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Registration of National Federations delegates

ALGERIA	Mr Rachid Yann Fezouine
AUSTRALIA	Mr Malcolm Speed
AUSTRIA	Mr Rudolf Massak
AZERBAIJAN	Messrs. Sahib Alakbarov, Farhad Aliyev
BARBADOS	Messrs. Keith E. Yearwood, Glendene Y. Boyce
BELGIUM	Messrs. Thierry Maréchal, William Van Aerde, Jules Vandergunst
BRAZIL	Mr Marco Barrosa
CANADA	Mr John Tolkamp
CHINA	Mr Niu Hongtao
COLOMBIA	Messrs. Ramiro Valencia, Juan Felipe Valencia
COSTA RICA	Mr Hector Campos Araya
CROATIA	Messrs. Martin Čotar, Ervin Skacan
CZECH REPUBLIC	Dr Marián Stenina, Mr Stanislav Kozubek
DENMARK	Messrs. Peder Pedersen, Niels Sorensen, Henrik Jess Jensen
DJIBOUTI	Messrs. Hassan Samireh Sougueh, Mohamed Nour Madar
EGYPT	Mr Ayman Ali Hassan
EL SALVADOR	Mr Hector Ernesto Rivas Torres
ESTONIA	Mr Madis Lepajoe
FINLAND	Mr Mika Niskanen
FRANCE	Messrs. David Lappartient, Patrice Roy
GABON	Mr Maurice-Nazaire Embinga
GERMANY	Messrs. Toni Kirsch, Martin Wolf
GHANA	Mr Mohammed Sahnoun
GREAT BRITAIN	Messrs. Jonny Clay, Charles Jackson, Robert Howden, Alasdair McLennan
GUAM	Ms Melinda Tarrant (proxy for Guam)
GUATEMALA	Dr Alfredo Benjamin Flores Giron
HONG KONG, CHINA	Mr Alfred Li
HUNGARY	Messrs. Törzsök Zsolt, Djamolidine Abdoujaparov, Mihály Sutkó
IRELAND	Messrs. Geoff Liffey, Jack Watson, Denis Toomey
ITALY	Ms Danelia Isetti, Ms Maria Cristina Gabriotti, Messrs. Giovanni Duci, Michel Gamba
JAPAN	Ms Naoko Kaizuka, Mr Shigemitsu Sakuma
JORDAN	Mr Jamal Al-Faweir
KAZAKHSTAN	Mr Dmitriy Muravyev
LATVIA	Messrs. Linards Veide, Igo Japinsh, Edward Bowov
LEBANON	Mr Abdo Nader
LIBYA	Mr Nourreddin Ahmed Altareki
LITHUANIA	Ms Valentinas Rutkauskas, Mr Zydrunas Stankevicius
LUXEMBOURG	Messrs. Jean Regenwetter, Edouard Buchette
MACAO, CHINA	Messrs. Lei Keong Sio, Che Tin Iao
MALTA	Mr Daniel Borg Olivier
MEXICO	Messrs. Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya, Gabriel Espinosa Castillo, Armando Becerra Reyes
MONACO	Messrs. Umberto Langellotti, Guido Possetto
MOROCCO	Messrs. Haj Lahcen Boutiyeb, Samir Kbibou, Lahcent Kharsi
THE NETHERLANDS	Messrs. Marcel Wintels, Frank Van Veenendall, Simon Meijn
NEW ZEALAND	Messrs. Richard Leggat, Shane Coppin (proxy for New Zealand)
NIGERIA	Mr Giandomenico Massari
NORWAY	Messrs. Harald Tiedemann Hansen, Eli Orre, Bjorn Saetre
PAKISTAN	Mr Ahmed Rashid
POLAND	Messrs. Czeslaw Lang, Wacław Skarul, Rzepka Bogdan
PORTUGAL	Ms Catarina Canha, Messrs. Delmino Pereira, José Calado
PUERTO RICO	Ms Rebecca A. Irizzary Irizzary, Mr Waldo D. Ortiz Ramirez
QATAR	Messrs. Nasser Khamis Al Kaabi, Bin Ali Al Thani
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Ms Arina Parkhomova, Ms Victoria Lesnikova, Messrs. Alexander Gusyatnikov, Vladimir Vagenleitner
RWANDA	Mr Aimable Bayingana



