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RATIFICATION BY THE FINA GENERAL CONGRESS

OF THE EXCEPTIONAL DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE FINA BUREAU

The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered major postponements and changes in the Aquatics and Olympic Games' calendars.

According to Rule C 17.13.9, the FINA Bureau has the right to make decisions in case of emergency and in any situation in which no other FINA body may act. Based on this emergency power, the FINA Bureau took the decisions listed under, deviating from the FINA Constitution only to the extent necessary to take into account the COVID-19 pandemic and the nature of the 2021 FINA Extraordinary General Congress.

These decisions will be submitted to the FINA Extraordinary General Congress in Abu Dhabi for a formal approval/ratification (*item 4, Approval of the agenda and Ratification of the exceptional decisions taken by the FINA Bureau*).

1/ *Right for a FINA Member to appoint delegate(s) to participate and vote to the 2021 FINA Extraordinary General Congress*

According to FINA Rule C 15.4.2, a FINA Member may appoint delegates to participate and vote in a General Congress provided that during the preceding twelve (12) months it has participated in at least one International Aquatics Competition (the FINA World Championships, other FINA Competitions, continental Competitions, regional Competitions or other international Competitions).

FINA Bureau took note that FINA events' postponements and/or cancellations has rendered more difficult for FINA Members to comply with the aforementioned participation requisite. The FINA Bureau therefore decided to exceptionally derogate, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of events' postponements and cancellations, to FINA Rule C 15.4.2 and to provide that a FINA Member may appoint delegates to participate and vote at the 2021 FINA Extraordinary General Congress in Abu Dhabi, even if it does not comply with the participation requisite provided under FINA Rule C 15.4.2.

However, this relaxation shall not be interpreted as a waiver by FINA to other requisites provided under the FINA Rules.

2/ Voting method for the 2021 FINA Extraordinary General Congress

The 2021 FINA Extraordinary General Congress will constitute the first step for FINA Members to adopt changes suggested by the FINA Reform Committee and unanimously supported by the FINA Bureau. This reform will be one of the only items to be voted on during the 2021 FINA Extraordinary General Congress. Thus, the FINA Bureau has considered, based on the nature of the 2021 FINA Extraordinary General Congress and the number of items to be voted on, disproportionate to spend a significant amount to set up a sophisticated electronic voting system both for FINA delegates who will participate on site and the ones who will take part remotely.

Accordingly, the FINA Bureau has decided that FINA delegates present on site will vote by a show of hands (“flags system”) and that FINA delegates, who will represent remotely a FINA Member, shall vote by anticipation via a mail vote. The FINA Bureau has delegated to the FINA Office the competence to determine the modalities surrounding the mail vote.

Lausanne, on 7 December 2021