

# MINUTES

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of the  
**55<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SKI CONGRESS**  
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# PROCEEDING OF THE MINUTES

## ITEM 1      OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

President Eliasch opened the 55<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and welcomed all Congress delegates Council Members and those joining online via the live stream on the FIS TV App or the FIS You Tube Channel.

### **Opening Speech by FIS President Johan Eliasch**

Dear Ski and Snowboard friends,

I'm happy to welcome you to this 55<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress.

It's always a pleasure to see all of you in person, even more so when we meet in a beautiful place like Reykjavik.

Thank you to our Icelandic friends for being our hosts in this special year when FIS celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Congress is not only the highest authority in ski and snowboard: it is a symbol of how far we've come. Of how snow sports are ever more global and how our decision-making bodies reflect this.

This is a democratic forum to look after the welfare of the entire ski and snowboard community, around the whole world.

I am proud to open this Congress.

But before we move on to the many important discussions and decisions of today, I would like to invite you to take a moment to honor the members of the ski and snowboard community that have sadly left us over the last 12 months.

To their memory, a moment of silence.

Thank you for showing your respect.

Let's start the activities with some housekeeping information, as well as an introduction to legal matters and voting procedure.

Following the welcome speech by President Eliasch, FIS Secretary General Michel Vion provided a housekeeping update including the voting procedures.

Dr. Stephan Netzle provided a full legal briefing on voting and general Congress procedures in accordance with the FIS Statutes.

The Congress acknowledged the opening speech from FIS President Eliasch as well as the housekeeping and legal information.

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President Eliasch informed the FIS Congress that the delegates from the National Ski Associations from Algeria, Belgium, India, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia and Pakistan have not been able to travel to Iceland personally and therefore have submitted a request to take part in the Congress remotely.

The Congress approved the online participation of the above mentioned National Ski Association's delegates.



**ITEM 2                    ROLL-CALL OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATES PRESENT AND CERTIFICATION OF THE  
NUMBER OF VOTES OF EACH MEMBER ASSOCIATION**

At the Roll-Call by the Secretary General, the following 75 delegates representing the affiliated National Ski Associations and a total of 128 votes were present in person or online:

ALB	Toci Elvis	1
ALG	Amzal Mohamed (remote)	1
AND	De Visa Dolsa Carles	1
ARG	Begino Martin	2
ARM	Sargsyan Gagik	1
AUS	Bosco Daniel	3
AUT	Scherer Christian	3
BEL	Nolf Lode (remote)	1
BIH	Lekic Boris	1
BLR	Grebnev Aleksandr	2
BOL	Guevara Duran Juan de Dios Emerson	1
BRA	Arnhold Stefano	1
BUL	Bobev Georgi	2
CAN	Heise Dusting	3
CHI	Pirola Stefano	2
CHN	Xu Chuan	3
CRO	Pavlek Vedran	2
CYP	Lefkaritis Dinos	1
CZE	Travnicek David	3
DEN	Harboe Falkenberg Anne	2
ESP	Peus Espana Jose Maria	2
EST	Koll Kristjan	1
FIN	Korkatti Sirpa	3
FRA	Saguez Fabien	3
GBR	Gosling Vicky	3
GEO	Kostava Zurab	1
GER	Schwarz Hubert	3
GRE	Nikitidis Georgios	2
HKG	Yue Edmond	1
HUN	Dr. Fuerstner József Zsolt	1
IND	Keshavan Shiva (remote)	1
IRI	Saveshemshaki Bahram	2
IRL	Norwood Robert	1
ISL	Bjarnason Bjarni Th.	1
ITA	Rinaldi Massimo	3
JPN	Igarashi Atsushi	3
KAZ	Valiyev Askar	2
KGZ	Borisov Igor	1
KOR	Kim Inho	2
KOS	Reçica Luljeta	1
LAT	Dinars Dorss	1
LBN	Khalil Youssef	2
LIE	Real Toni	1
LTU	Arlauskas Remigijus	1
LUX	Leyder Jan	1
MAR	Ouarchikh Ait Hicham	1
MEX	Pruneda Carlos	1
MGL	Khishigjaragal Damba (remote)	1

MKD	Janevski Borche	1
MNE	Kosic Rajko	1
MON	Pastor Jacques	1
NED	de Vegt Wopke	3
NEP	Shreshta Jeevan Ram	1
NOR	Baumann Arne	3
NZL	Cavanagh Nic	2
PAK	Jamil Ashar (remote)	1
POL	Gumny Wojciech	3
POR	Farromba Pedro	1
PRK	Ri Chol Un (Remote)	1
ROU	Gaspar Piuui	1
RSA	Pilz Peter	1
RUS	Mnatsakanov Georgy	3
SLO	Zupan Uros	3
SMR	Gatti Gian Luca	1
SRB	Bozic Milan	1
SUI	Zueger Diego	3
SVK	Cagala Radovan	1
SWE	Bessman Stefan	3
THA	Tarisi Sueb (not attended)	
TPE	Ling Tim Ling-Fung	1
TUR	Gueney Memet	2
UAE	Alabdooli Mohammad	1
UKR	Siparenko Yulia	2
USA	Goldschmidt Sophie	3
UZB	Voronov Andrey	1

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### **Certification of the number of votes of Member Associations**

The list was established based on the membership fees to be paid for 2024. The voting list can be found under roll-call of the Official Delegates present:

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Total: 75 Member Associations with 128 votes

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### **Associate Members invited**

The Associated Members had the opportunity to follow the 55<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress via the FIS TV App or YouTube.