SERBIA	Messrs. Branko Banovic, Sasa Gajicic
SLOVAKIA	Messrs. Peter Privara, Ratislav Zoller
SLOVENIA	Mr Tomaz Grm
SOUTH AFRICA	Mr William Newman
SPAIN	Messrs. José Luis López Cerrón, Alejandro Martin Garcia, Manuel Rodriguez
SRI LANKA	Mr K.P.P. Pathirana
SWEDEN	Ms Yvonne Mattsson, Mr Ulf Flink
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Ms Rowena Williams
TURKEY	Ms Pinar Arpinar
UKRAINE	Messrs. Borys Ivanov, Roman Tkachivskyi
USA	Messrs. Steve Johnson, Sean Petty
UZBEKISTAN	Ms Elena Chernikova, Ms Ksenia Voynova
VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REP. OF)	Messrs. Jose Manuel Zabala, Artemio Leonett, Francisco Pazo



Present

Management Committee

Mr	B. COOKSON	- President
	Dr M. W. AZZAM	- Vice-President
Ms	T. GAUDRY	- Vice-President
Messrs.	D. LAPPARTIENT	- Vice-President
	V. HOLECEK	- Honorary Vice-President
	M. BELMAHI	- Member
	R. DI ROCCO	- Member
	A. LOPES	- Member
	I. MAKAROV	- Member
	E. MÜFTÜOĞLU	- Member
	P. PEDERSEN	- Member
	J-M. PELAEZ	- Member
	M. PLANT	- Member
	M. STETINA	- Member
	T. VAN DAMME	- Member

Apologies:

Mr	H.W. CHO	- Member
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UCI Staff:

Mr	M. GIBBS	- Director General
Mr	L. AGASSIZ	- Lawyer (minutes)
Mr	A. SIEGRIST	- Financial Director
Mr	N. VALTICOS	- Head of the Legal Services - Lawyer

Participating:

Mr	R. LEGGAT	- President of the Ethics Commission
Mr	P-H. PINGEON	- KPMG Expert Auditor



Registration of voting delegates

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

Africa, 7 voting delegates

Messrs. William Newman (RSA), Mohammed Sahnoun (GHA), Haj Lahcen Boutiyeb (MAR), Aimable Bayingana (RWA), Nourreddin Ahmed Altareki (LBA), Maurice-Nazaire Embimga (GAB), Ayman Ali Hassan (EGY).

America, 9 voting delegates

Ms Rowena Williams (TTO), Messrs Steve Johnson (USA), Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya (MEX), Alfredo Flores (GUA), Waldo Ortiz Ramirez (PUR), Ramiro Valencia (COL), Artemio Leonett (VEN), Marco Barrosa (BRA), Hector Ernesto Rivas Torres (SAL).

Asia, 9 voting delegates

Ms Elena Chernikova (UZB), Messrs. Alfred Li (HKG), K.P.P. Pathirana (SRI), Jamal Al-Faweir (JOR), Lei Keong Sio (MAC), Dmitriy Muravyev (KAZ), Ahmed Rashid (PAK), Niu Hongtao (CHN), Abdo Nader (LBN).

Europe, 14 voting delegates

Ms Yvonne Mattsson (SWE), Ms Victoria Lesnikova (RUS), Messrs. Jean Regenwetter (LUX), Patrice Roy (FRA), Umberto Langellotti (MON), Peter Privara (SVK), Thierry Maréchal (BEL), Rudolf Massak (AUT), Giovanni Duci (ITA), Charles Jackson (GBR), Toni Kirsch (GER), Martin Wolf (GER), Harald Tiedemann Hansen (NOR), Stanislav Kozubek (CZE).

Oceania, 3 voting delegates

Ms Melinda Tarrant (GUA), Messrs. Malcolm Speed (AUS), Shane Coppin (NZL).

Total voting delegates: 42

The decisions of the Congress were taken unanimously, unless indicated otherwise.



The UCI President declared the Congress open.

Mr José Luis López Cerrón, President of the Royal Spanish Cycling Federation (RFEC), welcomed the UCI Congress to Ponferrada. He thanked all the Spanish authorities who assisted in the organisation of the World Championships as well as the UCI Management Committee and Congress for the trust they had shown.

