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STATUTE of the INTERNATIONAL POLICE SPORT UNION (USIP)

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Founded in Paris on May 23rd 1990 by the representatives of the following forty three countries:

ALGERIA - SAUDI ARABIA - ARGENTINA - BAHRAIN - BELGIUM – CHINA - DENMARK - EGYPT - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - SPAIN - FRANCE - FINLAND - GREECE - THE NETHERLANDS - HUNGARY - IRAQ - IRELAND - ICELAND - ITALY - JORDAN - KUWAIT - LEBANON - LUXEMBURG - LIBYA - MOROCCO – MAURITIUS - NORTH YEMEN - NORWAY – OMAN - PALESTINE - PORTUGAL - MONACO - QATAR - UNITED KINGDOM - SOMALIA - SUDAN - SOUTH YEMEN - SWEDEN - SWITZERLAND - SYRIA – (FORMER) CZECHOSLOVAKIA - TUNISIA AND (FORMER) SOVIET UNION.

CHAPTER I NAME - HEADQUARTERS – DURATION

Article 1

Name - Designation – Purpose

- (1) The association named the Union Sportive Internationale des Polices (International Police Sport Union) aims to promote sport among the police forces from all the continents and to co-ordinate the preparation, organization and the control of the international competitions in all sports disciplines. The association also aims to build up social, co-operative and professional relations between the police forces. The Union can use the shortened name – USIP.
- (2) The USIP strictly forbids any discussion, demonstration or activity of a political, trade union or religious character.
- (3) It was founded in Paris on May 23rd 1990.

Article 2

Headquarters

- (1) The official residence of the USIP is the Secretary General's office.
- (2) Place of the USIP headquarters can be amended only by decision of Congress.

Article 3
Duration

- (1) The duration of the association is unlimited.

CHAPTER II
MEMBERS – AFFILIATION

Article 4
Members

- (1) The USIP consists of the national police sports associations (hereinafter referred to as member unions) that observe the Statute and Rules & Regulations of the USIP, along with those that have been accepted by the Congress as the association's members.

Article 5
Conditions of the Membership

- (1) In order for a prospective party to become a member, membership needs to be approved by the Congress. Each member is obliged to comply with and observe the Statute and the Rules & Regulations of the association.
- (2) The Executive Committee is qualified to grant a provisional affiliation to the USIP during the period after the examination of validity of an application performed by the Secretary General only before the approval of the Congress. Such status must simply be confirmed by a favorable majority vote granted during the next Congress in order to become fully definitive. The conditions required for the admission of a national sports organization to the USIP are specified in the Rules & Regulations.

Article 6
Fees

- (1) The annual fee that each member union of the USIP is required to pay is a fixed amount set by the Congress. The fee needs to be paid by January 31st of each year.
- (2) Members who have not paid their fees will forfeit their voting rights at the Congress.
- (3) Failure to pay the fee shall result in a ban on competition participation.
- (4) Failure to pay may also result in a provisional exclusion from the association to be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

Article 7
Loss of the Membership as a Member Union

- (1) The Membership may be lost:
 - a. by a declaration of leaving of the member union sent to the President in writing,
 - b. after a provisional exclusion pronounced by the Executive Committee for contravening the Statutes or the Rules and Regulations or serious motives

causing moral or material damage to the association as well as for failure to pay the fees.

- (2) Before a possible provisional exclusion is pronounced, the member union in question is requested to supply written explanations to the Executive Committee.
- (3) The member union may appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee to the Congress. The Congress decides irrevocably.