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## **Council Members present:**

President: Johan Eliasch

Vice Presidents: Roman Kumpost, Aki Murasato, Flavio Roda, Martti Uusitalo

Members: Mats Arjes, Diedre Dionne, Alex Fiva, Dean Gosper, Magdalena Kast, Urs Lehmann, Tzeko Minev, Patrick Ortlieb, Anne-Chantal Pigelet, Erik Roeste, Enzo Smrekar, Franz Steinle, Fiona Stevens, Verena Stuffer, Patrick Toussaint

Excused: Moses Liang-Cheng Zheng

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## **ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda, was distributed to the Member Associations and the delegates together with the Congress Book ahead of the Congress.

President Eliasch informed the Congress that there are three last minute proposals by the FIS Council to be added to the agenda, i.e:

- Statutory changes regarding the Athletes' representatives in the FIS Council
- An additional affiliation request to become an Associate Member
- A request from Para Snow Sports regarding calendar and registration fees

The Congress approved that the last minute proposals by the FIS Council are added to the agenda as well as the agenda itself.

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## **ITEM 4 ELECTION OF ONE CERTIFIER OF THE MINUTES AND APPOINTMENT OF THREE TELLERS**

The following individuals were proposed to the Congress:

Certifier of the Minutes: Rory Tapner

Public Notary:

Edward Gardiner Cheeswrights, Notary Public, UK

As Tellers:

Eddi Marshbaum, Head of Sport, Quest

Andrew Smith, Senior Manager, Security and Integrity, Quest

Matthew Ryder, Client Relationship Manager, Lumi

The Congress approved the Certifier of the Minutes and the three tellers together with the Public Notary.

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## **ITEM 5 THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS FIS CONGRESS 2023**

The draft FIS Congress 2023 Minutes were sent to the National Ski Associations in July 2023 for their review.

President Eliasch mentioned that there are some minor adjustments to be confirmed by the Austrian Ski Association

On the recommendation by the 2023 Certifier and by the Council, the Congress approved the Minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress that took place online.

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## **ITEM 6 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The report of the President was presented with a video message.

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## **ITEM 7 CONGRESS PROPOSALS 2023 – FOLLOW-UP**

President Eliasch mentioned the three proposals that were submitted to the Congress 2023 which had follow-up tasks.

**7.1 :** A proposal submitted by Austria, Germany, and Switzerland regarding the hosts of FIS World Championships: that some basic parameters are clearly established in the run-up to a possible candidature.

For example, that hosting contracts should specify the exact amount to be provided by FIS to the respective member association as organizer.

This was taken into account in the agreements with the hosts that were appointed by the FIS Council on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**7.2:** A proposal brought forward by Austria regarding the Advertising Rules and financial opportunities for National Federations and/or organizers:

FIS has agreed to review the matter from time to time and find practical solutions.

**7.3:** A proposal brought forward by Austria, France, and Switzerland related to the FIS reserves.

FIS deemed that reserves are not representative of FIS's ability to make distributions or provide financial support.

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## ITEM 8 THE FIS STATUTES

The following proposals have been withdrawn:

- 8.1.1 As a general principle, voting shall be conducted by “secret vote”  
AUT/DEN/FIN/GER/NOR/SUI/SWE
- 8.1.2 Election of the President in the event that only one Candidate has been nominated for the office of the President  
AUT/GER/SUI
- 8.1.3 Transparency and Communication  
AUT/DEN/FIN/GER/NOR/SUI/SWE
- 8.1.4 Definition of «FIS management»  
AUT/DEN/FIN/GER/NOR/SUI/SWE
- 8.1.5 Responsibilities of the Executive Committee  
AUT/DEN/FIN/GER/NOR/SUI/SWE
- 8.1.6 Good Governance: Treatment of postponed topics  
AUT/GER/SUI
- 8.1.9 Proposals to the Congress, only Art. 10.6.5  
AUT/DEN/FIN/GER/NOR/SUI/SWE
- 8.1.10 Form of Council Meetings  
AUT/DEN/FIN/GER/NOR/SUI/SWE
- 8.1.11 Good Financial Governance  
AUT/DEN/FIN/GER/NOR/SUI/SWE
- 8.2.3 Registration of specific functions in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Berne  
FIS Council
- 8.2.6 Rename Technical Working Groups to Advisory Groups  
FIS Council
- 8.2.8 Role of the Treasurer  
FIS Council

The following proposal by Member Associations has been tabled:

- 8.1.7 Ordinary Congress in the course of the FIS Spring Meetings  
AUT/DEN/FIN/GER/NOR/SUI/SWE

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The Congress voted on the following FIS Statute amendments:

## **Art. 2 Name and Authority**

The changes were originally proposed by the FIS Council which suggested some amendments to the text of the Congress Book (marked in bold).

