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The representatives of the national federations, members of the International Sport Sea Fishing Federation FIPS-M, declare by the present deed to form the association as a non-profit-making association, NPO, by the law of April 21 of 1928, modified by the laws, of February 22 of 1964, of March 4 of 1994, of August 1st of 2001 and of December 19 of 2002 of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and to decide as follows the statutes of the new association, of which the founding member federations are ::

- Österreichischer Verband Meeresangeln avec siège à Vienne (Autriche)
- Federação Angolana de Pesca Desportiva avec siège à Luanda (Angola)
- Confederação Brasileira de Pesca e Desportos Subaquaticos avec siège à Rio de Janeiro (Brésil)
- Deutscher Anglerverband avec siège à Berlin (Allemagne)
- Belgium Confederation of Sea Anglers avec siège à Knokke-Heist (Belgique)
- CNFA China Worldfish avec siège à Beijing (Chine)
- Hrvatski Savez za Sportski Ribolov na Moru avec siège à Rijeka (Croatie)
- Hellenic Federation for Underwater Activities, Sportfishing and Finswimming avec siège à Hellinicon (Grèce)
- Egyptian Angling Federation avec siège au Caire (Egypte)
- National Federation of Sea Anglers avec siège à Buckfastleigh (Angleterre)
- Federaçion Espanola de Pesca avec siège à Madrid (Espagne)
- Fédération Française des Pêcheurs en Mer avec siège à Anglet (France)
- Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers avec siège à Gibraltar
- Irish Federation of Sea Anglers avec siège à Dublin (Irlande)
- Israeli Sportfishing Association avec siege à Ramat-Gan (Israel)
- Federazione Italiana Pesca Sportiva avec siège à Rome (Italie)
- Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Pêcheurs Sportifs avec siège à Itzig (Luxembourg)
- Savez za Podvodne Aktivnosti i Sportski Ribolov avec siège à Budva (CNRA Gora-Montegro)
- Namibia Federation of Sea Anglers avec siège à Windhoek (Namibia)
- Sportvisserij Nederland avec siège à Bilthoven (Pays-Bas)
- Federacion Nacional de Pesca Desportiva A.C. avec siège à Tampico (Mexique)
- Polski Zwiazek Wedkarski avec siège à Varsovie (Pologne)
- Federação Portuguesa de Pesca Desportiva d Alto Mar avec siège à Povoa de Varzim (Portugal)
- Federação Portuguesa de Pesca Desportiva avec siège à Lisbonne (Portugal)
- Federazione Samarinese Pesca Sportiva avec siège à Domagnano (San Marin)
- Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers avec siège à Kirkcaldy (Ecosse)
- Fédération Sénégalaise de Pêche Sportive avec siège à Dakar (Sénégal)
- Zveza za Sportni Ribolov na Moru Slovenije siège à Portoroz (Slovénie)
- Fédération Suisse de Pêche en Mer avec siège à Genève (Suisse)
- South African Deep Sea Angling Association avec siège à Pretoria (Afrique du Sud)
- South African Shore Angling Association avec siège à Durban (Afrique du Sud)
- South African Light Tackle Boat Angling Association avec siège à Evander (Afrique du Sud)
- Sea Angling United States of America avec siège à Jupiter (Floride U.S.A.)
- Fédération Tunisienne de Pêches Sportives avec siège à Tunis (Tunisie)
- Welsh Federation of Sea Anglers avec siège à Bargoed, Mid-Glamorgan (Pays de Galles)

INTRODUCTION

The International Sport Fishing Federation named FIPS-M is a self-governing International Federation of C.I.P.S.

The term "Members" extends to all C.I.P.S. National Federations and the term "Fédération Internationale" to the union of National Sea Angling Federations of the world. The C.I.P.S. Statute has full validity for both the FIPS-M within C.I.P.S. and its members.

