.
El Salvador, who is voting for Haiti.
Italy, who is voting for Malta.
France, who is voting for Monaco.
Morocco, who is voting for Mauritania.
Uzbekistan, who is voting for Myanmar.
Spain, who is voting for Portugal.
Hong Kong, who is voting for Singapore.
Croatia, who is voting for Slovenia.
Luxembourg, who is voting for Switzerland.

Kazakhstan, who is voting for Tajikistan.

Poland, who is voting for Ukraine.

So, we have finished the vote. I would ask the scrutinisers to please come here. I call Mohammed Nahi and Daniel Kirchenberg. Okay, we have four. I would like to ask you to take the boxes and to bring them there.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, some information for you: for the Commissions and Ethics Committee, we are going to try again the electronic system because we discovered that the problem was that too many people were voting at the same time, and therefore, the system went down. If we vote by sections, that is – the First section is voting, then we move to the Second one, then we move to the Third one, and then we move to the Last one, more or less 40 people will be voting at the same time. We think it should work. We will try with the first Commission unless someone has an objection.

[Discussions and exclamations in the audience]

Of course, we will do it once we know the results of the Executive Committee.

[Discussions and exclamations in the audience]

Abdelmoneim El Hussein (EGY): Let us start. Let us start.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, we have the results. We understand why we need machines...

Applause.

First with 119 votes: Donald Anthony.

Applause.

Second, with 115 votes: Yuki Ota.

Applause.

Third, with 114 votes: Paolo Azzi.

Applause.

Fourth, with 105 votes: Gulnora Saidova

Applause.

In fifth place, with the same number of votes, 103 votes: Ferial Salhi and Murat Atali

Applause.

Seven, with 102 votes: Haibin Wang.

Applause.

Eight, with 101 votes: Emmanuel Katsiadakis.

Applause.

Nine. There are two persons in ninth place with 99 votes: Velichka Hristeva and Novak Perovic.

Applause.

Eleven, with 98 votes: Abdelmoneim El Hussein.

Applause.

Twelve. There are two persons in twelfth place with 96 votes: Rusni Abu Hassan and Nikolay Mateev.

Applause.

Fourteen, with 95 votes: Henriette Tamas

Applause.

And fifteen, with 93 votes: Arno Perillier Schneider.

Applause.

We will now try to move back to electronic voting, and we will start with the **Refereeing Commission**. We need a lot of discipline if we do not wish the system to block. As I explained, we are going to ask the first part of the room to vote when we open the vote. We will leave you around two minutes. We will then move to the Second part of the room. Leave you two minutes. We will then move to the Third part of the room, leave you two minutes, and then move to the last part of the room, leave you two minutes.

We calculated that it is more or less forty votes per section and normally the system should not block. We will try. But I ask you to please do exactly what I am requesting: if one section is voting, the other sections do not vote. Otherwise, the system will block again. Let us try, and we will see if it works.

If it works, we will move to the other Commissions. That section will start to vote. The others are not going to vote. Then, I will move to the Second section, then to the Third, and then to the Last one.

We are going to start with the **Refereeing Commission**. The names and the numbers are displayed on the screen. I repeat. You use the number which is on the left of the name, and then you press valid. We will

start with the section on my left. All the other sections, please do not vote. The maximum number of persons you can vote for is ten.

We open the vote, and only the section here on my left votes.

I cannot hear you.

[Questions in the audience]

I said this section. Only this section votes. There are four sections in the room. One, Two, Three, Four. So, the section on my left votes. The other sections do not vote.

We now move to the Second section which can vote, and the other sections do not vote.

And please use the numbers you have on the screen.

We move to the next section.

We now move to the last section which can vote.

This is fine. So, we are closing the vote.

[Questions in the audience]

I cannot hear you.

People in the audience: Hold on, hold on.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Ah, so we do not close the vote.

[Exclamations in the audience]

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, we will close the vote in one minute. We will close the vote in ten seconds.

We are closing the vote.