2.4 FIS may manage Para **Snow Sports** Disciplines governed by other International Federations with which FIS has a written mandate to do so.

The Congress approved the proposal.

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Nicolas Hale-Woods, CEO of the Freeride World Tour gave a short speech before the vote on the proposal for Art. 2.2.10

Before voting it was qualified by the President that the necessary ICR changes will be done in the ordinary course and approved by the Council. The proposal 9.4 regarding the ICR Rules on Integration of Freeride as a FIS discipline was withdrawn (see page 20).

2.2.10 Freeride

The Congress approved the proposal to include Freeride as FIS discipline.

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## **Art. 6 Objectives**

6.1.20 to ~~strictly~~ adhere to accepted principles of good governance in general, included but not limited to the principles of Transparency, Integrity, Democracy, Sports Development and Solidarity and Control Mechanisms, and to foster a culture of open discussion in all Governing Bodies and Committees of FIS; and

The Congress approved the proposal.

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## **Art. 8.6 Honorary Membership**

8.6.2 The conditions for awarding Honorary Membership or distinctions are set out ~~in the FIS Council and Executive Committee Rules~~ by the Council in a separate Regulation.

The Congress approved the proposal.

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#### **Art. 10.2 Authority and Organisation of the Congress**

The proposal submitted by the National Ski Associations of Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland (as shown in the Congress Book regarding agenda item 8.1.8 “Budget Process” on page 28) has been amended in comparison to the original proposal in the Congress book (marked in bold).

10.2.1.3 to review and **confirm** the annual budget. **For this purpose, the budget shall be uploaded to the FIS website 21 days before the Ordinary Congress.**

The Congress approved the proposal without discussion.

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#### **Art. 10.5 Directing the Congress**

10.5.1 The President shall direct and manage the deliberations, the elections and the voting at each form of Congress. The President shall be entitled to participate in the discussions and to submit proposals during each form of Congress which, for the avoidance of doubt, are only to be dealt within the Congress if the Congress has decided that such proposals are urgent within the meaning of article 10.6.5.

The Congress approved the proposal without discussion.

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#### **Art. 10.10 Election of the President and the Council**

The proposal submitted by the FIS Council (as shown in the Congress Book regarding agenda item 8.2.7 “Election of the President” in page 38) had been amended to the version published in the Congress Book (marked in bold)

10.10.2.2 The President shall be elected ~~by open voting, unless the Congress, at the request of a Delegate or a Council Member, decides by a majority of all votes cast that the voting shall be by open voting, unless the Congress, at the request of a Delegate or a Council Member, decides by a majority of all votes cast that the voting shall be~~ **by open voting, unless the Congress, at the request of a Delegate or a Council Member, decides by a majority of all votes cast that the voting shall be** by secret Ballot.

The Congress approved the proposal without discussion.

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**Art. 10.6 Proposals**

10.6.6 Proposals of Member Associations for modification of proposals listed and specified in the agenda of an Ordinary Congress or an Extraordinary Congress are not subject to the time limit specified in article 10.6.2 but shall be submitted to the Secretary General as soon as possible after receipt of the Congress proposals and the agenda and not later than fourteen (14) days before an Ordinary Congress or an Extraordinary Congress. Subsequently, such proposals of Member Associations for modification of proposals listed and specified in the agenda of an Ordinary Congress or an Extraordinary Congress shall be distributed to all relevant stakeholders (Member Associations, the Council, Committees etc.) not later than ten (10) days before an Ordinary Congress or an Extraordinary Congress.

The Congress approved the proposal without discussion.

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**Art. 11.3.3 The Council has following specific responsibilities**

The proposal submitted by the National Ski Associations of Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland (as shown in the Congress Book regarding agenda item 8.1.8 “Budget Process” on page 28) has been amended in comparison to the original proposal in the Congress book (marked in bold).

11.3.3.7 to ~~approve~~ **review and approve** ~~approve~~ the proposal for the annual budget 30 days before the Ordinary Congress and to present it with its recommendations to the Congress;

The Congress approved the proposal without discussion.

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**Art. 15.2.1 The Athletes Commission**

15.2.1.1c) liaise with the IOC, the IPC and WADA and other appropriate athletes commissions/committees

The Congress approved the proposal.

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## Art. 15.2.2 The Finance Committee

The original proposal as published in the Congress book (regarding agenda item 8.1.1 “Budget Process” on page 28) had been amended by Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland (marked in bold)

- 15.2.2.1 a) ~~review~~**receive** ~~review~~ the budget proposal, ~~review and discuss it with the person responsible for financial matters within FIS and present it with its recommendations~~ recommend that it is submitted to the Congress Council for approval. Once approved by the Council, the Treasurer presents the proposal for the annual budget to the Congress in writing including comprehensive documentation and no later than one (1) month before the opening of the Congress for approval; **and. Once approved by the Council, the annual budget will be distributed in writing to the Member Associations no later than 21 (twenty-one) days before the Congress; and**

The Congress approved the proposal without discussion.