ARTICLE-1

Denomination and Headquarters

- 1. The Association within the C.I.P.S. was founded on July 15th, 1972 in Prague and is named, Fédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive en Mer, FIPS-M, A.s.b.l.. The duration is unlimited.
- 2. The FIPS-M has its headquarters in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg L-5969, ITZIG 47, rue de la Libération. By the decision of the FIPS-M General Assembly, it can be transferred to the locality of the President or the Secretary general

ARTICLE -2

Objectives, purpose and activities

- 1. The FIPS-M of the C.I.P.S. aims to promote sport fishing at sea all over the world, in close cooperation with all the National Federations affiliated to the C.I.P.S. It also put in effort to protect marine species and their environment. To achieve this objective, it intends to establish close relations with the National Federations which practice sport fishing at sea, but which are not affiliated to the C.I.P.S.
- 2. The purpose of FIPS-M is to contribute to the understanding and friendship of people, following the Olympic idea, and to the maintain peace throughout the world through the sport of sport fishing. at sea. To this objective, the FIPS-M will take care to maintain friendly links with all the other world organizations which pursue the same objectives and cooperate with them.
- 3. FIPS-M is an international sports organization with a universal character. Any Federation which, for political, religious, or racial reasons, admits any kind of discrimination within its organization or which belongs or depends on an organization that admits discrimination of this kind, cannot be a member of FIPS-M.
- 4. FIPS-M is an international sports organization with a universal character. Any Federation which, for political, religious or racial reasons, admits any kind of discrimination within its organization or which belongs or depends on an organization which admits discriminations of this kind, cannot be a member of FIPS-M.
- 5. Members of FIPS-M shall not be considered responsible for their Government.

ARTICLE-3

Members

1. Any National Federation which practices sport fishing at sea, which recognizes the statutes of the C.I.P.S. and of the FIPS-M within the C.I.P.S., whose admission is approved by a majority of the General Assembly of the affiliated National Federations and ratified by the Congress of the C.I.P.S., may be a member of the FIPS-M.

This implies the clear understanding expressed by the statutes of the concerned National Federation which must state that any National citizen of this Federation may belong to the FIPS-M no matter his political or religious creed and colour of his skin. As a guarantee of the above-mentioned condition, all National Federations shall deposit their statutes at the C.I.P. Secretariat and the FIPS-M Board.

2. For each Nation more than one National Federation or other National recognised organisations can be accepted, by the International Federation FIPS-M of CIPS. If a Federation or other National Organisation does not practice during three years one or more disciplines of Sport sea angling in the tournament calendar, one or more of the other Federations or National Organisations can adapt these disciplines of sport sea angling of the International Federation FIPS-M of C.I.P.S.

Each Nation can have only one Federation, and per discipline of sport sea angling, accepted by C.I.P.S. If more applications are submitted for each discipline of Sport Sea angling, only the Federation, which is accredited and recognised by its Nation, will be accepted.

The disciplines of the FIPS-M are as follows; Boat Angling; Shore Angling; Big Game Fishing; Sea Fly and Cast Angling; and Long Casting of Sea Weights, Boat Angling in the estuaries with light tackles.

The C.I.P.S. General Secretary must inform the former Member by a registered letter addressed to its last known headquarter, and if the above Member fail to respond within sixty days thereafter, the provision shall be deemed to be as tacitly accepted.

- 3. The FIPS-M is composed of:
 - a) Ordinary Members;
 - b) Applying Members;
 - c) Promoting Members.
 - a. Ordinary Members are those National Federations, which practice sea-angling sports. National Federations wishing to become members of the FIPS-M must make an application to FIPS-M for full membership. After approval on the part of the FIPS-M Assembly, the application will be passed on to the C.I.P.S. Congress for final approval.
 - b. Applying Members of FIPS-M are those Federations, which practice sea-angling sports. National Federations wishing to become members of the FIPS-M must present an application to FIPS-M for partial membership. After approval by the FIPS-M General Assembly, applications will be passed on to the C.I.P.S. Congress for final approval.
 - c. Promoting Members are those organizations that recognize the FIPS-M and C.I.P.S. Statutes and which contribute under the moral and of the organization points of view to the development of sea-angling sport in the world. Promoting members can only be accepted by the decision of the C.I.P.S. Congress.
- 4. National Federations applying for membership to the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress may have support for their candidature through their representatives but only at the moment of the actual discussion.

After admission, representatives of the concerned Federation can take part with full rights in the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress discussions.