CHAPTER III ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION

Article 8 Executive Committee

- (1) The USIP is managed by the Executive Committee who is entrusted with all the responsibilities that this Statute does not assign to the Congress or to another body of the USIP.
- (2) The Executive Committee consists of eight members from different member unions:
 1. The President
 2. Three Vice-Presidents (the first, second, and third)
 3. The Secretary General
 4. The Deputy Secretary General
 5. The Treasurer General
 6. The Chairman of the Technical Committee
- (3) The members of the Executive Committee are elected by the Congress by secret ballot by simple majority vote. Each member of the Executive Committee is appointed for a 4-year term of office. They can only be re-elected twice.
- (4) In the event, where is a vacancy in the composition of Executive Committee, he has the right to co-opt of the new member. The candidate for the vacant position indicates the President, this candidate must be accepted by members of the EC by vote.
- (5) During each term of office, the Executive Committee has a right to introduce necessary changes to the texts of documents: "The Rules and Regulations" and "Competition Rules". Such changes enter into force immediately, but these amendments are valid only to the next Congress. The provision amended by the Executive Committee, can be introduced in force on a permanent by decision of the nearest Congress.
- (6) The President, always is the chairman of the Congress deliberations and leads the sessions of the Executive Committee. He represents the USPE in all the deeds of civil life and before the courts, he authorizes expenses. He is responsible for the management of the USIP in compliance with the Statute. In the event of the vacancy in the position of the President, the office of the President is taken over by First Vice-President. In exceptional circumstances, these obligations may take the Second or Third Vice-president.
- (7) The Secretary General administers all the activities of the USIP between sessions of the Executive Committee, realises and implements decisions of the Congress and the Executive Committee.
- (8) The Deputy Secretary General is an assistant to the Secretary General and also fulfills the administrative function of Director of the Presidential Bureau.

- (9) Treasurer-General is responsible for financial policy and the implementation of all initiatives aimed at increasing the value of financial assets USIP.
- (10) The Chairman of the Technical Committee is responsible for the modification of competitions rules and organization of any sports activities. The Chairman is also responsible for contacts with sports organizations worldwide.
- (11) The detailed responsibilities of the members of the Executive Committee are specified in the Rules & Regulations.

CHAPTER IV CONGRESSES AND COMMITTEES

Article 9 The Congress

- (1) The Congress consists of one delegate of each member union of the USIP and of the members of the Executive Committee.
- (2) Each delegate has to be appointed by writing by his / her respective country delivered to the Secretary General before the opening of the Congress.
- (3) Each member union has one vote. The delegates may be accompanied by a guest delegate and/or experts who have no right to vote.
- (4) Delegates of a member union may only represent their own country.
- (5) Each member of the Executive Committee has one vote.
- (6) The Congress meets every two years, however, before the end of the third quarter of the fourth year at the latest.
- (7) The Congress is entitled to adopt a resolution in the first term in the presence of at least half of the persons entitled to vote; however, in the second term, the number of persons present shall not be taken into account, unless further provisions of the Statute state otherwise.
- (8) The agenda of the Congress must especially contain the following items:
 - a. Examination of the mandates
 - b. Election of two scrutinizers
 - c. Affiliation of the member unions and ballot
 - d. Examination and approval of the minutes of the previous Congress
 - e. Report on the previous years of work of the Executive Committee presented by the President
 - f. Report on the work of the Secretary General and on the international sports activities as well as on the work of the Technical Committee
 - g. Financial report prepared by the Chief Accountant of the USIP Office and Auditors' report
 - h. Approval of the delegates of the member unions of the Executive Committee
 - i. Election of members of the Executive, Technical and Auditing Committee
 - j. Discussion and vote on petitions
 - k. Budget proposal for the forthcoming four years; fixing of fees
 - l. Championship calendar
 - m. Appointment of the organizers of the next Congress
 - n. Other matters

- (9) All decisions made by the Congress, with the exception of modifications of the Statute, are taken by simple majority vote. Decisions are taken in an open vote by a show of hands, except the elections of members for the Executive, Technical, and Auditing Committee which have to be held by a secret ballot. The Members of the Intercontinental Sports Council are not selected by vote.
- (10) The Statute can only be modified by two third majorities of the present delegates and the members of the Executive Committee on condition that the two thirds amount to at least one third of the total number of all votes of the member unions.

Article 10 *Extraordinary Congress*

- (1) An Extraordinary Congress will be convoked, if at least half of the member unions of the USPE apply to the Secretary General under statement of reasons in writing and declare their willingness to organize it. The President decides about the venue and convokes the Congress for a date within three months after receipt of the application. The member unions have to be informed about date and venue at least five weeks before the Congress.
In the case, that a decision on a special question is required before the next regular Congress, the President, the Secretary General and the General Treasurer together can convoke an Extraordinary Congress by immediate announcement to the member unions.
- (2) The Extraordinary Congress decides only on the matters that are included in the Congress's agenda. The Extraordinary Congress is the only body competent to decide on the dissolution of the association.
- (3) The Extraordinary Congress is entitled to adopt resolutions in the first term in the presence of at least half of the persons entitled to vote, in the second term – regardless of the number persons present, unless the further provisions of the Statute state otherwise.
- (4) The decisions must be adopted by two-third majority or by three-quarter majority in the event of a dissolution.
- (5) The vote is performed by a show of hands, unless at least a quarter of the present persons entitled to vote request a secret ballot.