1. President's speech

Mr Brian Cookson, UCI President, welcomed the National Federation delegates who represent UCI members. He accepted the apologies of Mr Cho, President of the Asian Cycling Confederation, who was attending the Asian Games being held in South Korea. He also thanked the Royal Spanish Cycling Federation and all the authorities who had made the organisation of the World Championships in Ponferrada possible.

Mr Cookson provided a comprehensive account of the progress made over the last 12 months, in particular in the six key areas put forward by his campaign manifesto and reiterated his vision for the future of the UCI. The aim is to become the best international sporting federation in the world and to establish a new style of leadership with increased transparency, improved governance and a commitment to listen.

The introduction of a wide range of reforms as well as setting up the Cycling Independent Reform Commission (CIRC) with the support of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) fell within the scope of the first point of the manifesto which consisted of revolutionising the approach to anti-doping. This work is vital in order to re-establish trust in the UCI and the sport of cycling. The Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation (CADF) which manages the UCI's anti-doping programme has become completely independent. Clear internal rules have been drawn up in order to guarantee the complete independence of the UCI's anti-doping programmes and case management and all of our anti-doping system has been rigorously audited by iNADO. Also, the Management Committee recently approved the plan for a centralised Anti-Doping Tribunal that will process cases resulting from breaches of the anti-doping rules under UCI jurisdiction that would previously have been pursued by National Federations. The objective is to reinforce the quality and consistency of cases dealt with while reducing the costs and duration of proceedings. The Anti-Doping Tribunal should also considerably reduce the number of cases referred to CAS for appeal and relieve National Federations of the operational burden of dealing with these cases. The National Federations shall solely be liable to pay a fixed contribution to cover the costs of the judge who reviews the case.

The second point of the manifesto consisted of adopting a policy of openness and transparency. The introduction of a Remuneration Committee (RemCo), responsible for overseeing the salaries of the UCI President and members of the Management Committee is a clear manifestation of this policy of transparency, as is the reinforcing of the UCI Ethics Commission, the new composition of which would be submitted to this Congress for approval.

Another key point of the manifesto is the development of cycling all around the world. Mr Cookson was delighted to announce that the UCI now has a record number of riders and teams in the road peloton. The season was marked in particular by the first victory of a Colombian rider in the Giro d'Italia as well as the first participation of an athlete from China in the Tour de France. The World Cycling Centre in Aigle continued its development work, opening a new BMX track in June, which has allowed athletes to prepare for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. WCC satellite centres are also active around the world in Japan, South Korea and South Africa. Mr Cookson was also pleased to report that the 2014 UCI Road World Championships benefited from TV coverage in a record number of countries.

The fourth key feature of the manifesto was the development of women's cycling. A Women's Commission was set up within days of the election, presided by Ms Tracey Gaudry who is also the UCI's first female Vice-President. The number of women's events as well as associated TV coverage continues to increase, demonstrating the growing interest of investors in this aspect of the sport and the commitment of the UCI to devote its own resources to TV coverage of women's cycling.

The restructuring of men's elite road cycling was also a major pillar of the manifesto and Mr Cookson acknowledged the support of event organisers, teams and riders for this important project to reform



the technical and financial criteria. The reforms, in particular of the commercial strategy, are still ongoing and are scheduled to be fully implemented in 2017.

Finally, the UCI must look to the future. In order to do this, we must make use of innovation and improve the way we sell all the disciplines of our sport, in particular by testing the use of geolocation technology and cameras in the peloton. The launch of the new UCI website in August will serve as an excellent platform for all we do. Finally, the simplification and modernisation of the UCI regulations on the UCI Hour Record allowed the German rider Jens Voigt to set a new hour record just the week before the Congress and marks a period of renewed interest in this historic event.

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In view of all of this, the President was pleased to announce that the UCI had made enormous progress. The UCI must continue to work in the areas described, setting priorities for the forthcoming 12 months in order to develop important relationships and encourage continuing growth in the numbers of individuals participating in or following cycling. The President warmly thanked all Presidents and National Federation representatives, as well the whole of the family of cycling, for their support, commitment and hard work all around the world to spread the influence of our sport. Mr Cookson wished the Congress an excellent World Championships in Ponferrada.

2. Any Admissions, suspensions, exclusions of Federations

The Congress approved the affiliation of the Botswana Cycling Association (BCA). The Congress also approved the affiliation of the Djibouti Cycling Federation (FDC). Mr Sassan Samireh Sougueh, the FDC President, offered his sincere thanks to the Congress.

