

MINUTES

**of the
Extraordinary INTERNATIONAL SKI CONGRESS
Online on 8th October 2021**

FIS, Oberhofen, October 2021

AGENDA

	Page
1. Opening of the Extraordinary Congress	3
2.1 Roll call of the official delegates present,	8
2.2 Certification of the number of votes of each Member Association and appointment of tellers	
3. Approval of the Agenda	16
4. Decision whether the discussions are to be public; if not, appointment of delegates charged with the issues of communiqués to the press	17
5. Election of certifier of the minutes	18
6. Adoption of proposed new FIS Statutes 2021	19
7. FIS Name change	24
8. Any other business	26
9. Closing of the Congress	27

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

ITEM 1 **Opening of the Extraordinary Congress**

The President opens the Extraordinary International Ski Congress on 8th October 2021 and welcomes the Council Members and all Congress delegates.

Opening Speech by the President

“It is my honour to speak to you all today and address a Congress for the first time as your newly elected President, whose duty it is to serve you, the FIS.

It has now been four months since we last met, albeit virtually, when you elected me with a clear mandate to redefine the future of FIS.

That four-month period has been frantic, and not without its challenges. But in getting to know many of you better, I have listened, and I hope learned, of the ambitions you have for FIS and your own NSAs. The conversations have been incredibly open, stimulating and enriching – and I thank you for your trust and candour.

Before we talk about the next steps for FIS, it is important to remember and endorse the incredible service which Gian Franco Kasper devoted to FIS. As we all know, he passed away soon after our last Congress and we all miss him hugely. The FIS family was such a huge part of his life, and our lives. I would ask you all to observe a minute’s silence to remember him, and quietly thank him for all he did for all of us.

After the minute of silence in honour of Gian Franco Kasper, the President continues with his opening speech.

Our recent exchanges have reiterated three key points:

- *International snowsport must be built on a solid foundation of good governance and transparency;*
- *Snowsport has multiple opportunities to develop and commercialise its growth; and*
- *Snowsport, across all our disciplines and everywhere, can, and will grow to everyone’s benefit.*

If there's one thing I've noticed – in all our discussions – it is that you think the same way. You share the same vision of enhancing our sport and using a holistic approach to seek a brighter future for our athletes, their support teams, and the athletes who follow behind them. Our future is bright, with a great pipeline of talent but they rely on all of us to deliver a platform which optimises their future.

Progress comes through change, but change is never easy. I laid out in my manifesto the areas we need to address to take skiing and snowboarding to the next level.

These were not just empty words. I promised you that I would put those words into action and deliver a brighter and more engaged future for FIS. We have already started to do that energetically in the last few months. And here we are gathered as your Congress for the second time in four months and we will meet again in May next year.

We are a Federation for all disciplines and all nations. And so we have launched a number of programmes which we expect to help deliver a better, brighter and enlarged future for our stakeholders:

- 1. we have launched a programme that provides all nations with the ability to access and order equipment homologated for World Cup, European Cup and FIS races at significantly reduced prices for your top athletes;*
- 2. we have set up a number of working groups and a new committee structure to actively collaborate, discuss specific topics, create ideas and thus actively shape the future of our sport together. It is critical that we embrace experts from different backgrounds to listen to a wide and knowledgeable collective, to learn and then to adapt.*
- 3. we need to be a Federation that supports its member associations to promote participation in skiing and snowboarding. As an example, that is why we have opened the FIS China Liaison Office in Beijing. It helps us to work directly on the ground and support the Chinese Ski Federation in its ambitious goal of introducing 300 million people to our sport. But China should not be the only Nation we seek to support in this way.*
- 4. we want to be a Federation that continuously works on developing and professionalising its competitions, to offer the best possible experience to athletes and fans. Again, as an example, we have made history with Zermatt and Cervinia as a new cross-border host for speed races in the FIS Audi Alpine Ski World Cup.*
- 5. The Zermatt/Cervinia race not only allows us to implement a World Cup season without interruptions, but it also gives the speed athletes an earlier start to the World Cup Winter as well as the benefit of less travel for athletes and more training opportunities. In my manifesto I advocated an increasingly level playing field for training. Zermatt/Cervinia have agreed to open training to all NSAs on an equal basis starting three weeks before the races. And we are well on the way to securing additional training opportunities at multiple destinations.*

