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Based on the experience at last year's World Championships in Lisbon, and at the request of the Organising Committee of this year's World Championships at Havana, we are obliged to determine the maximum number of training personnel people and of officials making up a national delegation who may be accredited to the World Championships.

We have often been able to note that numerous people accredited by a national federation did not have a real function in their delegation and that their accreditation was for purposes other than sporting (a friend, a club trainer, a member of family of an athlete or of other members of the delegation, for financial reasons to avoid paying for tickets to gain entry, etc...).

We could apply the quotas used by the IOC but we can not apply them strictly if we take into account the specific nature of our sport (several weapons, men and women, personal fencing masters, etc..).

The Executive Committee has decided to define a reasonable quota according to the number of athletes entered for the World Championships, in order to limit the number of people accompanying a team, as follows :-

1. The President and the Secretary General of a federation (**over and above the quota**)
2. Medical assistance: a maximum of three people (**also outside the quota** but in possession of proof of their professional standing)
3. **The number of all the other persons accompanying the team** – Team manager and an assistant team manager, if any, the training personnel (fencing masters, team captain, technical directors, etc...) – **must be limited to around 50% of the total number of fencers entered in the competition.** For example: for 5 fencers, 2-3 officials; for 10 fencers, 5 officials etc.

In exceptional cases duly justified (for example the need for the presence of a personal trainer over and above the quota), the Bureau of the Executive Committee can issue a temporary accreditation valid for the day in question.

I am convinced that this light restriction will stop the phenomenon of gigantism of our World Championships and will facilitate the task of the organisers of maintaining sporting and administrative discipline.

Counting on your understanding and co-operation, I remain, yours sincerely,

René Roch
President