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## A. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

ALGERIA	Mr Rachid Yann Fezouine
ANGOLA	Mr Francisco João Da C.S.
ARGENTINA	Mr Gabriel Curuchet
AUSTRALIA	Messrs Klaus Mueller, Graham Fredericks
AUSTRIA	Messrs Otto Flum, Rudolf Massak, Herbert Kocher
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BELGIUM	Messrs Tom Van Damme, Thierry Maréchal, François Vercammen
BRAZIL	Mr José Luiz Vasconcellos
BULGARIA	Messrs Venelin Tonev Hubenov, Tzviatko Tcholakov
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CAMEROON	
	Mr François Njele
CANADA	Mr John Tolkamp
CHINA	Mr Jiadong Cai
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COLOMBIA	Mr Jorge Ovidio Gonzalez Longas, Mrs Diana Elizabeth Lozano Garzon
CROATIA	Mr Dean Vitasovic
CYPRUS	Mr Nakis Michaelides
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DOMINICAN (REP.)	Mr Juan Luis Rodriguez
ECUADOR	Mr Luiz Ramirez Garces
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ESTONIA	Messrs Jaan loots, Urmas Karlson, Madis Lepajoe
FINLAND	Mr Timo Luostarinen, Mrs Sirpa Luostarinen
FRANCE	Messrs David Lappartient, Jean Pitallier, Mrs Laurence Leboucher
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GREAT BRITAIN	Mr Vic Opkin
GREECE	Mr Athanasios Tzimas
HONG KONG, CHINA	Mr Alfred Chik Yuen Li
HUNGARY	Mr Robert Sipiczki
INDIA	Messrs Parminder Singh Dhindsa, Onkar Singh
IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Messrs Ali Zang Abadi, Mohammad Navid Kasirian
IRELAND	
	Messrs Rory Wyley, Edward Keogh
ITALY	Messrs Rory Wyley, Edward Keogh  Messrs Flavio Milani, Giovanni Duci, Giampietro Sommariva, Enrico Dellacasa



JORDAN	Mr Jamal Mesleh Al-Fawaeir
KAZAKHSTAN	Mr Allen Chaizhunussov
KOREA (REP. OF)	Mr Dae-Hoon Lee
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LEBANON	Mr Vatché Zadourian
LIECHTENSTEIN	Mrs Yvonne Ritter-Elkuch
LITHUANIA	Mr Romualdas Bakutis
LUXEMBOURG	Messrs Jean Regenwetter, Edouard Buchette
MALAYSIA	Messrs Haji Abu Samah-Wahab, Misnoh Amrun
MEXICO	Mr Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya
MOLDAVIA (REP. OF)	Messrs Andrei Tchmil, Alexandr Barciuc, Vitalii Abramov
MONACO	Messrs Umberto Langellotti, Daniel Bottero
MOROCCO	Messrs Mohamed Belmahi, Boutiyeb Lacen, Abdelkhaled Khaldoune
MOZAMBIQUE	Mr Messias Langa
NETHERLANDS	Mrs Saskia Capello, Messrs Marcel Wintels, Frank Van Veenendaal
NEW ZEALAND	Messrs Richard Leggat, Kieren Turner
NORWAY	Messrs Harald Tiedemann Hansen, Jan Kartfjord, Asbjorn Andersen
POLAND	Mr Waclaw Skarul
PORTO RICO	Mr Waldo D. Ortiz Ramirez
PORTUGAL	Messrs Francisco Fernandes, Delmino Pereira
QATAR	Messrs Majid Ahmed Al Naimi, Nasser Khamis Al Kaabi
ROMANIA	Mr Radu Selejan
RUSSIA (FED. OF)	Messrs Igor Vktorovich Makarov, Vladimir Albertovitch Vagenleitner
SAN MARINO	Mr Daniele Cesaretti
SERBIA	Messrs Dragan Dostanic, Petar Rokvic
SLOVAKIA	Messrs Peter Privara, Pavol Galik, Mrs Tamara Strbakova
SLOVENIA	Messrs Tomaz Poljanec, Ales Kalan
SPAIN	Mrs Carmen Ramos Fernandez, Mr Juan Carlos Castaño
SOUTH AFRICA	Mr Greg Till
ST-KITTS-AND-NEVIS	Mr Winston Crook
SWEDEN	Mrs Yvonne Mattsson, Mr Anders Karlsson
SWITZERLAND	Mr Thomas Peter
SYRIAN (ARAB REP.)	Mr Mazem Al-Kafri
THAILAND	Messrs Decha Hemkasri, Nuthapong Lohitnavy, Mrs Panisara Hemkasri
TUNISIA	Mr Jamel Louafi
TURKEY	Messrs Abdurrahman Açikalin, Emin Muftuoglu
UKRAINE	Mrs Yuliya Trunova, Messrs Borys Ivanov, Alexandr Birlilukov
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Mr Ali Al Neimi
VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REP. OF)	Mr Jose Manuel Zabala