We now move to the next Commission, the **Medical Commission**. We are going to use the same system, but this time we are going to start with the First section here, on my right. Again, when a section is voting, the other sections are not voting.

We are going to open the vote on the **Medical Commission**. No, please. I said "we are going". I did not say that the vote is open. Please close the vote.

Please show the names on the screen.

On the left, you still have the number for each person. You use the number on the screen. We are going to start with that section. During that time...

Participant in the audience: Excuse me, excuse me. Maybe it is better to keep the same system in order not to be confused? The same system as we voted.

Nathalie Rodriguez: If you want the same system, you will have the same system. We are going to start with the section on my left which will vote. The others do not vote.

We open the vote.

The vote is open. Twenty seconds remain for that section.

Fine, we are now moving to the section in front of me. The other sections do not vote. Ten seconds remain for that section.

We now move to that section, the Third one and the other sections do not vote. Ten seconds remain for that section.

Now, we move to the Last section on the right. The other sections do not vote, and the section on the right votes. Ten seconds remain.

We are going to close the vote.

The vote is closed.

We now move to the next Commission. Please display the next one. No, the next one should be the Legal. The **Legal Commission** should be displayed.

So, the same system as we used, we will start with that section, which is going to vote.

Then we will move to the Second section, then to the Third, and then to the Fourth. When a section is voting, the other sections do not vote. And the numbers you have to use are the ones on the left of each name, as displayed on the screen.

So, we open the vote for the **Legal Commission**.

The section on my left can vote.

Ten seconds remain for that section.

We now move to the Second section in front of me. The other sections do not vote. Fifteen seconds remain for that section.

We now move to the Third section, which is here. The other sections do not vote.

We now move to the last section. The other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds remain. No? Okay, one minute.

Ten seconds remain.

We are going to close the vote, and the vote is closed.

We then move to the next Commission, which will be the **Promotion, Communication, and Marketing Commission**.

So, we are going to open the vote on the **Promotion, Communication, and Marketing Commission**. Same process. The numbers are on the left of the name of each candidate. You use the numbers which are on the screen.

We are starting with the section on my left, which is going to vote and the other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds, ten seconds remain for that section.

We now move to the Second section, and the other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds remain for this section.

We are moving to the Third section, and the other sections do not vote. Third section.

Fifteen seconds remain for that section.

We now move to the Third section. The other sections do not vote.

Yes? I cannot hear you. Yes?

[Question in the audience]

Sorry, section Four. Thirty seconds remain.

We are going to close the vote.

We close the vote.

Sorry, a few seconds ago, I said section Three, and somebody said no, it should be section Four. Reopen the vote, please.

[Exclamations in the audience]

I said section Three and I was told that it was section Four.

We have to start that vote again because it was closed .

We start again with the PCM Commission.

We start with the section here, the First section on my left. The other sections do not vote.

Thirty seconds remain for the section on my left.

We move to the other section in front of me, section Two. You can vote, and the other sections do not vote.

Thirty seconds remain for the Second section.

We now move to the Third section, that one. The other sections do not vote.

Twenty seconds remain for the Third section.

We move to the Fourth section.

Thirty seconds remain.

We are going to close the vote.

We close the vote.

We are moving to the **Rules Commission**. So, the same process: the number for each person is on the left of the name on the screen. We are going to start with the first section, which is on my left. The other sections do not vote.

We open the vote.

Fifteen seconds remain for the First section.

We move to the Second section. The other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds remain for that section.

We now move to the Third section.

Ten seconds remain for the Third section.

And we move to the Fourth section. The other sections do not vote.

Fifteen seconds remain.

We are going to close the vote.

We close the vote.

We now move to the **SEMI Commission**.

So same system, you use the number on the left of the name of each candidate. We are going to start with the first section, which is on my left. The other sections do not vote.

We open the vote.

Twenty seconds remain.

We now move to the Second section. The other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds remain for this section.

We move to the Third section. The other sections do not vote.

Fifteen seconds remain for that section.

We move to the Fourth section. The other sections do not vote.

We are going to close the vote in ten seconds for the Fourth section.