3. Management Committee Report on UCI activities in 2013

Mr Martin Gibbs, Director General, reviewed the first year of Mr Cookson's presidency which had largely been dedicated to implementing the vision expressed by the President in his campaign manifesto and integrating that with the work ongoing at the UCI. The President, Executive Board and Management Committee had worked together on developing the UCI's global strategy. The strategy rests on the following four essential principles: development, globalisation, ethics and excellence.

The first priority was to ensure that the team and necessary resources were in place to be able to implement the President's vision and the UCI's strategy. This involved a review of the organisational structure and in the past year there have been a number of changes including the arrival of several new senior staff.

The first months of the new administration involved a considerable amount of work in the sphere of anti-doping. In addition to ensuring the independence of the Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation (CADF), new external legal counsel was appointed, results management was taken out of the legal department and put in a newly created and independently governed unit, the Legal Anti-Doping Services (LADS) and new rules adopted to ensure that anti-doping is managed according to the principle that the President and administration cannot involve themselves in individual cases. The Anti-doping Commission was reinvigorated with Chris Jarvis (GBR), Nikita O. Kamaev (RUS) and Marjolaine Viret (SUI) who are specialists in the anti-doping field.

Furthermore, the setting up of the Cycling Independent Reform Commission (CIRC), entirely financed by the UCI, represented another extremely significant step that involved the UCI opening itself to independent scrutiny to investigate the allegations made. The CIRC will present its conclusions in early 2015.

The Management Committee Report as presented in the Annual Report that was part of the dossier sent out in advance to members and commented on by Mr Martin Gibbs, Director General, was approved by Congress.

4. 2013 Accounts



Mr Alain Siegrist, Financial Director, described the key points of the UCI's financial situation with the aid of a visual presentation.

After information and explanations had been provided on the 2013 accounts, the Congress approved the financial report and the 2013 accounts as included in the Annual Report sent to members in advance. The Congress granted the Management Committee and UCI Management discharge. No questions were asked or comments made.

5. 2015 Budget

The 2015 budget as presented by Mr Siegrist was approved by Congress. No questions were asked or comments made.

The Congress approved the continuation of the current system of financial obligations for National Federations. Consequently, contributions regarding Continental Confederations as well as scheduled allocations concerning second group National Federations will not change in 2015.

The Congress warmly thanked Mr Siegrist, whose term of office concluded on the day of the Congress, for his many years of dedicated service to the UCI as Financial Director.

6. Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report as presented in the Annual Report and commented upon by Mr Pierre-Henri Pigeon, KPMG Expert Auditor, was approved by Congress. No questions were asked or comments made.

7. Proposals for amendment to the Constitution

The Congress approved the amendment of Article 13.1 related to the obligations towards the World Cycling Centre, Articles 30.1 and 31.2 concerning deadlines related to the convening of the Congress, Articles 46, 60 and 71 related to the function and responsibilities of the treasurer, Articles 54.3 and 55.1 related to decisions by the Management Committee by electronic means, and Article 65 of the UCI Constitution related to the external representation, as described in the dossier sent to members in advance of the Congress and presented by Mr Nicolas Valticos, Head of the Legal Services.

8. Ethics Commission

Following the resignations of Mr Pieter Zevenbergen and Mr Peter Barth, the Congress approved, upon the recommendation of the Management Committee, the new composition of the Ethics Commission made up of the following individuals: Mr Richard Leggat (President), Ms Noemi Cantele (Member), Mr John Tolkamp (Member), Mr Marcel Wintels (Member).

Mr Leggat provided an overview of three previous cases submitted to the Commission and more generally gave details of the Commission's recommendations for the future, in particular the adoption of a new Code of Ethics by the UCI, a review of Ethics Commission procedure, a review of the structure and governance of UCI entities, the introduction of an educational programme relating to ethics and finally ensuring that the Licence Commission uses appropriate criteria. The recommendations of the Ethics Commission activity report were approved by Congress.

Mr Cookson thanked the members of the Commission for the work carried out over recent months and indicated that future UCI reforms, in particular the review of the Constitution, would be in line with the recommendations proposed and approved.

9. Remuneration Committee

Mr Mike Plant (President) gave details of the structure and organisation of the Remuneration Committee, the objective of which is to improve the UCI's standards of governance and transparency. In this regard, the Remuneration Committee terms of reference are published on the UCI website. The Remuneration Committee activity report was approved by Congress.