## **B. REGISTRATION OF THE VOTING DELEGATES**

The names of the voting delegates were handed to the President and recorded as follows:

## **AFRICA, 5 VOTING DELEGATES**

Messrs Greg Till (RSA), Rachid Yann Fezouine (ALG), Francisco João Da C.S. (ANG), Khaldoune Abdelkhaled (MAR), François Njele (CMR)

## **AMERICA, 9 VOTING DELEGATES**

Messrs Jorge Ovidio Gonzales (COL), Gabriel Curuchet (ARG), Sean Petty (USA), Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya (MEX), Juan Luis Rodriguez (DOM), John Tolkamp (CAN), Luis Ramirez (ECU), Jose Luis Vasconcellos (BRA), Waldo Ortiz (PUR)

## **ASIA, 9 VOTING DELEGATES**

Messrs Allen Chaizhunussov (KAZ), Mazen S. Al-Kafri (SYR), Alfred Li (HKG), Ali Zangiabadi (IRI), Jamal Mesleh Al-Fawaeir (JOR), Decha Hemkrasri (THA), Mizanur Rahman Manu (BAN), Abu Samah Wahab (MAS), Lee Dae Hoon (KOR)

#### **EUROPE, 14 VOTING DELEGATES**

Mrs Yvonne Mattsson (SWE), Messrs Jean Regenwetter (LUX), Jean Pitallier (FRA), Rocco Marchegiano (ITA), Tom Lund (DEN), Daniel Bottero (MON), Romualdas Bakutis (LTU), Pavol Galik (SVK), Thierry Maréchal (BEL), Rudolf Massak (AUT), Nakis Michaelides (CYP), Marko Procikevic (MNE), Thanasis Tzimas (GRE), Marcel Wintels (NED)

## **OCEANIA, 3 VOTING DELEGATES**

Messrs Klaus Mueller (AUS), Richard Leggat (NZL), Graham Fredericks (GUM)

## **TOTAL OF VOTING DELEGATES: 40**

Unless otherwise stated hereafter, the decisions by the Congress were taken unanimously.

The UCI President declared the Congress open.

Mr Tom Lund, President of the National Federation of Denmark and President of the Organizing Committee of the UCI Road World Championships 2011, spoke and welcomed the UCI Congress to Copenhagen. He was very happy to host the World Championships in the city of Copenhagen and reminded the meeting that this was the first "UCI Bike City". Cycling was in fact very popular in Copenhagen.

He thanked the UCI Management Committee and the Congress for the confidence placed in him.



## 1. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Mr Pat McQuaid welcomed the participants.

He wished to thank the National Federation of Denmark and expressed his pleasure at being in Copenhagen today for what was the UCI's beacon event of the year. Copenhagen was the first "UCI Bike City" and had been the scene of a great many exceptional cycling races at international level in recent years.

The President recapitulated the salient events of the year 2011, thanking in advance all the National Federations of Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania who through their commitment and unity had made such an important contribution to the success of cycling:

