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Decisions of the 46th International Ski Congress in Cape Town (RSA)

Cape Town, May 30th, 2008 – Conscious of the importance of its deliberations for the future development of the sport of skiing, the 46th International Ski Congress, convening in Cape Town, South Africa, has made the following decisions:

Election of FIS Council for 2008-2010

The following were elected to the FIS Council for the upcoming two-year period, 2008-2010:

Jaakko Holkeri (FIN) – 107 votes
Yoshiro Ito (JPN) – 109 votes
Milan Jirasek (CZE) – 77 votes
Janez Kocijancic (SLO) – 100 votes
Sung-Won Lee (KOR) – 104 votes
Bill Marolt (USA) – 105 votes
Alain Methiaz (FRA, new) – 88 votes
Giovanni Morzenti (ITA, new) – 84 votes
Eduardo Roldan (SPA) – 91 votes
Pablo Rosenkjer (ARG) – 98 votes
Sverre Seeberg (NOR) – 111 votes
Patrick Smith (CAN) – 112 votes
Carl Eric Stålberg (SWE) – 109 votes
Leonid Tyagachev (RUS) – 104 votes
Fritz Wagnerberger (GER) – 104 votes
Werner Woerndle (AUT, new) – 92 votes

(The maximum number of votes available: 112)

Financial and administrative decisions

- Unanimous adoption the new World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards for Testing that were approved by the sports movement and governments at the World Anti-Doping Conference in November 2007. The new code will be valid globally from 1st January 2009.
- Unanimous adoption of new regulations in regard to a change of license. According to which an athlete 1) must possess the citizenship and passport of the country they wish to compete for, 2) must have their principal legal and effective place of residence in that country immediately prior to the date of request expect where the athlete is born in the territory of the new country or whose mother or father is a national of the new country. However the FIS Council reserves the right at its discretion to grant or not to grant the request of license given exceptional circumstances (such as refugee status).

- Acceptance of a modernized common approach, in the form of revised rules in the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR) - Rules 208 and 209, concerning electronic media including television, radio and the new media on a trial basis for a duration of two years. An international working group will be nominated to observe the implementation of the revised rules and evaluate further revisions especially in regard to the new media during the trial period.
- Commissioning of FIS to negotiate marketing and sponsoring agreements for the timing and data inserts for the FIS Alpine World Cup by 2010, for which any income will be provided to the National Ski Associations and their Organizers.
- Affiliation of Serbia as Full Member and of Montenegro, Lesotho and Malta as Associate Members, bringing the total FIS membership to 110 members. Kosovo's affiliation is pending recognition of the state by the United Nations. In the meantime, participation of their skiers is permitted at FIS/level and children's races. The membership of the Grenada International Sports Foundation, already suspended by decision of the FIS Council as of 17th November 2006, was suspended indefinitely.
- Approval of financial accounts for the two-year time period 2006-2008, with the best financial results in FIS history.
- Award of total of CHF 21.25 million in direct support from FIS to the member National Ski Associations during the 2008-09 financial period, comprising of a special distribution from the result of the 2006-07 period of CHF 11.25 million and National Ski Association financial support for the 2008-09 period of CHF 10 million.
- Appointment of Geoff Henke (AUS) as Honorary Member of FIS.

The FIS Congress also discussed FIS's plans for a multi-year international campaign entitled "Bring Children to Snow" designed to generate passion for snow activities among the younger generations. The marketing and activity campaign will be focused on enabling and enhancing the family experience in the snow and with snow activities, together with partners from various sectors including but not limited to the sports movement, ski industry, ski tourism, tourism associations, non-governmental and governmental organizations.

On an equally important topic on the FIS agenda, the Congress reviewed and discussed FIS's activities in regard to the environment and its engagement for the long-term sustainability of the ski sports.

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About FIS

Founded in 1924 during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France, the International Ski Federation (FIS) aims to promote the sport of skiing and snowboarding and directs the development of all ski and snowboarding activities world-wide. FIS administers the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding, including setting the international competition rules. With the help of its 112 member nations (one currently suspended), it stages more than 6'000 ski and snowboard competitions annually. FIS also makes recommendations for recreational skiing and snowboarding in the interest of all and promotes play in the snow as a healthy leisure activity for children and the youth. For more information, please visit www.fis-ski.com.