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## Art. 15.2.2 The Finance Committee

- 15.2.3.3 a) monitor the integrity of FIS's financial statements and ensure that the financial statements of FIS and its subsidiaries are prepared in accordance with the Swiss Code of Obligation (CO) International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and comply with Swiss law and these Statutes, monitor any other formal announcement relating to its financial condition and review significant financial reporting judgments;

The Congress approved the proposal without discussion.

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## Art. 18.4 Amendment to the Statutes

- 18.4.1 ~~Subject to article 18.4.2, t~~These Statutes may only be amended, added to or repealed by a motion passed at a Congress meeting.
- 18.4.2 ~~Amendments to these Statutes may be made by the Executive Board to correct type-graphical, grammatical or clerical errors or clarification or where those amendments arise from motions to amend these Statutes, provided that the amendments do not materially contradict the decisions of Congress.~~

The Congress approved these proposals.

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Art. 18.5 Effective Date

These Statutes have been adopted by the FIS Congress of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and amended by the FIS Congress of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, ~~and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.~~ They became effective with the amendments on ~~25<sup>th</sup> May 2023~~ 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024. They supersede all prior statutes of ~~the FIS as from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023~~ 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The Congress approved these proposals.

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### Last Minute proposals by the FIS Council

The Council at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 decided to propose to have two (2) Para Athlete Representatives in the Council.

- 10.10.3.1 Eighteen (18) of the ~~twenty-one (21)~~ twenty-two (22) Council Members shall be elected in one single voting round.
- 10.10.3.2 The Congress shall be required to confirm the ~~three (3)~~ four (4) representatives, equally from different genders, which have been elected by the Athletes Commission, according to the Rules for the Athletes Commission, by a separate vote.
- 11.1.1 The Council consists of ~~twenty-two (22)~~ twenty-three (23) members, namely
- 11.1.1 c) ~~three (3)~~ four (4) members who are athletes' representatives of the Athletes Commission, ~~one~~ two of which must be athletes representing Para Snowsports and confirmed by the Congress.
- 11.4.1.1 Council Members elected by the Congress act and vote as independent individuals and not as representatives of a Member Association. The ~~three~~ four Council members proposed by the Athletes Commissions act and vote as representatives of the athletes and in accordance with the instructions of the Athletes Commission.
- 19 Definitions – Council means the supreme authority of ~~the~~ FIS between the Congress meetings. The Council is accountable to the Congress. It consists of the President, eighteen (18) members elected by the Congress and ~~three (3)~~ four (4) Athlete Representatives, ~~one (1)~~ two (2) of which must be the athletes representing Para Snowsports, confirmed by Congress.

The Congress approved these proposals without discussion.

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In addition, the FIS Council also decided that two Athlete Representatives shall be in the Executive Committee whereof one must be representing Para Snowsports. In the presentation “the Treasurer” in Article 19 was stricken through as the withdrawal of proposal 8.1.7 Role of the Treasurer by the FIS Council was not taken into consideration.

Art. 12.1      The Executive Committee consists of the President, the four (4) Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, one (1) further Council Member, one (1) two (2) Athletes Representatives in the Council, one of which must be representing Para Snowsports, and the Secretary General, who shall have no voting powers.

Art. 19          Definitions // Executive Committee  
means the committee which deals with all urgent matters between Council Meetings. It consists of the President, the four Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer and ~~and two~~ Athlete Representative. The Secretary General participates in the meetings of the Executive Committee without the right to vote.

The presentation showed the proposal with the Treasurer as stricken through. This was incorrect as the proposal by the FIS Council to dissolve the position of the Treasurer had been withdrawn by the FIS Council at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. This was also mentioned before the vote on the adoption of these amendments.

The Congress approved these proposals.

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**ITEM 9            PROPOSALS BY THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND THE FIS COUNCIL RELATED TO THE RULES**

Proposal 9.1 (“Competences of the Committees”) was submitted to the Congress by Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Switzerland and Sweden (more detailed information in particular regarding the background/reasoning, is available in the Congress Book on page 28).

The Council shall review and evaluate the structure and responsibilities of all Committees and shall make a proposal to the Congress until the next Ordinary Congress to be voted on by the Congress.

The Congress approved the proposal.

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Proposal 9.2 (“World Cup Calendars”) was brought forward to the Congress by Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Switzerland and Sweden.

The National Ski Associations withdrew the proposal.

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Proposal 9.3 (“Reverting the FIS Points calculation to the system used before the 2023/2024 season”) was submitted to the Congress by Armenia, Iran and Lebanon

The FIS Council had decided to refer the proposal the Cross-Country Committee who decided to reject the proposal but with the adjustment of the FIS Cross-Country Point Rules with additional provisions.