- The world financial crisis had caused severe turbulence for the entire world economy and the UCI had unfortunately not been spared. The UCI had therefore been obliged to continue its activities in this particularly difficult context. It managed to do so thanks to the unity shown by the members of the cycling family and the particular support given by the National Federations.
- 2011 will go down in the history of the UCI as an excellent year: the time for unity and consolidation no doubt heralds the opening of a new era.
- The globalisation of cycling continued in a spectacular fashion throughout the year 2011. For the second year in succession, the UCI WorldTour had been present in America with two races in Canada, in Montreal and in Quebec.
- Next October, the first edition of the Tour of Beijing, a UCI WorldTour race, will be held and the images of this race will be broadcast to millions of households. As the first UCI WorldTour race in China, and indeed anywhere in Asia, this is another landmark in the globalisation of cycling.
- The international position of cycling had also been strengthened, in particular with the Tour Down Under, in Australia, which was constantly growing in scale. This year, the City of Melbourne had received the "UCI Bike City" distinction and Cadel Evans had become the first Australian rider to win the Tour de France, reflecting the success of the globalisation of cycling promoted by the UCI. There were many other young promising athletes from the region in all the UCI disciplines, as had been noted this season in the BMX races and last month during the UCI Juniors Track World Championships in Moscow.
- On the African continent, the UCI Africa Tour had hosted new races such as the spectacular Tour of Algeria. Cycling had also been a leading discipline at the recent All African Games in Mozambique. For their part, the MTB Continental Championships in South Africa had been a real success and new African nations were coming on to the scene; they were being increasingly represented on the podiums, in particular Eritrea and Ethiopia.
- The case of the young Eritrean trainee at the World Cycling Centre, Daniel Teklehaymanot, who will be joining a UCI ProTeam next season, is a good example of success in the development of cycling pursued by the UCI. Thanks to his talent and determination, this rider has become a source of inspiration to many other riders from every continent. The UCI wishes him well-merited success for the future.
- The first edition of the UCI Junior Conference had been held yesterday and was attended by over 250 riders in the Junior category from all over the world. Many personalities spoke, in particular Philippe Gilbert (BEL), professional rider of the Omega Pharma-Lotto team and leader of the 2011 UCI WorldTour ranking, Noemi Cantele (ITA), who ranked third in the 2009 UCI Road World Championships at Mendrisio and Christian Prudhomme, Director of the Tour de France. They introduced their activities and outlined a wide range of different career opportunities in cycling to the young athletes.
- The World Cycling Centre continues to provide its services for the benefit of the National Federations. Since its inauguration in 2002, the CMC had hosted some one thousand trainees from 118 different countries.
- Road and Track are maintaining their dominant position in cycling. The most remarkable fact was the considerable growth of public interest in every discipline of women's cycling. For example in cyclo-cross, more than 70 women's races were now registered on the international calendar.
- In Mountain Bike, the UCI had again seen a record number of races registered on the international calendar this year. Trial was experiencing a true revival thanks to the latest urban and freestyle influences.
- Indoor cycling is still as strong as ever and Cycling for All and Masters remain equally popular with the successful inauguration in 2011 of the new "UCI World Cycling Tour".



- Thanks to the "re-cycling" initiative, the UCI was strengthening its environmental strategy by underlining collective responsibility and providing guidance for organisers about the ecological management of their event.
- In 2011, the number of BMX tracks, clubs and licence holders had risen by 15%. The interest of the public and of the media had also grown; for example, the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup leg in London, test event for the Olympic Games, was broadcast in the USA on the NBC channel. This discipline has become an emblem for young people all over the world and a gateway to the world of cycling, barely four years after its inclusion for the first time on the programme of the Olympic Games.
- Turning to the Olympic Games, the UCI is continuing its work in the Olympic movement at every level, including the harmonisation of its Olympic programme.
- On this subject, a new Olympic track programme will be introduced at the forthcoming Olympic Games to include five events for women and five for men. The Olympic track programme will accordingly reach three objectives: equality of men and women, a fair balance between the specialisations of speed and endurance, and the strengthening of interest in track cycling. Omnium for its part will be included for the first time at the London Olympic Games.
- Turning to the road, Mountain Bike and BMX test events, they had been a real success. The track test event will be held in February 2012. The Paralympic Games are also likely to prove highly successful. In this regard, paracycling is in very good shape within the UCI and approximately 40% of the UCI members have developed their paracycling activities significantly since the inclusion of this discipline by the UCI.
- 2012 will be a special year for the UCI, not only because of the Olympic Games but also with maybe, however the time lapse is short, the inauguration of the UCI Cycling Forum, bringing together all the stakeholders in cycling for an exchange of views, discussions and meetings. This initiative forms part of the work to strengthen relations within the cycling family and with all the external partners of the industry, public authorities, sponsors and the media. The objective is to have the first UCI Cycling Forum in November 2012.
- Turning to the fight against doping, the UCI will continue its implacable war on cheats using all the modern means at its disposal. In 2011, the UCI introduced a new rule seeking to prevent any individual found guilty of an offence against the anti-doping regulation during his riding career from obtaining a licence enabling him to assume a position in cycling as a member of the personnel surrounding a team. The UCI has also strengthened its cooperation with the public authorities in the fight against doping.
- The UCI remains the only International Federation which uses the athlete's biological passport to verify parameters and establish individual profiles of riders and also applies the resulting anti-doping sanctions. Over 950 riders have taken part in the UCI's biological passport programme.
- In May 2011, the "No Needle Policy" adopted by the UCI Management Committee was warmly welcomed by the anti-doping community. This initiative is the outcome of the discussions opened in November 2010 within the UCI Medical Commission and also the result of collaboration with the International Federation of Rowing Societies (FISA). This new rule consists in prohibiting and punishing the use of injections when no medical indication exists. This measure is designed first and foremost to protect the health of the riders and to contribute to the eradication of doping by limiting a practice which is all too often a source of abuse. The IOC for its part recently decided to follow the UCI in the implementation of this rule and announced that the use of injections without a medical indication would be prohibited during the upcoming Olympic Games in London.
- The tenacious work done by the UCI to prevent doping is finally "paying dividends". The Tour de France, which is a barometer of the fight against doping, proved a real sporting and popular success in 2011 and the media and public interest focused on the sport rather than on doping scandals. Thanks to the commitment of one and all to the fight against doping, the image of cycling has been greatly improved and the UCI is receiving more and more messages of support from the international sporting community and the media. The UCI is recognised today as a pioneer in the fight against doping.
- Another reason for optimism over the future from an institutional point of view is the stable financial situation of the UCI. On 1 July 2011, the UCI welcomed its new Director General, Mr Christophe Hubschmid. He had worked for several years in the top management of major Swiss and American corporations, including IBM, Mc Kinsey and AT&T. He takes over from Mr Jean-Pierre Strebel who remains active in cycling as a Co-opted member of the UCI Management Committee, President of the World Cycling Centre Foundation and Member of the Board of Directors of GCP, in particular. The President of the UCI, in his own name and in that of the Management Committee and of the Congress, conveyed their recognition for the eighteen years spent by Mr J-P. Strebel at the service of the UCI, to