Article 11 *Special Provisions*

- (1) Applications and items of the agenda for the Congress can be introduced by the member unions and the Executive Committee. These documents and the reports submitted to the Congress have to be available at the office of the Secretary General of the USIP at least three months before the date of the Congress. They have to be sent to the member unions of the USIP at least one month before the meeting together with the agenda proposed by the Executive Committee.
- (2) Candidatures with regard to the reappointment of the Executive Committee or the Technical Committee can be submitted only by the member unions. These have to be available in the office of the Secretary General of the USIP at least three months before the date of the Congress. In the event of vacant positions being only known for three months prior to the Congress or during the Congress, candidatures may also be filed during the Congress itself.

- (3) The USIP provides board and lodgings free of charge to all the official Congress members. The financial plan of each Congress shall be established by the organizers and the Secretary General. The Executive Committee is competent to reject the financial plan of the Congress and may take decisions on financial participation in costs of Congress. The President signs decisions on the value of the budgetary expenses. Expenses connected with the participation of guest delegates and /or experts have to be paid by the corresponding member unions.
- (4) All persons authorized by the President may participate in all the sessions of the Congress and may take the floor.
- (5) The President chairs all the sessions of the Congress. In his absence, the Congress shall be chaired by one of the Vice-Presidents. If the latter are prevented from attending, the Congress shall elect a person from among its participants to chair the session.
- (6) In order to proceed with the election of the President and to meet the requirements of the discussion of his report, the member unions with a right to vote during the Congress have to elect an election chairman by simple majority. The new President will manage the election of the other members of the Executive Committee.
- (7) The Executive Committee may decide on the duration of the Congress in accordance with the agenda.
- (8) The official languages of the USIP are English, French, Arabic, and the national language of the Secretary General, if it is different from the above-mentioned languages. The languages need to be used at all the sessions of the Congress. In case of doubt the English version is valid.
- (9) The Statute, the Rules & Regulations, the Competition Rules, the agenda, and the minutes of the sessions of the Congress have to be prepared in the mentioned languages.

(Other writings may be prepared in one of the four official languages at will.)

Article 12

The Technical Committee, Auditing Committee, and the Intercontinental Sports Council

- (1) The Technical Committee (TC) is a permanent institution of the USIP. TC is responsible for establishing and updating the Competition Rules of the sport disciplines practiced in the USIP.
- (2) Modifications of the Competition Rules proposed by the Technical Committee are provisionally valid until the resolution of the next Congress is adopted.
- (3) The TC consists of the Secretary General as a representative of the President, the Chairman of the TC, and the Directors of the Police World Championships - Chiefs of each respective sports discipline.
- (4) The Auditing Committee (AC) is a permanent and independent institution that oversees the legal and financial activities of the USIP. The Auditing Committee consists of one Chairman and three Members.
- (5) The Congress elects members of the TC and AC for a 4-year term. They can be re-elected twice.
- (6) The Intercontinental Sports Council (ISC) is a permanent and independent institution of the USIP. The ISC consists of natural persons or legal entities that shall declare the financial assistance or other support for advancement of the USIP activities. Membership in ISC is voluntary; however, a written declaration is required.

- (7) The Chairman of the ISC has a full right to participation in all of the work of the Executive Committee and others executive organs of the USIP as well as participates in congresses with advisory voice.
- (8) The tasks and methods of operation of the TC, AC, and ISC are specified in the Rules & Regulations.

Article 13
Commissions

The Executive Committee may appoint a commissions, to solve a particular problem, theirs methods are defined in the rules and regulations. At least one member of the Executive Committee must be a member of each committee.

CHAPTER V
RESOURCES OF THE UNION AND ACCOUNTANCY

Article 14
Resources / Book Keeping

- (1) The annual resources of the USIP include:
 - a. the annual fees of the member unions
 - b. the registration fees for the World Championships and other competitions paid by the member unions
 - c. the appeal fees
 - d. state and international organization subsidies
 - e. the product of payment for the rendered services
 - f. donations of the International Sports Council of the USIP and of others benefactors
 - g. the liabilities of contracts to be performed with a profit
- (2) The currency in question is the EURO.
- (3) The financial year of the USIP corresponds to the calendar year. The Auditing Committee periodically or at the end of the each year examines financial documents and the report of the Treasurer General and also the documentation concerning conduct a financial activity by the General Secretariat of the USIP
- (4) In each inspection, take part two auditors who are appointed by the Chairman of the Audit Committee.
- (5) An Audit report is validated during the session of the Executive Committee and Congress.
- (6) Audit conditions are specified in the Rules & Regulations.
- (7) The book keeping of the Secretariat General of the USIP must be conducted in accordance with the law provisions of the State in which this office operates.