A discussion on this topic took place later on and it was agreed that Secretary General Vion would have a bilateral conversation with the concerned National Ski Associations.

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Proposal 9.4 was brought forward to the Congress by the FIS Council.

The FIS Council withdrew the proposal.

For the purpose of these minutes it is stated that the Congress has not been provided with International Competition Rules (ICR) for Freeride at all. Therefore, the approval by the Congress to integrate Freeride as a FIS discipline as per agenda item 8.2.2. and the corresponding statute amendment of Art. 2.2.10. is subject to the in-time approval of specific International Competition Rules (ICR) for Freeride by the FIS Council.

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**ITEM 10      PROPOSALS BY THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE STATUTES OR THE RULES**

Proposal 10.1 (“FIS World Championships”) was brought forward to the Congress by Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Switzerland and Sweden.

The National Ski Associations withdrew the proposal.

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Proposal 10.2 (“Deadlines to inform about sponsors”) was submitted by Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

The National Ski Associations withdrew the proposal.

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Proposal 10.3 (“Cut-resistant underwear / Alpine Skiing”) was brought forward to the Congress by Austria (more detailed information, in particular regarding the background/reasoning is available in the Congress Book on page 52).

The relevant FIS (Sub-) Committees (e.g. Executive Board Alpine, Committee for Competition Equipment, Legal and Safety Committee, Medical Committee etc.) and the FIS Athletes Health Unit shall discuss the implementation of a rule providing for “cut-resistant” underwear in Alpine Skiing (coming into effect as of the 2025/2026 FIS season).

The Congress approved the proposal.

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Proposal 10.4 (“Competition suits / Alpine Skiing”) was submitted to the Congress by Austria (more detailed information, in particular regarding the background/reasoning, is available in the Congress Book on page 63).

The relevant FIS (sub-)committees (e.g. Executive Board Alpine, Committee for Competition Equipment, Legal and Safety Committee, Medical Committee, etc.) and the FIS Athlete Health Unit shall evaluate whether “thicker” and/or more wind-permeable competition suits could have a safety effect for athletes and make a suggestion on how such amendment could be implemented in the relevant rules framework (taking into account a reasonable preparation time for the involved Member Associations and other stakeholders).

The Congress approved the proposal.

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Proposal 10.5 ("Framework for ski edges / Alpine Skiing") was submitted to the Congress by Austria.

The National Ski Association withdrew the proposal.

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Proposal 10.6 ("Integration of NSA experts in FIS AHU project groups") was submitted to the Congress by Austria (more detailed information, in particular regarding the background/reasoning, is available in the Congress Book on page 65).

NSA experts should be integrated into FIS Athlete Health Unit's project groups in order to improve the realization and implementation of specific processes to increase athletes' safety. Therefore, the relevant FIS (sub-)committees and the FIS Athlete Health Unit shall elaborate a structure/suggestion pursuant to which NSA experts are integrated into FIS AHU project groups.

In addition, the development strategy and the status of ongoing projects of the FIS AHU should be communicated to the Member Associations.

The Congress approved the proposal.

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## ITEM 11 THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

### 11.1 Decision by the International Olympic Committee

President Eliasch reported in regards of the Olympic matters.

FIS is monitoring the planning schedule of the OWG 2026 in Milano-Cortina closely.

The relations with the IOC are excellent and collaboration is very good at every level. There are also discussions taking place to add new disciplines to the Olympic Winter Games 2030 and 2034.

President Eliasch has been appointed to join the Sustainability and Legacy Commission of the IOC.

### 11.2 Report Youth Olympic Winter Games 2024 in Gangwon (KOR)

President Eliasch thanked the organisers of Korea for a great event and fantastic organisation of the Youth Olympic Winter Games.

### 11.3 Report Olympic Winter Games 2026 in Milano-Cortina (ITA)

The above reports from the Organisers of the concluded and upcoming Olympic Winter Games were provided online prior to the General Assembly.

The Congress acknowledged the Olympic Winter Games Reports.

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## ITEM 12 THE FIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12.1 Report of the FIS Ski Flying World Championships 2024, Bad Mitterndorf/Kulm (AUT)
- 12.2 Report FIS Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski World Championships 2025, Engadin (SUI)
- 12.3 Report FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2025, Saalbach (AUT)
- 12.4 Report FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2025, Trondheim (NOR)
- 12.5 Report FIS Ski Flying World Championships 2026, Oberstdorf (GER)
- 12.6 Report FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2027, Crans-Montana (SUI)
- 12.7 Report FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2027, Falun (SWE)
- 12.8 Report FIS Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski World Championships 2027, Montafon (AUT)

The reports from the Organisers of FIS World Championships were provided to the delegates online prior to the General Assembly.

The Congress acknowledged the FIS World Championship Reports

A short update was also given by the FIS President with regard to the – not yet finalized/signed – hosting contract for the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2027, Crans-Montana (SUI). The President informed that FIS is in close discussion with Swiss Ski to find solutions to conclude a hosting agreement as soon as possible.