whose development he had made an important contribution through his enthusiasm and expertise. Mr Strebel, who had been the interim Director General of the UCI and its Financial Director until 1 July 2011, handed over the duties of Financial Director to Mr Alain Siegrist, who had worked for the Ernst & Young company and had already been cooperating with the UCI for a number of years. Mr Strebel left the UCI in a very good organisational and financial condition, despite the economic crisis which is affecting the whole world.

Every year, around one billion persons follow cycling events. The President pointed out that this popular success was possible only with the commitment of the representatives and Presidents of the National Federations whom he thanked warmly for all the efforts undertaken at national level. Mr McQuaid expressed the hope to the Congress that the World Championships in Copenhagen would prove an outstanding event.

## 2. ADMISSIONS, SUSPENSIONS, POSSIBLE EXCLUSIONS OF FEDERATIONS

• The Congress granted affiliation to the Federation of Congo (Brazzaville) and the Federation of Mozambique.

The President of the Federation of Congo (Brazzaville) thanked the Congress and expressed his pleasure at becoming an official member of the cycling family.

The Vice-President of the Mozambique Federation thanked the members of the UCI for granting definitive affiliation to his federation, especially as it had been honoured to organise the All African Games in 2011 as a provisionally affiliated member.

- The Congress decided to suspend the following National Federations: the Federation of Burundi and the Federation of Turkmenistan which had persistently failed to pay the affiliation fees due. This suspension will automatically end as soon as the arrears have been settled. No representative of these National Federations was present at the Congress.
- After noting the situation of the National Federation of Gabon, the Congress authorised the Management Committee
  to suspend that Federation if it failed to respect the calendar adopted with the UCI administration (adaptation of the
  constitution, holding a general meeting with elections etc.) and if its situation had not been brought into an orderly
  state by the next meeting of the Management Committee in January 2012.

## 3. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE UCI IN 2010

Mr C. Hubschmid, Director General of the UCI since 1 July 2011, thanked the Management Committee and the Congress for giving him the honour of contributing to the organisation and development of world cycling.

He thanked Mr J-P. Strebel for providing him with the necessary support during the transitional period in which Mr Strebel had accompanied him.

The Management Committee Report, as presented in the annual report and commented on by Mr Hubschmid, was approved by the Congress.

## 4. 2012 BUDGET

The Financial Director presented the 2012 budget. It seemed likely that the exchange risk which remained very high would have an impact on the 2012 budget.

Mr A. Siegrist informed the Congress that the Management Committee had decided to take steps aiming at rebuilding the reserves of the UCI by CHF 20 million by the year 2020, using the contribution made by the IOC as follows:

- 20% of the revenues generated by the Olympic Games would be assigned to reserves (London and Rio de Janeiro);
- 80% of the contribution received from the IOC would be assigned to the development of cycling by the CMC (spread over 4 years);
- CHF 700,000 by way of reserves to be set up annually until 2020.