CHAPTER VI
MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTE — DISSOLUTION

Article 15
Modification of the Statutes

- (1) The Statutory provisions can only be modified on the conditions stipulated in Articles 9 and 10.

Article 16
Dissolution

- (1) The Extraordinary Congress, that decides about the dissolution, is convoked and ruled on the conditions stipulated in Article 10.
- (2) In case of dissolution the Congress appoints one or several commissioners, that are charged with the liquidation of the property of the USPE. It attributes the net assets to the International Olympic Committee. Under no circumstances the member unions may claim any share of the property, besides the possible repayment of their fees.

Article 17
Liability of the Union

- (1) The USIP declines any liability.
- (2) The insurance policies of the athletes have the sole aim of protecting the persons concerned against their own negligence. This does not entail any obligation or any acknowledgement of responsibility for the association.

Article 18
Legal Domicile

- (1) All the legal matters relating to principles of the statutory activity are under competence of an administrative authority, in which the USIP is registered .
- (2) The remaining legal issues or disputes which can not be resolved in administrative proceedings, are under the jurisdiction of the court, competent for the residence of the General Secretariat.

CHAPTER VII
RULES AND REGULATIONS - PUBLICATION

Article 19
Rules and Regulations

- (1) The Rules & Regulations of the USIP are prepared by the Executive Committee and adopted by the regular Congress. The Rules & Regulations specify the management of the USIP.

Article 20
Publication / Representation

- (1) The President of the USPE carries out the declaration and publication formalities as stipulated by the law.
- (2) In all the legal and administrative matters or concerning internal or external organisational regulations, the USIP always is represented jointly by the President and Secretary General. Unless other regulations provide otherwise.
- (3) All the official documents - have to be signed jointly by the President and the Secretary General, under pain of nullity.

CHAPTER VIII
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Article 21
Championships

- (1) The Union Sportive Internationale des Polices organizes the Police World Championships, World Games of Police Schools and promotes the organization of other international competitions.
- (2) The Congress decides which disciplines shall be featured during the championships and games. The Executive and Technical Committees are responsible for the organization of sports competitions.
- (3) The conditions of organization of the events are defined in the Rules & Regulations and in the Competition Rules.

Article 22
Other Sports Competitions

- (1) This covers all competitions organised on the national or international level on the initiative of the national organization or of the Technical Committee of the USIP.
- (2) The labels "The Police World Cup or "The Police World Games" - can be granted to international events which will stick to the Conditions and Regulations adopted by the USIP.

Article 23
The Competitors

- (1) Participation in championships is restricted to athletes, who:
 - a. meet the requirements of their international union
 - b. belong to a national sports organization that is a member of the USIP
 - c. are police officers or students of a public police academy, and are of the age of 18 at the time of the championships (including preliminary rounds)
- (2) The Rules and Regulations of the USIP specify the conditions for participation in competitions.

Article 24
Awards honouring the best police athletes / USIP medal of honour

- (1) The Congress will honour the best police athletes for the intervals between the Congresses.
- (2) The best female athlete, the best male athlete and the best team will be honoured for their performances during a World Police Championship. Furthermore, a male or female athlete who has achieved outstanding results during other international competitions will be honoured.
- (3) The decision on the athletes to be honoured shall be taken by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Technical Commission. The proposals for the individuals to be honoured may be submitted by the member unions as well as the members of the Technical Commission.
- (4) A USIP award of honour will be presented. The Executive Committee will decide on the award of the medal in accordance with the terms stipulated in the Rules and Regulations.

Article 25
Right to Defense

- (1) The member unions of the USIP have a right to appeal to the Executive Committee or to the Congress against sanctions imposed on one or several of their members.

Article 26
Coming into force of the Statutes

- (1) These statutory provisions can be applied in practice immediately.
- (2) This statute obtains a permanent legal validity - after legalisation and certification by an administrative authority, in which the USIP is registered.