ARTICLE-4

Members Rights and Duties

1. Rights

Ordinary Member has the right:

- a) To take part in the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress with their delegates and to present motions and candidatures at elections
- b) To take part with parity of rights in relation to its membership at FIPS-M events
- c) To be heard by questions concerning them
- d) To be supported and promoted by the FIPS-M
- e) To indicate in their Statutes and correspondence the fact of belonging to the FIPS-M and to the CLPS
- f) To address the FIPS-M bodies for conciliation in case of conflicts
- g) To benefit from regular information about FIPS-M events
- h) Request for their most important sports events to be included in the FIPS-M International calendar.

Applying Member has the right:

- a) To take part in the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress with their delegates without voting right
- b) To take part with parity of rights in relation to its membership in FIPS-M events but without being able to organize them.
- c) To be heard by questions concerning them
- d) To be supported and promoted by the FIPS-M
- e) To indicate in their Statutes and correspondence the fact of belonging to the FIPS-M and to the C.I.P.S.
- f) To address the FIPS-M bodies for conciliation in case of conflicts
- g) To benefit from regular information about FIPS-M events

Promoting Members have the right:

To take part in the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress with observer delegates in an advisory capacity and to introduce suggestions through the commissions of which they co-operate. They benefit of the rights mentioned in Article 4 "application members", point 1.b and 1.g, without voting rights.

1. Duties

Members of the FIPS-M must:

- a) Observe the FIPS-M and C.I.P.S. Statutes.
- b) Make up or/and modify their own Statutes so that they shall not be in contrast with the Statutes of the FIPS-M and C.I.P.S.
- c) Observe, in international sports events, the Competition Regulations of the FIPS-M
- d) Give their support to the realization of the FIPS-M tasks
- e) Encourage friendly relationships among members
- f) Pay the contributions established by the C.I.P.S. Congress on time

Each ordinary member must pay the amount of the annual FIPS/M membership to CIPS. set by the CIPS congress.

Each applying member must pay the amount of the annual FIPS/M membership to the CIPS of the following partial regime, this is fixed by the CIPS congress:

Amount of the annual C.I.P.S.:

Year of becoming a member: Free of fee

 1^{st} year after becoming a member: 1/3 of the fee 2^{nd} year after becoming a member: 2/3 of the fee

3rd year after becoming a member: full fee

At the end of the 3rd year of the partial membership, it will become a full membership with voting right and the right for organizing FIPS-M/CIPS events.

ARTICLE-5 Suspension of Membership

Suspension of membership from the FIPS-M will be carried out:

- 1. By voluntary resignation communicated by registered letter and comes into effect by the end of the administrative year.
- 2. By exclusion:
 - a) For violation of the principles, the statutes, or the additional provisions which supplement them.
 - b) If a federation has no longer in their country, the capacity as national Sport fishing association.
 - c) If the membership dues or the debt of the starting fees are not paid by the National member Federations affiliated to CIPS following the article 15 of the confederation statutes written as follows: If a Member fails to pay his fee before the 1st of May of the current year, they will receive a reminder by the C.I.P.S. Treasurer by way of a registered letter, with a copy to the concerned FIPS, which will inform them that the no-payment results into an immediate suspension of its rights.
 - If the fee is paid after the reminder they will be readmitted after reception of the payment. If no payment received, they will cease being a member of CIPS"

The affiliated members of several FIPS for different disciplines will be suspended or excluded only for the concerned FIPS by the no-payment (s).

The exclusion of a member can only be validated in relation within compliance of the formalities and conditions provided for in article 12 of the law of April 21, 1928.

Art. 12. The exclusion of a partner can only be validated in relation within compliance of the articles of the association and by the outcome of a voting on the general meeting with a majority of two-thirds of the votes. The resigning or excluded partner has no right to the social fund and cannot claim reimbursement of the contributions he has paid unless otherwise stated in the articles of the association.

- 3. The resignations must be addressed to the FIPS-M secretary general. They will be communicated to the CIPS secretary general.
- 4. The resigning or excluded Members lose the capacity as Member of FIPS-M and all its rights towards CIPS and the FIPS-M events. They have no right for a refund of payment from membership dues or starting fees, and no right to the property of FIPS-M.

ARTICLE-6 Structure of FIPS-M

The FIPS-M is composed of:

- 1. The Board
- 2. The Technical Commission, responsible for the competition rules and the international tournament calendar.