6. *We have concluded a review of our carbon footprint, and we have identified new suitable carbon reduction projects which will enable FIS to become carbon neutral already in 2022. This is not only a duty we have as good world citizens, but today it has become a prerequisite of being an attractive sport for younger generations. We will share all the details with you in the coming weeks.*
7. *We are in the final stages of concluding a review of the future of our rights commercialization, which shows we have an incredibly bright future ahead of us. We will also share this review with you in the coming weeks.*
8. *We have made a CHF 5 million special COVID-distribution to you all and helped local organisers with a CHF 4.2 million contribution towards prize money for our athletes. This was made to help you through the hardship of COVID.*

This is just the beginning.

I would like to thank all delegates for joining us today.”

The President thereupon declares the online Extraordinary International Ski Congress officially open.

* * *

The President hands over the floor to Secretary General Michel Vion and Director Philippe Gueisbuhler for the Housekeeping points.

The Secretary General thanks everyone for honouring former President Gian Franco Kasper. He welcomes everyone and ensures that despite the meeting taking place online everything has been prepared at the highest standard for the important decisions that the Congress will take today. He gives the word to Director Philippe Gueisbuhler for further information regarding the online format of the Congress.

The Director welcomes everyone who has joined online. For the delegates who are watching via Zoom and therefore have logged-in through of the LUMI platform he advises to keep the login data close by to be able to log back in easily and quickly.

The Director explains that the President will be asking for some open-votes by a show of hands on non-contentious issues during the Congress. In case of an open “Show of Hands” the delegates are requested to clearly raise their hand to appear in their camera image on Zoom. If a delegate would like to take the floor or ask a question, he is asked to use the raise hand function on Zoom. He also points out that the microphone should only be unmuted when addressed by the President.

The Director outlines that all voting members should be aware of the state of the art, secure, online, secret ballot voting system provided by LUMI UK that will be used for formal votes during the Congress. Only the members who have logged on with voting rights will have the ability to vote.

He furthermore points out that the voting procedures will be scrutinised in the LUMI Offices by three appointed scrutineers and that FISs Legal Counsel Stephan Netzle will oversee the whole process in Oberhofen.

The Director hands over the word to Stephan Netzle, Legal Counsel for further information on the legal aspects.

Stephan Netzle informs, that he has been asked by the President to provide legal information to assure that this Congress is held in full compliance with the current FIS Statutes and Swiss law.

He explains, due to the experience gained with the Congress by videoconferencing last June it was decided not to change the proven solution. Stephan Netzle points out that the current FIS Statues do not explicitly provide for participation by videoconferencing. The proposed draft statutes nevertheless provide for this option also for the time after and without a pandemic.

He furthermore states that due to the regulations regarding the Covid 19 pandemic of various countries and restrictions in-person meetings are still not possible. The Swiss Government has ordered that only persons with a valid certificate of vaccination, negative testing or survived infection acknowledged by the Swiss Government may attend indoor meetings. In addition, and more important several countries would require quarantine for persons returning from Switzerland. Therefore, holding in-person congresses is therefore still no option but the onlfine format of this Congress meeting provides a perfect.alternative

Stephan Netzle outlines that the Swiss Government has ordered that Congress meetings may be held by videoconferencing event if the Statues do not provide for this option. This in line with the current emergency rules of the government. The decisions of this online Congress are therefore legally valid and enforceable.

Stephan Netzle hands the floor back to the President. As there are no questions regarding the legal update the President puts this to the Congress as the first open vote.