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- 12.9 Organisers of the 2028 and 2029 FIS World Championships and Organiser of the 2031 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships

The evening before the General Assembly the Organisers of the 2028 FIS Ski Flying World Championships, and the 2029 FIS Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski World Championships were elected by the FIS Council. The FIS Council furthermore decided to announce the award of the FIS Alpine Ski World Championships 2029 and 2031.

The award of the 2029 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships was postponed in July 2024 as some requirements could not be fulfilled by the appointed organiser at the time of the election. The President stated that in case these requirements will not be fulfilled, the bid process – in all likelihood – will be opened up again.

Planica (SLO)	FIS Ski Flying World Championships 2028
Zhangjiakou (CHN)	FIS Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski World Championships 2029
Narvik (NOR)	FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2029
Val Gardena (ITA)	FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2031

The Congress acknowledged the 2028, 2029 and 2031 FIS World Championship Organisers.

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### **ITEM 13 THE FIS GAMES 2028**

President Eliasch informed the Congress that the FIS Council at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 decided to postpone the announcement of the hosts of the FIS Games 2028 until a future FIS Council Meeting.

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### **ITEM 14 THE FIS PUBLICATIONS**

As in previous years the FIS Publications will be published as follows:

- The International Ski Calendar will be published exclusively online
- The FIS Bulletin will be published in Autumn 2024
- The FIS Book of Reports comprising information from all Committees for the period 2022 – 2024 will be published online.

The Congress acknowledged the FIS Publications proposals.

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### **ITEM 15 AFFILIATION AND EXCLUSION OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**

#### **Associate Membership**

The Council proposed the following National Ski Associations as Associate members:

Qatar Winter Sports Committee  
Winter Sports Federation of Guinea-Bissau

The Congress approved the two candidates as new Associate Members.

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## **ITEM 16      REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, VOTE ON THE ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST FINANCIAL PERIOD**

Stefan Ruf, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer presented for the first time consolidated financial figures for the years 2022 and 2023. He mentioned that due to some changes to comply with the Swiss Code of Obligations in Accounting, FIS recognised in 2023 the full revenue of the Olympic Winter Games 2022 which explains the main increase in revenues compared to 2022. Furthermore, he highlighted that the financial income decreased compared to 2022 because the FIS Council decided that FIS should only invest in very stable and guaranteed bonds from governments.

The Congress approved the accounts for the financial period 2023 without discussion.

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## **ITEM 17      ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, CALENDAR FEES AND OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

The FIS Council at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 approved a last-minute proposal regarding the FIS Calendar and Registration Fees that concerns amendments for Para Classification and FIS Para Nordic World Cup.

For all other subscriptions and calendar fees for the season 2024/2025 the FIS Council proposed to keep these unchanged.

The Congress approved the Annual Subscriptions, Calendar Fees and other financial obligations for the period 2024/2025.

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## **ITEM 18      BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL PERIOD**

Stefan Ruf, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer reported on the budget. He explained that the forecast for 2024 was updated with the new expected income of CHF 39,663 mio. The budget for 2025 includes the income of the FIS World Championships of approximately CHF 26 million. The other figures presented are in line with the previous years.

The Austrian delegate stated that in other International Federations the representatives of the elected external Audit Company are also present at the General Assembly to give a brief report and answer questions if they arise. He suggests that the newly elected Council takes this into consideration for the next FIS Congress.

The Congress acknowledged the Budget 2025.

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## **ITEM 19 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDIT COMPANY**

The FIS Council and its Audit Committee proposed Ernst & Young AG Bern as the external audit company for the financial period 2024.

The Congress approved Ernst & Young AG as the auditors for the accounts 2024.

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## **ITEM 20 REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FIS COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF FIS STANDING COMMITTEES**

### Para Athletes' Representative as FIS Council Member

The FIS Council proposed Adam Hall (NZL) as the athlete representing Para Snowsports in the Council for the period 2024 to 2027.

The Congress approved the appointment of Adam Hall to the Council.

### Election IECO and FIS Ethics Committee Chair and members

The Council proposed the Head of Sports, Quest as Independent Ethics and Compliance Officer for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

The Congress appointed the Head of Sports as IECO.

The Council proposed Michael Beloff KC (GB) as Chair of the Ethics Committee for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027.

The Congress appointed Michael Beloff KC as Chair of the Ethics Committee.

Furthermore, the Council proposed Anne Christine Ramberg (SWE), Lord David Neuburger (GBR), Nicholas Zbinden (SUI) as well as Leanne O'Leary (NZL) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 and Ian Hunt (NZL) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2028 as members of the Ethics Committee.

The Austrian delegate mentioned, inter alia, that the diversity of nationalities of members between the Ethics Committee is not given. In addition, the question came up what the status is regarding the – since more than 20 months – still pending/open Ethic cases against some Member Associations with regard to the 2022 FIS Congress in Milano. The Member Associations have been informed by the President that those cases are under review by the responsible people who shall elaborate on that.