ARTICLE-7 Main tasks of FIPS-M

- 1. To promote sea angling worldwide, FIPS-M organizes world, continental, and zone championships every year.
 - These championships aim to give National Federations, which are a member of FIPS-M, the possibility to measure themselves in sea angling sports competitions, to know each other, and to develop friendships and so contributing to a better understanding amongst people.
- 2. The C.I.P.S. FIPS-M supports each initiative of the National Federations which foresee the organization of international meetings, tournaments, and cup competitions.
- 3. FIPS-M must ensure that the Statutes of the C.I.P.S. and its Statutes as well as the Competition Rules are always respected during the international events organized in its name.
- 4. In this respect, all National Federations must, in case of organizing world or continental championships, world or continental cups or, international tournaments, present a declaration to the FIPS-M which promises that the C.I.P.S. and FIPS-M Statutes and the competition rules will be respected. Before a sports event can be organized, the Federation must prove participation in 3 competitions of the same discipline in the previous 6 years. However, if they can prove to the technical commission of FIPS-M, that all accommodation infrastructures are available and that they have the necessary preparation and experience, then an exception from the guidelines can be accepted after a compulsory visit of a delegate of the FIPS-M Technical Commission and if an application is addressed to the FIPS-M secretary general.
- 5. Geographic Zones.

The FIPS-M agrees that CIPS member nations of the same region of the world can form zones on the initiative of one or more federations or national bodies of which FIPS-M will ensure the management, the delimitation, and the constitution of its own zones. (see Internal FIPS-M Guidelines)

ARTICLE-8 FIPS-M General Assembly

- 1. The General Assembly is the highest organ of the FIPS-M and will decide on problems of interpretation of the FIPS-M Statute as well as on motions that are presented on the C.I.P.S. Congress following the C.I.P.S. Statute. These motions cannot be part of a debate from the FIPS-M General Assembly itself.
- 2. The General Assembly takes place each year for one day, during the C.I.P.S. Congress.
- 3. The Ordinary General Assembly is regularly constituted by the members with voting rights present or represented at the time of the Assembly.
- 4. The General Assembly is composed of:

- a) Delegates of Ordinary Members
- b) Delegates of Applying Members
- c) Presidential Board
- d) Delegates of Promoting Members
- 5. Each Ordinary Member has one vote only.
- 6. Place and date of the General Assembly are in principle fixed on the occasion of the C.I.P.S. Congress.
- 7. Place and date of the General Assembly will be fixed at least six months previous to its convocation.
- 8. Motions for the General Assembly must be presented to the FIPS-M secretary-general four months before the General Assembly. The FIPS-M secretary general, on decision of the President, must first present them to the C.I.P.S. General Secretary, according to the C.I.P.S. Statutes.
- 9. The agenda and proposals received by the FIPS-M secretary general must be sent to all members one months before the opening of the General Assembly.
- 10. Proposals for modifications of to the Competition Rules must be sent by the FIPS-M Secretary general, at least one months before the General Assembly to all member federations.
 - Changes to the Competition Rules must be approved by the majority of the members present or represented.
- 11. The General Assembly can only consider proposals that have been placed on the agenda.
- 12. Motions of an urgent nature can be discussed if they obtain the majority of votes of the members present or represented.
- 13. To have the right to vote, the delegate must have a written proxy from his Federation.
- 14. The delegates must be members of the Federation they represent.
- 15. Each member unable to take part in the General Assembly must send a written notice to the Board. In this case, a delegate of another Federation (holder of a proxy), will safeguard on his behalf its interests at the General Assembly. Each delegate can represent only one absent member federation.
- 16. Members of the Board can defend the interests of their National Federations at the General Assembly.
- 17. The Agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly must include in principle the following items:
 - a) Opening General Assembly
 - b) Determination of the quorum
 - c) Approval of the Agenda
 - d) Board Reports
 - e) Report of the Commissions
 - f) Discussion of Reports
 - g) Approval of the reports from the Board
 - h) Adaptations and modifications of the competition rules
 - i) Discussion of the motions including the entrust of World Championships and decisions;
 - j) Admission of new Members
 - k) Decisions on the Board work program and of its Commissions as well as on the financial plan
 - I) Elections, if included in the Agenda, according to the statutes
 - m) Final observations

18. Elections

- a) The election of the Board will be by ballot.
- b) The election of the President at the General Assembly of the FIPS-M, must be approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress

c) If the concerned ratification is being refused or denied, another General Assembly of the FIPS-M should be immediately called, and a new President should be elected.