Approval of the Legal Update

- The Legal update was approved unanimously.

The President thanks the delegates for their support and passes the word to the Secretary General for the roll call.

* * *

ITEM 2

ITEM 2.1 Roll call of the official delegates present

ITEM 2.2 Certification of the number of votes of each Member Association and appointment of tellers

The Secretary General outlines that with the LUMI platform the delegates could be registered electronically. Therefore, it is not necessary to wait for a response except in the case where a delegate has not been confirmed as logged on. The names of the delegates will be shown on the screen and noted in the minutes. He informs that for time saving purposes only the name of the Nation and the number of votes will be read. The delegates are requested to raise their hand should there be any discrepancy.

No.	Abbr.	Country	Delegates	No. of votes
1.	ALB	Albania	Elvis TOCI Etrit XHUGLINI	1
2.	ALG	Algeria	Mohamed AMZAL Hacène GAOUAOUI	1
3.	AND	Andorra	Josep PINTAT MAS David HIDALGO VILA Carles DE VISA DOLSA	1
4.	ARG	Argentina	Magdalena KAST Martin BEGINO Ernesto CINGOLANI	2
5.	ARM	Armenia	Gagik SARGSYAN	1
6.	AUS	Australia	Michael KENNEDY Jo MCDUGALL Hugh WHAN	3
7.	AUT	Austria	Christian SCHERER Patrick Ortlieb Michael HUBER	3
8.	BEL	Belgium	Stijn URKENS Christophe LEMEIRE Martine TOSENS	1
9.	BIH	Bosnia- Herzegovina	Jelena DOJCINOVIC	1
10.	BLR	Belarus	Aleksandr GREBNEV Alexander PENIGIN Maksim MALAKHOSKIY	2
11.	BOL	Bolivia	Juan DE DIOS GUEVARA Jose Maria VARGAS	1
12.	BRA	Brazil	Stefano ARNHOLD Pedro CAVAZZONI Camila FREITAS	1

No.	Abbr.	Country	Delegates	No. of votes
13.	BUL	Bulgaria	Georgi BOBEV Pepa MITZEVA Elitza POPOVA	2
14.	CAN	Canada	Chris ROBINSON David PYM Therese BRISSON	3
15.	CHI	Chile	Stefano PIROLA Rainer GROB Francisco ALLENDES	2
16.	CHN	China	Yang LI Chuan XU Aiming CHEN	3
17.	CRO	Croatia	Vedran PAVLEK Ana Marija KOMPARIC Miho GLAVIC	2
18.	CYP	Cyprus	Dinos LEFKARITIS	1
19.	CZE	Czech Republic	Jakub CEROVSKY Lukas HERMANSKY Jitka BARTONOVA	3
20.	DEN	Denmark	Anna H. FALKENBERG Kenneth BØGGILD	2
21.	ESP	Spain	May PEUS ESPANA Olmo HERNAN	2
22.	EST	Estonia	Tõnu SEIL Ago MARKVARDT Jaanus MIKK	1
23.	FIN	Finland	Ismo HÄMÄLÄINEN Markku HAAPASALMI Satu KALAJAINEN	3
24.	FRA	France	Anne-Chantal PIGELET GREVY Fabien SAGUEZ Eric LAZZARONI	3
25.	GBR	Great Britain	Paul TRAYNER Victoria GOSLING Pat SHARPLES	3
26.	GEO	Georgia	Zurab KOSTAVA Irina ACHBA	1
27.	GER	Germany	Hubert SCHWARZ Hanns-Michael HÖLZ Gregor LENTZE	3
28.	GRE	Greece	George NIKITIDIS Dimosthenis GYROUSIS Spyridoula STAMOU	2
29.	HKG	Hongkong	Edmond YUE Samson SIU	1
30.	HUN	Hungary	Jozsef FÜRSTNER Barbara PETRAHN Szabolcs MOHAL	1