The majority of the Congress approved the above-mentioned appointments of the Chair and Members of the Ethics Committee.

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**ITEM 21      ELECTION OF EIGHTEEN (18) COUNCIL MEMBERS ACCORDING TO FIS STATUTES  
ARTICLE 10.10.3 (EXCEPT ARTICLE 10.10.3.2)**

Before the election of the Council, President Johan Eliasch informed the Congress that only candidates not running for re-election would present themselves to the General Assembly.

The following Council Candidates gave a three-minute speech (in alphabetical order of their proposing NSA):

Michael Huber, AUT  
Anna Harboe Falkenberg, DEN  
José Maria “May” Peus España, ESP  
Fabien Saguez, FRA  
Zurab Kostava, GEO  
Freddy Keirouz, LBN  
Alexander Ospelt, LIE  
Tove Moe Dyrhaug, NOR  
Pedro Farromba, POR  
Jean-Philippe Rochat, SUI  
Karin Mattsson, SWE – speech by Stefan Bessmann  
Dexter Paine, USA

Thereafter, Dr. Netzle explained the voting procedure as per FIS Statutes Art. 10.10.3 and that there will be one single voting round for all 18 members to be elected. He furthermore informed that the delegates had to select 18 of the Candidates on their electronic voting ballot. In addition, the ballot needed to meet the minimum requirements as mentioned in FIS Statutes Art. 11.2 regarding the representation of gender as well as one and two-vote Member Associations. Ballots which did not contain the minimum requirements set out would be considered invalid.

As the voting procedure took unusually long, the Swiss delegate asked on whether the Member Associations would receive a LUMI report in order to be able to elaborate what might have happened in this timeframe. The President confirmed this inquiry.

The voting procedure took place as describe above and the Council Members were elected for the term 2024 to 2026 with the following results (in alphabetical order):

Deidra Dionne, CAN*	110
Tove Moe Dyrhaug, NOR	102
Anna Harboe Falkenberg DEN	106
Michael Huber, AUT	115
Freddy Keirouz, LBN	101
Karin Mattsson, SWE	114
Tzeko Minev, BUL*	95
Aki Murasato, JPN*	113
Alexander Ospelt, LIE	74
Dexter Paine, USA	116
May Peus, ESP	102
Jean-Philippe Rochat, SUI	117
Flavio Roda, ITA*	118
Fabien Saguez, FRA	110
Enzo Smrekar, SLO*	121
Franz Steinle, GER*	99
Fiona Stevens, NZL*	97
Martti Uusitalo, FIN*	95

Not elected:	
Pedro Farromba	57
Dean Gosper*	80
Zurab Kostava	60
Roman Kumpost*	75
Patrick Toussaint*	73

\*denotes an existing Council Member

President Eliasch nominated Mats Arjes, Dean Gosper and Roman Kumpost as FIS Honorary Members.

The Congress approved the appointment of Mats Arjes, Dean Gosper and Roman Kumpost as FIS Honorary Members.

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## **ITEM 22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Questioned by the delegate of Canada, the President confirmed that the "special dividend" based on the FIS/Infront deal will be additional to any other distributions.

In addition, the German delegate – in particular regarding the presentation given during the Congress by FIS – made a statement regarding the (potential) centralization and it was mentioned that the relevant member associations and FIS seem to be still far away from an agreement on that matter. More time will be needed to elaborate on this matter and discuss about necessary clarifications. The Austrian delegate alleged that the ICR amendment regarding the marketing and media rights already now has financial negative impacts.

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## **ITEM 23 CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS**

23.1 Place and date of the 55<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress 2025

The 55<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress will take place online on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

23.2 Place and date of the 56<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress 2026

The 56<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress 2026 will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in Belgrade (SRB).

23.3 Host of the 59<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress 2028

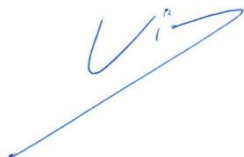
President Johan Eliasch informed the Congress that the FIS Council decided to postpone the allocation of the 59<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress to 2025.

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President Eliasch closed the Congress thanking all delegates

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Oberhofen, in October 2024



Michel Vion  
Secretary General



Rory Tapner  
Certifier of the minutes

## MEMBER NATIONS / ABBREVIATION CODE

AFG	Afghanistan
ALB	Albania
ALG	Algeria
AND	Andorra
ARG	Argentina
ARM	Armenia
ASA	American Samoa
AUS	Australia
AUT	Austria
AZE	Azerbaijan
BAH	Bahamas
BAR	Barbados
BEL	Belgium
BER	Bermuda
BIH	Bosnia-Herzegovina
BLR	Belarus
BOL	Bolivia
BRA	Brazil
BUL	Bulgaria
CAN	Canada
CAY	Cayman Islands
CHI	Chile
CHN	China
CMR	Cameroon
COL	Colombia
CPV	Cape Verde
CRC	Costa Rica
CRO	Croatia
CYP	Cyprus
CZE	Czech Republic
DEN	Denmark
ESP	Spain
DMA	Dominica
DOM	Dominican Republic
ECU	Ecuador
EGY	Egypt
ERI	Eritrea
ESA	El Salvador
EST	Estonia
ETH	Ethiopia
FJI	Fiji
FIN	Finland
FRA	France
GBR	Great Britain
GBS	Guinea-Bissau
GEO	Georgia
GER	Germany
GHA	Ghana
GRE	Greece
GRN	Grenada
GUA	Guatemala
GUY	Guyana