Concerning the elections of the Board and the Technical Commission, the candidatures must be addressed in writing by the National Federation 40 days before the election date to the FIPS-M secretary general. The FIPS-M General Secretary will send an acknowledgement of receipt to the federation presenting a candidate.

19. Decisions of the General Assembly will be taken by a simple majority of the present or represented delegates.

The decisions indicated below will be an exception (according to: Law of April 21, 1928 on non-profit associations and foundations)

- a) Modification of the statutes
- b) Exclusion of a member of FIPS-M within C.I.P.S.
- c) Dissolution of the FIPS-M
- 20. The President and Secretary General are in charge to write and to sign the official report of the General Assembly and of the Board meetings.

ARTICLE-9 FIPS-M Board

The Board of FIPS-M, is elected by the General Assembly for four years. The board is composed of:

- a) The President, responsible for the general management of the FIPS-M is a member of the C.I.P.S. Praesidium. He will represent the FIPS-M outside and against third parties.
- b) One Vice-President, is responsible for the Competition Rules and the international tournament calendar.
- c) One Vice-President, is responsible for the relationship with the new members and Youth relationship.
- d) One Vice-President, is responsible for environmental problems and for the conservation of species.
- e) The Secretary general responsible takes care of the respect of the Statute and the correspondence, in agreement with the President. He is responsible for writing down the minutes. At the President's request, he may act as Deputy President.
 - On the proposition of the President, a deputy Secretary General can be appointed by the General Assembly. The secretary general and the deputy secretary general must speak and write at least the two official CIPS languages, which are French and English.
- f) The Treasurer, who must have knowledge of accounting and financial management. He is responsible for handling the financial affairs, drawing up a balance sheet at the end of the previous year, and drawing up a provisional budget for the following year.
- 1. The board may appoint a responsible for communications and social media posting. He will attend board meetings in an advisory role.
- 2. The Vice-President in charge of the Competition Rules is responsible for the Technical Commission. The commission is composed of as many members as there are Sports disciplines.
- 3. If the President, for health reasons or other, cannot carry out his functions, the FIPS-M Board proposes to the C.I.P.S. Praesidium that the Deputy President takes up the President's functions.

- 4. The proposed Deputy President assumes the functions of the President while awaiting the C.I.P.S. Presidential Board decision.
- 5. The Presidential Board may be completed only after a supplementary election on the occasion of the following General Assembly.
- 6. Each member of the Board and the Technical Commission, which during his mandate loses the accreditation of his federation, e.g. for serious conflicts between the member and the federation, can be replaced by a proposed member by the federation. The replacement must be agreed upon by the decision of the Board and must be confirmed by the next FIPS-M General assembly.
- 7. In the case that a member of the Board or the Technical Commission is not present without a valid reason during 3 successive meetings, the board can ask for his replacement by a person of its Federation, which will be confirmed during the next General Assembly.
- 8. Each member of the Board or the Technical Commission must by the presentation of his candidature to a leading function of FIPS-M, address to the secretary general an approval letter of his federation with the information about the requested function.
 - Each member of the Board or the Technical Commission must be able to speak and write in at least one of the CIPS languages.

ARTICLE-10 Tasks of the board

The task of the FIPS-M Board is to optimize the Competition Regulations by following the most recent requirements in the development of sea angling in close collaboration with the FIPS-M members and check that the Statutes and Competition Rules are respected.

- 1. The FIPS-M Board will approve and engage International referees.
- 2. According to the Competition Rules, the FIPS-M Board shall decide to suspend an athlete for a period which could go up to two years, after consulting the National Federations (the basic document will be the Competition Regulations).
- 3. The FIPS-M Board has the right to call, under its responsibility, a meeting of the FIPS-M Board. Similarly, it may call a meeting of the FIPS-M board during the C.I.P.S. Congress.
- 4. The FIPS-M Board can dispose freely of the financial means provided by the C.I.P.S. Congress.
- 5. The FIPS-M Board must make a report on its activity to the General Assembly, the C.I.P.S. Praesidium and, the C.I.P.S. Congress.