The budget was approved by the Congress. No questions were asked, no comments were made.



## 5. NATIONAL FEDERATIONS' AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2012

The system of affiliation fees payable by the National Federations will remain unchanged in 2012.

## 6. 2010 ACCOUNTS

Mr A. Siegrist stated that the result for the financial year 2010 stood at CHF 114,000, without the need to draw upon the reserves. The major financial risk to be managed at present was the exchange risk: the CHF was still too strong against the Euro and the USD.

Following information and explanations given by Mr A. Siegrist on the 2010 accounts, the Congress approved these accounts as well as the financial management. The Congress granted a release to the Management Committee and to the General Management of the UCI. No questions were asked, no comments were made.

## 7. AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor's report as presented in the annual report was approved by the Congress. No questions were asked, no comments were made.

## 8. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

The Congress decided to appoint KPMG SA as the auditor of the UCI for the period between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2015. The Congress approved the contract between KPMG and the UCI.

## 9. ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The President introduced the election of the members of the Management Committee.

He explained that Mr Fritz Ramseier was attending his last Congress today as a member of the Management Committee, because he had reached the age limit stipulated in the UCI constitution. Mr F. Ramseier had dedicated his life to cycling and his contributions to the meetings of the Management Committee had always been highly pertinent. On behalf of the Management Committee and the Congress, the President thanked Mr F. Ramseier for his devotion.

Mr McQuaid went on to explain that Mr Joop Atsma had resigned from his membership of the Management Committee following his appointment to the Dutch Government in 2011.

There were therefore two vacancies for members of the Management Committee belonging to a European Federation.

Two nominations had been made by the UEC, those of Messrs Lappartient and Makarov.

Pursuant to Article 39.3 of the Constitution, Messrs Lappartient and Makarov were elected by the Congress by acclamation.

## 10. APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION

Acting on a proposal by the Management Committee, the Congress decided to appoint the following persons as members of the Ethics Commission for a four-year term of office:

- Pieter Zevenbergen (NED);
- Peter Barth (GER);
- Noemi Cantele (ITA).



## 11. AWARDING OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Congress noted the following allocations:

- 2012 "UWCT Final" World Championships: Pietermaritzburg (South Africa);
- 2014 UCI Juniors Track World Championships: Seoul (South Korea);
- 2014 UCI Road World Championships: Ponferrada (Spain);
- 2015 UCI Road World Championships: Richmond (USA).

## 12. QUESTIONS AND PROPOSALS FROM NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Delegations were invited to speak.

Mr Belmahi, President of the Moroccan Federation, congratulated President McQuaid and the UCI Management Committee for the efforts made to develop cycling across the world and to prevent doping. He thanked the Management Committee for its activities and the quality of the work done, in particular by Messrs Al Qassimi and Azzam.

## 13. AWARDING OF THE UCI MERIT

On behalf of the Management Committee, the President awarded the UCI Merit to the following persons:

Messrs Decha Hemkasri (Thailand) and Henrique Ventura Correia de Castro (Portugal).

## 14. OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation by the London Organising Committee (LOCOG) for the 30th Olympic Games.

Mrs Debbie Jevans, Sports Director of LOCOG, gave a general presentation of the forthcoming Olympic Games to be held in London. She informed the Congress that all of the test events had gone ahead very successfully and that all the tickets had been sold. She also pointed out that the Paralympic Games would be held directly after the Olympic Games. Mrs Debbie Jevans expressed the honour which she felt of collaborating with the UCI on this extraordinary event in a positive spirit.

Mr Simon Lillistone, Director of cycling competitions at LOCOG, gave a specific presentation of cycling at the forthcoming Olympic Games. He introduced the exact calendar of the events, together with the plan of the sites and practical information.

Mrs Jevans and Mr Lillistone thanked President P. McQuaid on behalf of LOCOG together with all the members of staff of the UCI and wished the UCI every success in the preparatory phase.

Mr P. McQuaid thanked Mrs Jevans and Mr Lillistone on behalf of the Congress for this excellent presentation and looked forward to attending the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London.

## **CLOSING**

The President thanked the Congress for the confidence placed in him. He also took the opportunity to thank Mrs Dominique Raymond, Manager of NF and CC relations on behalf of the UCI for her devotion and for the quality of the work done with all the members of the UCI.

The President closed the Congress.