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Following the invitation letter of 25th August, 2021, on October 9th, 2021 in Chianciano Terme (Italy), at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, in Via Sant'Agnesse n. 6, close to the playing hall of the European Teams Championships, after having completed the accreditation checks and anti-covid tests for the newly arrived representatives, at 15.30 the EDC General Assembly started with the following Agenda:

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Report on activities
3. European Draughts Confederation renewed Statute
4. European Draughts Confederation: Ordinary and Associate Members
5. Discussion points
6. Closing

The following 11 Federations were directly represented: **Belarus** (Vital Aniska), **Belgium** (Johan Demasure), **Czech Republic** (Petra Duskova), **Estonia** (Tarmo Tulva), **Italy** (Carlo A. Bordini), **Latvia** (Guntis Valneris), **Lithuania** (Romualda Shidlauskene), **The Netherlands** (Rik Keurentjes), **Poland** (Damian Reszka), **Russia** (Yurii Chertock), **Ukraine** (Anatolii Yatsenko), two federations by proxy (**Turkey** represented by Italy and **Germany** by Poland) in addition to Slovenia which expressed a favourable opinion to the new statute by e-mail. In total 13 + 1 federations represented out of 21 with the right to vote (i.e. without debts to EDC or FMJD, as noticed by the FMJD Office, via e-mail, on 16th September, 2021), then with a large majority to declare the General Assembly valid. Also present were the former EDC and FMJD President Janek Maggi (EST), Daniele Macali (ITA, with the function of secretary for taking the minutes), Edvard Buzinskij (LIT) and Uladislau Splendzer (BLR), member of the EDC Executive Board. An interpreter English-Russian (Maria Tkacheva) has been present for all the time of General Assembly (GA).

At the 15.30 the President EDC Carlo Bordini opened the works, flanked by the EDC Executive Board members present: Johan Demasure (Vice President and T.D. Youth), Tarmo Tulva (Tournament Director) and Uladislau Splendzer (Responsible of Problemist Commission), with a short speech of welcome and thanks to all present.

Then EDC President moved on to point 2 of the Agenda, and the EDC Reports from 2019 to 2021, already presented during the FMJD General Assembly on 3rd July in Tallinn, and balances 2018, 2019 and 2020, with Balance sheet, Explanatory Notes, Financial Statement and Bank statement, were shared. All the attached documents of General Assembly (Reports, Balances and Minutes of Executive Board) were collected and were made available to those present for possible consultations.

No objections or any requests for clarifications regarding the reports were presented, so we moved on to the following point 3: European Draughts Confederation renewed Statute.

The President started reading the renewed Statute voted and proposed from the EDC Executive Board. It was correct the typo about EDC year of foundation, which is 1998. Subsequently, arrived at point 11, of chapter 1, languages, where English has been indicated as the official language of the EDC. There was a discussion phase, in which the President explained that it was written to avoid the mandatory of having to translate everything into other languages, also for economic reasons. EDC obviously will continue to use in the various communications at least Russian, and if possible also French, as happened so far, and demonstrated by the presence of the interpreter at this GA. Then Lithuania asked to vote: to leave the text unchanged or to rewrite it as in the FMJD Statute and also including the Russian language. The vote gave the following outcome: in favour of the change 2 (Lithuania and Ukraine), abstained 1 (Russia), in favour of leaving the text as proposed the other 10. Then no changes were made.

The reading of the renewed statute went ahead till the Chapter 4, article 6, point 2, letter b, when it was requested and agreed to specify and add "Ordinary" after the word Members.

The reading went ahead with the request to treat the point of membership fees (Chapter 7, Article 1, point 2.3), about the amount of it, in the discussion point of GA Agenda. Request accepted by all.

Once the reading of the Statute was completed, the final vote was taken: the renewed EDC Statute was voted unanimously.