ARTICLE-11 FIPS-M Commissions

A permanent Commission is set up to exercise the various tasks:

The Technical Commission will be in charge of the Competition Rules and the tournament calendar.

The FIPS-M Technical Commission, which has an advisory role for the Board, has the right to:

- 1. Carry out the decisions of the FIPS-M General Assembly and C.I.P.S. Congress in agreement with the measures taken by the FIPS-M Board.
- 2. Present proposals to the FIPS-M Board with the view to optimize the Competition Rules and drawing up the tournament calendar

3. Work according to a program of activity regarding the calendar and finance in agreement with the FIPS-M Board.

ARTICLE-12 Functions of the General Secretary

- 1. The Secretary-General is responsible for the administrative FIPS-M management including the General Assembly and the board meeting reports.
 - Reports and invitations must however be presented to the FIPS-M President and signed by him before being sent to the National Federations.
- 2. The Secretary General should present important correspondence to the board.

ARTICLE-13

Signatures and Accounting

The Treasurer is responsible for bookkeeping and financial operations relating to the management of FIPS-Mer.

The sole signature of the President or the Treasurer commits the Association to third parties without the need for prior authorization.

ARTICLE-14

Auditing of the Financial Management

- 1. The financial management of the association is supervised and checked by the audit of the accounts inspectors of CIPS.
- 2. The president of the audit of the accounts inspectors provides the CIPS Presidium CIPS a report about the results of their auditing. They can inspect all the documents and view the registers and the accounting papers.

ARTICLE-15

Membership fees, accounting period, balance and budget

- 1. All the Federations who are member of FIPS-M must pay the yearly CIPS membership fees to the CIPS accounting.
- 2. The financial resources of the association consist of:
 - a) The yearly subsidies of the "Confédération Internationale de la Pêche sportive" CIPS.
 - b) The starting fees of the national teams participating on the championships under the aegis of FIPS/M.
 - c) The donations or potential legacies.
 - d) Funds or subsidies from National or International institutions for the rights of organization of international competitions or tasks (study, participations).
- 3. The accounting period starts on the 1st of January and closes on the 31 of December.
- 4. On the 31 of December each year the Treasurer stops and closes the financial year. He also draws up the budget for the next year.

ARTICLE-16

Official Languages

- 1. The FIPS-M official languages are English and French.
- 2. The Statutes, the Competition Regulations, and other documents as well as the FIPS-M decisions must indicate the language used in the original text.
- 3. Delegates can be allowed to speak in another language. In that case, the translation in the indicated language in item 1 must be guaranteed.

ARTICLE-17 Competition Rules

The FIPS-M Competition Rules are full part of the present Statutes.

ARTICLE-18

Disciplinary Measures

- 1. Disciplinary measures must be taken by the General Assembly and the Board in agreement with the FIPS-M and C.I.P.S. Statutes. In sports competitions, disciplinary measures must be taken by the Jury according to the Competition Regulations.
- 2. Disciplinary measures can be:
 - a) Warning.
 - b) Blame.
 - c) Suspension of a single person or a team on the occasion of sports competitions or by individual disciplines.
 - suspension in case of Federation changes according to the Competition Rules.
 - temporary suspension.
 - d) Permanent exclusion.
- 3. These measures can be applied to member Federations or single persons whose behaviour is proven to be against the C.I.P.S. Statutes and Competition Rules of the FIPS-M or to those who do not fulfil their obligations towards the C.I.P.S. and FIPS-M.

ARTICLE-19

Doping

- 1. The anti-doping regulations in force are those of WADA.
- 2. The anti-doping rules shall apply:
 - a) To all National Federations members of FIPS-M by their status, their accreditation, or their participation in activities or events organized under the aegis of FIPS-M.
 - b) To each competitor participating in FIPS-M activities or events.
 - c) To all doping controls over which FIPS-M has jurisdiction.

FIPS-M ensures that all National-level tests carried out at its affiliated National Federations respect the anti-doping rules. If FIPS-M delegates, through the organizing National Federation the responsibility for testing to a National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO), the WADA Anti-Doping Rules shall apply.