No.	Abbr.	Country	Delegates	No. of votes
31.	IND	India	Suresh AGARWAL	1
32.	IRI	Iran	Abbas NAZARIAN MADAVANI Fatemeh KIADARBANDSARI Bahram SAVEHSHEMSHAKI	2
33.	IRL	Ireland	Derek BOLGER Shane O'CONNOR Anne O'CONNOR	1
34.	ISL	Iceland	Jon Vidar THORVALDSSON Bjarni Th. BJARNASON	1
35.	ISR	Israel	not present	1
36.	ITA	Italy	Loretta PIROIA Massimo RINALDI Oriana COSTARDI	3
37.	JPN	Japan	Noriko OZAWA Toshiaki KATSUKI Noahito OKABE	3
38.	KAZ	Kazakistan	Dias SULEIMENOV Ilkham KHAVANOV Askar VALIYEV	2
39.	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	Igor BORISOV	1
40.	KOR	Korea	Dongki PARK Jehoon RYU	2
41.	KOS	Kosovo	Milhaim KELMENDI	1
42.	LAT	Latvia	Dinars DORSS Agris RAUGULIS Gunars IKAUNIEKS	1
43.	LBN	Lebanon	Fredy KEIROUZ Youssef CHAMEL Laura NASSAR	2
44.	LIE	Liechtenstein	Alexander OSPELT Marco BÜCHEL	1
45.	LTU	Lithuania	Remigijus ARLAUSKAS	1
46.	LUX	Luxembourg	not present	1
47.	MAR	Morocco	Hicham AIT OUARCHIKH Nourddine BOUCHAAL	1
48.	MEX	Mexico	Carlos PRUNEDA	1
49.	MGL	Mongolia	Khatan RENTSENDORJ Datiimaa ENKHAMGALAN Bayaraa GERELT-OD	1
50.	MKD	Republic of North Macedonia	Borche JANEVSKI	1
51.	MNE	Montenegro	Marina KOSIC Rajko KOSIC	1
52.	MON	Monaco	Jacques PASTOR	1

No.	Abbr.	Country	Delegates	No. of votes
53.	NED	Netherlands	Frits AVIS Wopke DE VEGT Caroline VAN DEN BOOGAARD	3
54.	NEP	Nepal	Jeevan Ram SHRESTHA Bijaya SHRESHTA Jeetendra SHRESTHA	1
55.	NOR	Norway	Ingvild BRETTEEN BERG Anne-Lise Henriette ROLLAND Erik BRUUN	3
56.	NZL	New Zealand	Fiona STEVENS Nic CAVANAGH Jonathan HOWSON	2
57.	PAK	Pakistan	Nadeem Ajmal KHAN	1
58.	POL	Poland	Apoloniusz TAJNER Jan WINKIEL Wanda WOJTAS	3
59.	POR	Portugal	Pedro FARROMBA Petro MARTINS	1
60.	PRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	not present	1
61.	ROU	Roumania	Puiu GASPARG Alexandru BARBU	1
62.	RSA	South Africa	Peter PILZ	1
63.	RUS	Russia	Georgy MNATSAKANOV Yury GARMASH Kristina MNATSAKANOVA	3
64.	SLO	Slovenia	Uros ZUPAN Mitja URBANIC Tomaz VERDNIK	3
65.	SMR	Republic of San Marino	Gian Luca GATTI Elisa GIANESSI William ZANNA	1
66.	SRB	Serbia	Milan BOZIC Severin PAVLOVIC Bojan LALIC	1
67.	SUI	Switzerland	Bernhard AREGGER Diego ZUEGER Claudia LAEMMLI	3
68.	SVK	Slovakia	suspended	1
69.	SWE	Sweden	Ola STRÖMBERG Karin MATTSON Tommy WINTER	3
70.	TPE	Chinese Taipei	Tim Ting-Fung LIN Nick CHEN	1
71.	TUR	Turkey	Ali OTO Necati KAPLAN	2

No.	Abbr.	Country	Delegates	No. of votes
72.	UKR	Ukraine	Ihor MITIUKOV Julia SYPARENKO	2
73.	USA	United States of America	Tiger SHAW Alison PITT	3
74.	UZB	Uzbekistan	Yakubov BEKHZOD Andrey VORONOV	1

* * *

The Secretary General confirms that there is a total of 126 votes. Should there be any change of numbers during the meeting he will inform the Congress accordingly.