HAI	Haiti
HKG	Hong-Kong, China Ltd.
HON	Honduras
HUN	Hungary
IND	India
IRI	Iran
IRL	Ireland
ISL	Iceland
ISR	Israel
ISV	U.S. Virgin Islands
ITA	Italy
IVB	British Virgin Islands
JAM	Jamaica
JOR	Jordan
JPN	Japan
KAZ	Kazakhstan
KEN	Kenya
KSA	Saudia Arabia
KGZ	Kyrgyzstan
KOR	Korea
KOS	Kosovo
KUW	Kuwait
LAT	Latvia
LBN	Lebanon
LES	Lesotho
LIE	Liechtenstein
LTU	Lithuania
LUX	Luxemburg
MAD	Madagascar
MAR	Morocco
MAS	Malaysia
MDA	Republic of Moldova
MEX	Mexico
MGL	Mongolia
MKD	North Macedonia
MLT	Malta
MNE	Montenegro
MON	Monaco
NED	Netherlands
NEP	Nepal
NIG	Nigeria
NOR	Norway
NZL	New Zealand
PAK	Pakistan
PAN	Panama
PAR	Paraguay
PER	Peru
PHI	Philippines
PLE	Palestine
POL	Poland
POR	Portugal
PRK	D.P.R. Korea
PUR	Puerto Rico
QAT	Qatar



ROU	Rumania
RSA	South Africa
RUS	Russia
SEN	Senegal
SGP	Singapore
SLO	Slovenia
SMR	Republic of San Marino
SRB	Serbia
SRI	Sri Lanka
SUD	Sudan
SUI	Switzerland
SVK	Slovakia
SWE	Sweden
SWZ	Swaziland
TAN	Tanzania
TGA	Kingdom of Tonga
THA	Thailand
TJK	Tajikistan
TLS	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
TPE	Chinese Taipei
TOG	Togo
TTO	Trinidad and Tobago
TUR	Turkey
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UGA	Uganda
UKR	Ukraine
URU	Uruguay
USA	United States of America
UZB	Uzbekistan
VAN	Vanuatu
VEN	Venezuela
ZIM	Zimbabwe

## SITES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SKI CONGRESSES

1.	1910	Kristiania (Oslo)	NOR
2.	1911	Stockholm	SWE
3.	1912	München	GER
4.	1913	Bern / Interlaken	SUI
5.	1914	Kristiania (Oslo)	NOR
6.	1922	Stockholm	SWE
7.	1923	Prag	TCH
8.	1924	Chamonix	FRA
9.	1926	Lahti	FIN
10.	1928	St. Moritz	SUI
11.	1930	Oslo	NOR
12.	1932	Paris	FRA
13.	1934	Solleftea	SWE
14.	1936	Garmisch-Partenkirchen	GER
15.	1938	Helsinki	FIN
16.	1946	Pau	FRA
17.	1949	Oslo	NOR
18.	1951	Venedig	ITA
19.	1953	Igls	AUT
20.	1955	Montreux	SUI
21.	1957	Dubrovnik	JUG
22.	1959	Stockholm	SWE
23.	1961	Madrid	ESP
24.	1963	Athens	GRE
25.	1965	Mamaia	RUM
26.	1967	Beirut	LBN
27.	1969	Barcelona	ESP
28.	1971	Opatija	JUG
29.	1973	Nicosia	CYP
30.	1975	San Francisco	USA
31.	1977	Bariloche	ARG
32.	1979	Nice	FRA
33.	1981	Puerto de la Cruz	ESP
34.	1983	Sydney	AUS
35.	1985	Vancouver	CAN
36.	1988	Istanbul	TU
37.	1990	Montreux	SUI
38.	1992	Budapest	HUN
39.	1994	Rio de Janeiro	BRA
40.	1996	Christchurch	NZL
41.	1998	Prague	CZE
42.	2000	Melbourne	AUS
43.	2002	Portoroz	SLO
44.	2004	Miami	USA
45.	2006	Vilamoura/Algarve	POR
46.	2008	Capetown	RSA
47.	2010	Antalya	TUR
48.	2012	Kangwonland	KOR
49.	2014	Barcelona	ESP
50.	2016	Cancun	MEX
51.	2018	Costa Navarino	GRE
52.	2021	Online	SUI

53.	2022	Milan	ITA
54.	2023	Online	SUI
55.	2024	Reykjavik	ISL