The work of the assembly continued with point 4 on the agenda. European Draughts Confederation: Ordinary and Associate Members, described in Annex I of the renewed EDC Statute, just approved, with 21 Federation as Ordinary Members, that is, all federations in good standing with the payment of FMJD memberships fees, and 8 Associated Members, that means:

Ordinary Members: 1. Belarus: Belarusian Draughts Federation; 2. Belgium: Koninklijke Belgische Dambond; 3. Cyprus: Scientific Thought Development Association; 4. Czech Republic: Czech Federation of Draughts; 5. Estonia: Estonian Draughts Federation; 6. France: Fédération Française de Jeu de Dames; 7. Germany: Interessengemeinschaft Damespiel in Deutschland (IGD); 8. Hungary: Hungary Draughts Federation; 9. Israel: Israeli Draughts Federation; 10. Italy: Federazione Italiana Dama; 11. Latvia: Latvian Draughts federation; 12. Lithuania: Lithuanian draughts federation; 13. Netherlands: Koninklijke Nederlandse Dambond (KNDB); 14. Poland: Polski Związek Warcabowy; 15. Portugal: Portuguese Draughts Federation; 16. Romania: Romanian Draughts Federation; 17. Russia: The Draughts Federation of Russia; 18. Slovenia: Slovene Draughts Federation; 19. Switzerland: Federation Suisse du Jeu de Dames; 20. Turkey: IZMIR 64-100 INTERNATIONAL DRAUGHTS ASSOCIATION (IZMIR 64-100); 21. Ukraine: National Ukrainian Draughts Federation (NUDF).

Associate Members: 22. Armenia: Armenian Draughts Federation; 23. Azerbaijan: Azerbaijan Draughts Federation; 24. Bulgaria: Bulgarian Draughts Federation; 25. England: English Draughts Association; 26. Georgia: Georgian Draughts United National Federation; 27. Moldova (Republic of): Draughts Federation of Moldova; 28. Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland International Draughts Federation; 29. Wales: Cymdeithas Drafts Cymru.

A vote about proposal was taken: the “Annex I” of Statute, with Ordinary Members and Associated Members was voted unanimously.

After this point, at about 17.00 the works were suspended for a coffee break, to resume at 17.30 with point 5 on the agenda: 5. Discussion points.

Johan Demasure talked about the European Championship Under27, from 15th to 22th November in Kortrijk, Belgium, after many years from the last Youth championship that was held in the Country.

Then Damian Reszka spoke about European Veteran Championships in Julinek in Poland, from 19th to 28th November. Damian Reszka talked also about a proposal of Confederations Cup, that will be sent with details to the next EDC Executive Board.

Then Rik Keurentjes, trainer member of EDC Athletes and Trainers Commission, explain about his job connected with the EDC Executive Board, pointing out that he has always been invited to participate in board meetings, as the other two members, but that he has been the only one who took part to in these two years. The General Assembly, having acknowledged the commitment and availability of Rik Keurentjes, agreed to renew partially the committee, confirming Rik as member and renewing two positions (one man and one women). It was decided to ask their availability to the players, and preferable confirming a Russian player in the commission as suggested. The EDC Board will act in this direction. Furthermore, Keurentjes and Demasure informed that EDC is working to organize a meeting for youth trainers and a Referees Course during the European Youth Championships 2022.

Then the General Assembly started talked about the EDC annual fee, just provided in the renewed Statute and about the matter that not even a part of FMJD fees is transferred to the Continental Confederations, which need resources to manage their activities. After the representatives shared their thoughts the General Assembly unanimously voted to set an annual fee of 50 € for each EDC Federations, which will be cancelled in case that FMJD will restore the 50% of annual fees (currently 120 €) to the Continental Confederations, that needs resource (also little) to act.

Other issue treated concerned the schedule of World Youth Championships considered too close to the usual EDC one, in the beginning of August, for which matter – as requested from General Assembly, without any opposition for that – the EDC Executive Board will send an official letter of protest to the FMJD.

About the Youth Championships Johan Demasure explained also the matter of the fourth player for the Federations, also called “sponsor place”, different to the FMJD Annex 13, point 5, reserved to the Federation who organises. In the European Championships Youth, the first two place (of each group) have to be payed but, in case of three players (in a group), the third is for free. In case that a Federation wants to join a fourth player in a group, also the third one must be paid.

Last matter was reserved to the 2022 calendar, ongoing considering the pandemic, with the fixed point of period of August for Championships Youth, but for which, together with the adult and veteran championships, an available organizer have to be still found, and there are some contacts in progress to be verified.

At 18.30, having been discussed all the points in agenda and all the requests of the GA, the President Carlo Bordini declared the GA works closed, thanking everybody for their participation.

The EDC GA Secretary
Daniele Macali

The EDC President
Carlo A. Bordini