Associate Members invited:

No.	Abbr.	Country
1.	AFG	Afghanistan
2.	AZE	Azerbaijan
3.	ASA	American Samoa
4.	BAH	Bahamas
5.	BAR	Barbados
6.	BER	Bermudas
7.	CMR	Cameroun
8.	CPV	Cape Verde
9.	CAY	Cayman Islands
10.	COL	Colombia
11.	CRC	Costa Rica
12.	DMA	Dominica
13.	DOM	Dominican Republic
14.	ECU	Ecuador
15.	EGY	Egypt
16.	ESA	El Salvador
17.	ERI	Eritrea
18.	ETH	Ethiopia
19.	FJI	Fiji
20.	GHA	Ghana
21.	GUA	Guatemala
22.	GUY	Guyana
23.	HAI	Haiti
24.	HON	Honduras
25.	IVB	British Virgin Islands
26.	ISV	U. S.Virgin Islands

No.	Abbr.	Country
27.	JAM	Jamaica
28.	JOR	Jordan
29.	KEN	Kenya
30.	KUW	Kuwait
31.	LES	Lesotho
32.	MAD	Madagascar
33.	MAS	Malaysia
34.	MDA	Republic of Moldova
35.	MLT	Malta
36.	NIG	Nigeria
37.	PAN	Panama
38.	PAR	Paraguay
39.	PER	Peru
40.	PHI	Philippines
41.	PLE	Palestine
42.	PUR	Puerto Rico
43.	SEN	Senegal
44.	SGP	Singapore
45.	SRI	Sri Lanka
46.	SUD	Sudan
47.	SWZ	Swaziland
48.	TAN	Tanzania
49.	TGA	Kingdom of Tonga
50.	TLS	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
51.	TJK	Tajikistan
52.	THA	Thailand
53.	TOG	Togo
54.	TTO	Trinidad & Tobago
55.	UAE	United Arab Emirates
56.	UGA	Uganda
57.	URU	Uruguay
58.	VAN	Vanuatu
59.	VEN	Venezuela
60.	ZIM	Zimbabwe

The Associated Members have the opportunity to follow the Extraordinary International Ski Congress by logging in to the virtual meeting or to follow via YouTube.

No questions are raised by the Associate Members via the platform or via Youtube.

* * *

Council Members present:

President:

Johan Eliasch

Vice-Presidents:

Roman Kumpost
Aki Murasato
Dexter Paine
Peter Schröcksnadel

Ordinary members:

Mats Arjes
Dean Gosper
Urs Lehmann
Tzeko Minev
Flavio Roda
Erik Roeste
Enzo Smrekar
Franz Steinle
Martti Uusitalo
Elena Vyalbe
Moses Liang-Cheng Zheng.

Athlete's Representatives:

Hannah Kearney
Martti Jylhä

Secretary General Michel Vion
Director Philippe Gueisbuhler.

* * *

The Secretary General concludes the roll call and hands back the word to the President.

* * *

The President informs that the following tellers have been appointed as addressed by Stephan Netzle.

Edward Gardiner, Notary Public Cheeswrights
Erika O'Leary, Associate Director Quest
Andrew Smith, Senior Manager, Quest

DRAFT

Approval of tellers and number of eligible votes

The President asks the Congress to approve the three tellers and the number of eligible votes.

- The tellers as well as the number of eligible votes are approved unanimously.

* * *

DRAFT

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda

The President informs that the agenda has been shared within the statutory deadline and no comments or feedback have been received.