We are going to close the vote.

We close the vote.

We are moving to the **Ethics Committee**.

We are going to display the **Ethics Committee** on the screen. Same system. The number for each candidate is on the left of the name.

We start with the first section on my left, and the other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds remain for the First section.

We move to the Second section.

Ten seconds remain.

We move to the Third section. The other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds remain.

We move to the Fourth section, and the other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds remain.

We are going to close the vote.

We closed the vote.

I received a remark regarding the document on your table for the **Refereeing Commission**: it is incorrect, because it is showing three times the same number. It was confusing for the Federations that used this document instead of the correct numbers which were displayed on the screen. In order not to have any protests regarding that Commission, I think we should reopen the vote for the **Refereeing Commission**.

[Participant in the audience]

I had requested the delegates to look at the numbers on the screen but I received a complaint regarding the Refereeing document on the tables, That document is not correct, and is confusing because three people had the same number.

Therefore, in order to avoid any protests, I think we should reopen the vote on the **Refereeing Commission**, and the only numbers that you will have to take into account are those on the screen. The numbers you have in the document on your table must not be used.

So, we are going to reopen the vote, and we are going to start with the first section. The other sections do not vote.

We open the vote.

[Participant in the audience]

I repeat that on the tables, the Refereeing document was not correct. And some people might have used the numbers of the document on the table.

Ten seconds remain for the First section.

We now move to the Second section. The other sections do not vote.

Ten seconds are left for the Second section.

We move to the Third section. The other sections do not vote. Ten seconds remain.

We move to the Fourth section. The other sections do not vote.

Fifteen seconds remain.

We are going to close the vote.

We close the vote.

Applause.

[Exclamations in the audience]

So, we were lucky in the end. Otherwise, we would have had to sleep... not sleep, actually, to work until you take your flight. I will receive the last results, which I am going to read, Commission after Commission. They will also be displayed on the screen.

We are going to display the results of the **Refereeing Commission** on the screen. Were elected:

KIM Changgon

FERJANI Salah

COJOCARI Olga

VARGA Katalin

FLOREA Marius

KNYSCH Irina

BADAWI Amgad

SHAMIS Vladislav

KOVRLIJA BOGDANOVIC Ana

TOURE Papa Khassoum

And there are four women in this Commission.

Applause.

Please display the results for the **Legal Commission**. Were elected:

BERNARD Yann

JACOBS Peter

CZEGLEDY Edina

RANDAZZO Maurizio

AKHMEDSHIN Rinat

KONDRATEVA Ekaterina

IONESCU Anca

SANTOS Gerli

ABOULEILA Mohamed

MARCIL Loreen

Applause.

Medical Commission. Were elected:

FIORE Antonio

HUZEL Lisa

HALAIMIA Sabrina

FERJANI Jameleddine

KAMUTHY Jenö

MAKSIMOVA Anastasiia

SHAFaat Davood Reza

ELSHerbiny Hosam

MICETA Lazar

CARPIO QUINTANA Victor

Applause.

And there are three women in the Commission.

We move to the **PCM Commission.** Were elected:

BORACK Carl

GUYART Brice

BADR Doaa

ALSUNAID Abdullah

WO Qiuyan

BENADOUDA Omar

CHAOUACHI Mohamed

PROSITS Attila

CHAN Kin Pong

GARCIA GARCIA Angel

Applause.

In this Commission, there are only two women because there were only two women candidates.

We move to the **Rules Commission.** Were elected:

CAFIERO Giuseppe

KOEHLER Kelly

LAMMER Dieter

BARLADEANU Roxana

FERIANI Zied

MAGHAYREH Eyyad

FARYABI Abbas

SINYAVSKAYA Maria

PAGHIEV Mihail

RAMIREZ CONCEPCION Juan

Applause.

And there are three women in the Commission.

We move to the **SEMI Commission.** Were elected:

VARALLO Gian Domenico

BIERKOWSKI Jacek

ZIMMERMANN Felicia

HOU Zhigang

SALEEM Zeyad

BRANDULE Baiba

ASSADOURIAN Sarkis

EBERL Maria

HASHEM Samer

LARBI Emir

Applause.