10. Awarding of World Championships

The Congress took note of the World Championships awarded since the previous Congress, as described by the document entitled "*Award of World Championships*" that formed part of the dossier sent out to members in advance of the Congress. The Congress was also informed of events awarded at the previous Management Committee meeting:

- 2016 UWCT Final: Perth (Australia);
- 2017 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships: Singen (Germany);
- 2017 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships: Sanem (Luxembourg);
- 2017 UCI Road World Championships: Bergen (Norway).

11. Questions and proposals from National Federations

The delegations were invited to speak.

Mr Hassan Samireh Sougueh, President of the Djibouti Cycling Federation, expressed his sense of honour in joining the family of cycling and was delighted to collaborate with all other National Federations.

Mr Ramiro Valencia, President of the Colombian Cycling Federation, congratulated Mr Cookson for the new vision for the UCI and offered his support to the initiatives undertaken. He considered that specific regulations should be introduced in order to penalise any false allegations made before the Ethics Commission. Mr Cookson indicated that this point would be studied within the framework of the review of the UCI Constitution. Furthermore, in response to a comment by Mr Valencia on the issues of insurance and liability in the event of an accident involving a rider, the Congress was informed that the Management Committee had requested the Legal Service to check that every rider had adequate insurance cover in place through the licence issued by the rider's National Federation recognised by the UCI.

Mr Jean Regenwetter, President of the Luxembourg Federation, congratulated the President and Management Committee for the reforms undertaken to re-establish the UCI's transparency and credibility. Mr Regenwetter also reiterated his request for the UCI to subsidise National Federations with regard to expenses incurred by national teams at World Championships. Mr Cookson thanked Mr Regenwetter for his support and said that the matter of subsidies would be studied.

Mr Umberto Langellotti, President of the Monaco Cycling Federation, offered his support to the UCI's new vision, in particular with respect to the fight against doping. He raised the problem of the use of bikes with electrical assistance which represented a threat and scourge as severe as that of doping. Mr Cookson informed the Congress that this issue was taken very seriously by the UCI. The UCI was studying a range of options to be implemented to uncover and stop such practices.

Mr Waldo Ortiz, President of the Puerto Rican Federation, expressed his concern over the poor levels of participation of women in the Caribbean Championships and asked for the UCI's support on this matter. Mr Cookson reiterated that the development of women's cycling was a priority for the UCI and said that this point would be examined by the Women's Commission.

Following up a comment by Mr William Newman, the President of the South African Cycling Federation, Mr Cookson said that the UCI was discussing a review of the format of the Youth Olympic Games with the IOC. Mr Newman would also like to see the improved representation of women on UCI bodies. On this subject, Mr Cookson encouraged the National Federations to put forward female candidates for membership of the Management Committee.

Mr Rachid Fezouine, President of the Algerian Cycling Federation, proposed a review of the method of election used by the Congress, in particular on the number of voting delegates (one vote per National Federation). Mr Cookson said that the elective structure would be examined within the framework of the reform of the UCI Constitution scheduled for the following year.

On behalf of the Caribbean Cycling Confederation, Mr Keith E. Yearwood, President of the Barbados Cycling Union, offered his support to the UCI's initiatives and encouraged the development of cycling in the Caribbean.



Mr Hector Campos Araya, President of the Costa Rica Cycling Federation, expressed a desire to organise training courses, in particular for coaches. Mr Cookson advised him to contact Mr Frédéric Magné, WCC Director, who would be happy to examine options for implementing training programmes.

Mr Maurice-Nazaire Embinga, President of the Gabon Cycling Federation, congratulated the UCI for instituting the Ethics Commission and proposed the attendance of independent observers at the electoral Congresses of the various National Federations. Mr Cookson indicated that this proposal would be studied in collaboration with the Continental Confederations.

12. UCI Merit awards

On behalf of the Management Committee, the President awarded the "UCI Merit" to the following individuals: Mr Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya (Mexico) and Mr Alfred Li Chik Yuen (Hong Kong).

13. Any other business

No further subjects were added to the agenda of the Congress.

Close of Congress

The President thanked the Congress for the trust shown and support offered throughout this first year of his presidency. The President closed the Congress.