ARTICLE-20 Commission of Appeal

- 1. Appeal Commission is composed of three members, who may be elected by the FIPS-M General Assembly The Appeal Commission appoints its President who must have a legal background.
- 2. Any dispute concerning the statutes, regulations, directives, and decisions of the FIPS-M Board, for which there is no competent body, will be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Lausanne (Switzerland) which will apply its own rules of procedure. Its decisions are final.

ARTICLE-21 Modification of the Statutes and Dissolution of FIPS-M

Modification of the statutes of the association

Luxembourg legislation
Law of 21 April 1928 on non-profit associations and foundations

Mém. 1928, p. 521 et p. 773 mod. L. 22 février 1984, Mém. 1984, p. 260; L. 4 mars 1994, Mém. 1994, p. 300; L. 1er août 2001, Mém. 2001, p. 2440; L. 19 décembre 2002, Mém. 2002, p. 3630; L. 19 décembre 2008, Mém. 2008, p. 2621; L. 27 mai 2016, Mém. 2016, p. 1729 L. 16 juin 2017, Mém. A N° 592 du 27 juin 2017

Art. 8 The General Assembly may only validly deliberate on amendments to the Statutes if the purpose of the amendment is specifically stated in the notice of meeting and if two thirds of the members are present at the Assembly. No amendment may be adopted without a two-thirds majority of the votes. If two thirds of the members are not present or represented at the first meeting, a second meeting may be convened which may deliberate irrespective of the number of members present; but in this case the decision shall be subject to approval by the civil court.

However, if the amendment relates to any of the objects for which the association was formed, the foregoing rules are modified as follows:

- a) The second meeting shall be validly constituted only if at least half of its members are present or represented
- b) A decision shall be valid in either meeting only if it is passed by a majority of three-quarters of the votes;
- c) If in the second meeting two thirds of the members are not present or represented, the decision shall be approved by the civil court.

Dissolution of the association

1. The dissolution of the association may only be pronounced after compliance with the formalities and conditions provided for by Article 20 of the law of 21 April 1928.

Art. 20. The General Assembly may only pronounce the dissolution of the association if two-thirds of its members are present. If this condition is not met, a second meeting may be convened which shall deliberate validly regardless of the number of members present. Dissolution shall only be allowed if it is voted by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Any decision to dissolve the association taken by a meeting that does not include two-thirds of the members of the association shall be subject to the approval of the civil court.

- 2. The FIPS-M can only be dissolved by a resolution of the General Assembly, specially convened for this purpose.
- 3. The General Assembly which is called upon to dissolve FIPS-M shall decide what is to be done with the existing assets. The General Assembly which is called upon to dissolve FIPS-M shall ensure that liquidators are appointed.

ARTICLE-22

Interpretative provision, loss of civil personality

- 1. For all matters not provided for in these articles of association, reference shall be made to the law of 21 April 1928 of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
- 2. The loss, for any reason whatsoever, of civil personality shall not entail the dissolution of the association, which shall continue to exist as a de facto association.

ARTICLE-23 Ratification of the Statutes

The original statutes were ratified by the FIPS-M General Assembly on 15 July 1972 in Prague and approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress on 15 July 1972 in Prague.

Modification of the FIPS-M Statutes ratified by the FIPS-M General Assembly on May 13, 2005, in Palermo and approved by the CIPS Congress on May 14, 2005, in Palermo, of which the French version of the FIPS-M Statutes, was registered in Luxembourg at the Chamber of Commerce at the Service de l'Enregistrement et Domaines, bureau des sociétés on February 4, 2005, under the reference: LSO BB / 01366.

The modification of these statutes as a non-profit association, A.s.b.l., was ratified by the General Assembly of FIPS-M on 11 May 2007 in Prague and they were approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress on 12 May 2007 in Prague. The French version of the FIPS-M statutes as an A.s.b.l. was registered in Luxemburg on June 12, 2007, and registered under the number F7236 as an A.s.b.l.

The statutes were modified and ratified by the FIPS-M Assembly on April 17th, 2009 and approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress on April 18th, 2009 in Dresden.

The statutes were modified and ratified by the FIPS-M General Assembly on April 1, 2011, and approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress on April 2, 2011, in Rome.

The Statutes have been modified and ratified by the FIPS-M General Assembly on April 27, 2023, in Rome and approved by the C.I.P.S. Congress on April 29, 2023, in Rome.

The original text of the statutes is the French text.

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