And there are three women in the Commission.

We now move to the **Ethics Committee**. Were elected :

SZABO Reka Zsafia

LE PRISÉ Thierry

BARTON Peter

ZOGLAMI Dalia

NAHAS Imad

SOPRONI-SZABO Benedek

ALMAIDANY Ahmed

GROLLIOS Christos

VERGARA Sergio

POPOV Vladimir

Applause.

There are only two women in this Committee because there were only two women candidates.

And we have finished!

Applause.

15. Winners of the 2024 FIE official rankings and the Nations' Grand Prix

Nathalie Rodriguez: For the next item, which is the Winners of the 2024 FIE official rankings and the Nations Grand Prix, I would like to ask the members of the Executive Committee to come to the tribune to award the athletes. We will start with the Individual Junior top-ranked fencers at the six weapons:



Individual Junior Rankings

Nathalie Rodriguez: The Junior individual winners are:

Women's Épée – Machulsky Leehi from the USA
Applause.

Men's Épée – Imrek Samuel from the USA
Applause.

Women's Foil – Pinna Vittoria from Italy
Applause.

Men's Foil – Emmer Chase from the USA
Applause.

Women's Sabre – Herrera Lara Luisa Fernanda from Uzbekistan
Applause.

Men's Sabre – Covaliu Vlad from Romania
Applause.

Junior Team Ranking Winners

Nathalie Rodriguez: The Junior Team winners are:

Women's Épée – USA
Applause.

Men's Épée – Italy
Applause.

Women's Foil – Italy
Applause.

Men's Foil – USA
Applause.

Women's Sabre – Uzbekistan
Applause.

Men's Sabre – USA
Applause.

Individual Senior Rankings

Nathalie Rodriguez: The Individual Senior winners are:

Women's Épée – Kong Man Wai Vivian, Hong Kong
Applause.

Men's Épée – Kano Koki, Japan
Applause.

Women's Foil – Kiefer Lee, USA
Applause.

Men's Foil – Cheung Ka Long, Hong Kong
Applause.

Women's Sabre – Balzer Sara, France
Applause.

Men's Sabre – OH Sanguk, Korea
Applause.

Team Senior Rankings

Nathalie Rodriguez: The Senior Team winners are:

Women's Épée – Italy
Applause.

Men's Épée – Japan
Applause.

Women's Foil – Italy
Applause.

Men's Foil – Italy
Applause.

Women's Sabre – France
Applause.

Men's Sabre – Korea
Applause.

Grand Prix of Nations

Nathalie Rodriguez: The Individual Senior winners are:

Women's Épée – Kong Man Wai Vivian, Hong Kong
Applause.

Men's Épée – Kano Koki, Japan
Applause.

Women's Foil – Kiefer Lee, USA
Applause.

Men's Foil – Cheung Ka Long, Hong Kong
Applause.

Women's Sabre – Balzer Sara, France
Applause.

Men's Sabre – OH Sanguk, Korea
Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez:

The 2024 Fair-Play Trophy is awarded to Ole Petersen from Germany.

Applause.

[The Award is presented]

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I would like to thank you for your patience. I know it was not easy, that it was difficult. It is late, but at least we could finish more or less at an acceptable time.

I would like to thank all the translators for the magnificent job that they did.

I would also like to thank all the FIE staff and in particular to Elena Murdaca, Henry and Elodie, who did a fantastic job at this Congress.

Applause.

And I would like to thank the Uzbekistan Federation, which provided us with outstanding installations facilities and outstanding conditions. Thank you very much to the Uzbekistan Fencing Federation.

Applause.

Peter Jacobs (GBR, MH): And we should thank Nathalie as well.

Applause.

[Exclamations in the audience]

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you. So, you will have to rush into your room, leave your computers and whatever you have to leave. We can give you a maximum of twenty minutes, no more. So if you are not here in twenty minutes, we will have to leave without you.