He requests that delegates should show their hand if they are opposed to approving the agenda.

- The agenda is approved unanimously.

* * *

DRAFT

ITEM 4**Decision whether the discussions are to be public; if not, appointment of delegates charged with the issues of communiqués to the press**

The President mentions that the meetings have been open to the public since 1969. Furthermore, with this online format it is important to be transparent.

He requests that delegates should show their hand if they are opposed to making this meeting public.

- The decision that the meeting is to be public is unanimously adopted.

* * *

ITEM 5 Election of certifier of the minutes

On behalf of the Council the President proposes Jenny Shute (GBR) as certifier of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Congress.

He asks the delegates to show their hands if they oppose to this appointment.

- Jenny Shute is elected unanimously.

The Congress Minutes will be established by the FIS Secretary General.

* * *

ITEM 6 Adoption of proposed new FIS Statutes 2021

A test vote has been conducted successfully.

The President addresses the delegates regarding the draft FIS Statutes that are proposed to be adopted.

“We have a vision, we have goals and, if we work closely together to achieve these goals, we will enlarge participation and followership for all our disciplines. In turn this will create a more valuable commercial platform from which everyone will benefit.

Today's Congress is another important milestone on this common and exciting path, because – with the adjustments to the FIS Statutes – it should provide us with the framework to effectively and purposefully implement our vision and our goals.

The draft Statutes, for which your Council is seeking approval today, encompasses a wide range of changes, but nothing more than any organisation of our scale and ambition should seek. The proposals allow for:

- *a transparent and open approach to decision-making;*
- *a special focus on the environment and climate protection;*
- *Improved opportunities to enhance and exploit our commercial potential and increase commercial engagement;*
- *an evaluation of new broadcasting opportunities;*
- *improved interactions with our fan base;*
- *increased revenues for our member associations; and finally*
- *a level playing field for all our members.*

This new framework is essential to promote good, modern and transparent governance and to be able to actively shape our future according to your wishes and our collective ideas.

I am excited about the new Statutes – remarkably you can get excited about a set of Statutes!!

I am excited about the prospect of striving towards a much-improved commercial future with completely new opportunities.

We will be able to control our own destiny and enable FIS to deliver to its full potential. We will increase our revenues and thus distribute more money to you, our National Snowsport Associations, our members, and increase the prize money available to our athletes.

We would be able to promote all our disciplines equally through a more transparent broadcasting commitment, boost talent development, make our sport accessible to a broader audience, capture new markets and stimulate fan engagement.

We would be able to optimise our competitions both geographically and in terms of season length.

We would be able to increase our value and our global presence – for the benefit of athletes, for the benefit of our fans and audiences and for the benefit of our sports.

It is also important to clarify that the adoption of the proposed Statutes will not change the existing legal situation between FIS and our member associations with respect to the competition rights and does not automatically lead to a decision on the centralization of such rights without a subsequent decision by the FIS Council. And our member associations will keep the authority to commercialise such existing FIS competitions which have already been granted to them.

I am convinced that together we can highlight the best of skiing and snowboarding the excitement, the thrills and spills, the athletic mastery of our talented competitors and the commitment they all make to the sports they love.

It is therefore with great anticipation that I look forward, not only to this Congress and the framework it will set, but above all to the future path that will then be opened up.

Finally, we have put different name changes forward for a vote. On this subject matter all I am going to say is that regardless the choice we will still be FIS and that all three alternatives have my support!! That's not indecisive – that is stating clearly that the members, you, should decide on the name you feel represents all we do in the best possible way.

These first four months have just been the beginning. There is so much we can do together, if we have the courage and insight to look beyond our traditional approach to Snowsport events. Tradition is a key foundation of what we all do, but with such a bright future ahead we must also adapt, in order to grow and progress.

We have a lot to do, no time to lose – so let's get on with it!

Thank you very much”.

* * *

The President informs that all FIS Member National Ski Associations have received the proposed FIS Statutes. Before voting on the proposed Statutes, he invites the voting member National Ski Associations to ask any questions that they may have.

The President requests that delegates should use the raise-hand function to ask a question and informs that three questions at a time will be taken.

The President passes the floor to Gregor Lentze for the first question.

Gregor Lentze, German Ski Federation states that he appreciates the confirmation that the adoption of the new Statutes does not change the existing legal situation and ownership of the rights as currently set out in the International Competition Rules.

Furthermore, he takes note and states that he appreciates the confirmation that the adoption of the new Statutes does not lead or imply a future decision on the centralised commercialisation of the rights. Gregor Lentze further states that it is his understanding that the National Association will remain to have the authority to commercialise the rights as and until such authority is transferred or licensed in an agreement with FIS. Any process regarding this decision will be started by the FIS Council.

The President hands over the word to Diego Zueger.

Diego Zueger, Swiss Ski Federation says that in general they support the revised Statutes and very much welcome a comprehensive and overdue revisions of the FIS Statutes.

He reiterates the statement and request of the German Ski Association regarding the mentioned change of the rights situation which the new Statutes lead to or imply. He requires clarification and appreciates a confirmation on the following key points:

- 1.) The adaption of revised FIS Statutes does not change the existing legal situation and the NSA ownership of its marketing and media rights at the World Cup Competition as also explicitly stated in the current ICR
- 2.) The adaption of the revised FIS Statutes does not lead or imply a decision on the centralised commercialisation of the marketing and media rights. A decision to start such a process for a potential centralised commercialisation will have to be taken by the FIS Council in the future. And each NSA will remain the owner of its marketing and media rights as long as the respective NSA is not consenting to another use of its marketing and media rights.

Such a confirmation in a protocollised manner would enable them to adopt the new Statutes. Diego Zueger thanks for considering this request and looks forward to a successful cooperation in the months and years to come.

Diego Zueger also mentions that Swiss Ski offers their expertise, their active participation and their full support in this process of renewal at any time and at FISs convenience.

The President gives the floor to Markku Haapasalmi for the next question.

Markku Haapasalmi, Finnish Ski Federation highly supports the development and target to maximise value of marketing and TV rights.

He agrees with the German Ski Federation's statement to get clear assurance and security that the adoption of the FIS Statutes does not involve any changes to current World Cup rights.

The President then hands over the word to Christian Scherer.

Christian Scherer, Austrian Ski Federation also thanks for the confirmation and the assurance that the proposed FIS Statutes will not change the current right ownerships nor prejudice a centralised marketing of commercial rights. He requests that this conclusion is also formally documented in the minutes of this Congress.

Christian Scherer thanks for the personal exchange prior to the Congress and the discussions they had some days ago with the President.

No further questions are raised by the Member National Ski Associations.

* * *

The President answers the questions (without commenting on the statements by Messrs Lentze, Zueger, Haapasalmi and Scherer), with the following statement concerning the interpretation of the rights situation to competitions and WC in the proposed statutes:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I will answer these statements by re-reading what I already laid out in respect of the changes to the statutes in relation to the legal situation:

It is also important to clarify that the adoption of the proposed Statutes will not change the existing legal situation between FIS and our member associations with respect to the competition rights and does not automatically lead to a decision on the centralisation of such rights without a subsequent decision by the FIS Council. And our Member Associations will keep the authority to commercialise such existing FIS competitions which have already been granted to them.

This is the text that will be used for these purposes hitherto."

* * *

Voting procedure for adoption of new FIS Statutes

The President invites Stephan Netzle to take the floor to explain the voting procedure for the adoption of the Statutes.

Stephan Netzle outlines that the vote will be on the entirety of the draft Statutes. The only exception is the name change which will be discussed in a separate topic.

Stephan Netzle points out that it is one vote and that the question is “Do you agree to adopt the Statutes according the draft you have received which replaces the current statues?”. He also mentions that this requires a 2/3 majority of all votes cast.

As there are no questions regarding the voting procedure Stephan Netzle hands over to LUMI to conduct the vote.

The Notary Public, Mr. Edward Gardiner confirms that the possible votes are 120 and declares the voting as open.

After closing of the poll, the President presents the voting result which is as follows:

Result of voting

Total possible votes:	120
Abstentions:	3
Valid votes cast:	109
Votes needed for Majority:	80

The President states that the “yes” votes are 106 (97.25 %) and 3 “no” votes (2.75 %). He announces that the change of the Statues has taken effect.

The President thanks everyone for their vote.

* * *

ITEM 7 **FIS name change**

The President informs that two proposals have been received to change the official name of the International Ski Federation.

1st proposal: International Ski and Snowboard Federation

2nd proposal: International Snow Sports Federation

The President points out that if the name of the Federation is changed the corporate identity and the acronym FIS stays unchanged. He passes the floor to Stephan Netzle to explain the voting procedure.

Stephan Netzle outlines that since there are two alternative proposals to the existing name two rounds of voting need to be carried out. In the first round the Congress will decide which alternative it prefers. This is by majority of 50 % of all votes cast. In the second round the Congress will then decide if it wants to keep the current name or whether change to the new name. This change requires a majority of 2/3 of all votes cast as it is a change of Statutes.

Stephan Netzle hands over to LUMI for the voting. Edward Gardiner confirms that the total possible votes remain at 120 and declares the voting as open.

After closing of the poll, the President presents the voting result of the 1st round which is as follows

Result of 1st voting round

Total possible votes: 120

Valid votes cast: 108

The President announces that “International Ski and Snowboard Federation” received 57 votes (52.78 %) whereas International Snow Sports Federation got 51 votes (47.22 %).

The President states that in this challenger round the “International Ski and Snowboard Federation” came out at top.

Stephan Netzle confirms that the final deciding vote will be between International Ski and Snowboard Federation and the existing name “International Ski Federation. He recalls that this change requires a majority of 2/3 of all votes cast. He gives the word back to LUMI in order to carry out the vote.

Edward Gardiner confirms that the total possible votes remain at 120 and confirms that the voting is open.

After closing of the poll, the President presents the voting result of the 2nd round which is as follows:

Result of 2nd voting round

Total possible votes:	120
Abstentions:	2
Valid votes cast:	115
Votes needed for Majority:	80

The President states that keeping the name “International Ski Federation” received 49 votes (42.61 %) and change to “International Ski and Snowboard Federation” got 66 votes (57.39 %). With those results it was decided to keep “International Ski Federation”.

The President points out that it is important to note that even though International Ski and Snowboard Federation did not gain the necessary 2/3 majority the electoral has spoken quite clearly in terms of its considered views. If it comes to branding and identity FIS needs to find ways to incorporate Snowboarding. This is the result that has been seen.

* * *

ITEM 21 Any other business

No requests have been received from the Member Associations.

* * *

DRAFT

ITEM 22 Closing of the Congress

President Eliasch closes the Congress by saying:

“I would like to thank the members of the Congress for taking the time out their busy pre-season schedules to take part in this Extraordinary Congress.

I would especially like to thank the many people, in particular Franz Steinle, Rory Tapner, Stefano Arnhold, Stephan Netzle and the Council members, who worked tirelessly on drafting the new FIS Statutes, which will usher in a new era for FIS.

As a reminder the 53^d International Ski Congress will take place in Vilamoura, Portugal in Spring 2022, which we are currently planning to be held in person.

I look forward to seeing you all then and wish everyone a successful and safe winter season.”

* * *

The President officially declares the online Extraordinary International Ski Congress closed, on 8th October 2021 at approximately 13.20 hrs.

* * *

Oberhofen, in October 2021



Michel Vion
Secretary General

The certifier of the Minutes:



Jenny Shute (GBR)