



International Handball Federation

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To
Pan-American Team Handball Federation (PATHF)
Mr Mario Moccia, President

sent by email

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IHF Council decisions related to Pan-America

Dear President,

Reference is made to the decision of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress held in Antalya, Turkey, on 11 November 2017, taken by a two-third majority, to delegate its authority to the IHF Council to discuss, evaluate and take a decision on the motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to the Pan-American continent and consequently on the relevant IHF Statutes changes.

Following the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017, approving the motion related to the Pan-American continent with four abstentions and without any vote against, the Pan-American Team Handball Federation organised an Extraordinary Congress in Bogota City, Colombia on 7 October 2017. PATHF's failure to invite the IHF President or at least a representative to their Congress is a violation of Article 10.2, point 3.1 of the IHF Statutes. According to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Antalya, Turkey on 9 November 2017, the case of PATHF's violation of the Statutes was submitted to the IHF Arbitration Commission in order to obtain their recommendation for further treatment by the Executive Committee and the Council of the IHF as per Article 10.2, point 3.1 of the IHF Statutes.

The recommendation of the IHF Arbitration Commission was presented to the IHF Council in its meeting in Zagreb, Croatia on 14 January 2018. Due to PATHF's violation of Article 10.2, point 3.1 of the IHF Statutes and following the recommendation of the IHF Arbitration Commission, the Council decided, with one vote against, to suspend the Pan-American Team Handball Federation (PATHF) according to Article 10.2, point 3.2 of the IHF Statutes. Consequently and according to Articles 2.3 and 18.1.1 of the IHF Statutes, the IHF shall organise the World Championships' and Olympic Games' qualification events.

According to the decision of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress taken by a two-third majority to delegate its authority to the IHF Council to discuss, evaluate and take a decision on the motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to the Pan-American continent and consequently on the relevant IHF Statutes changes, the motion concerned was on the agenda of the IHF Council meeting in Zagreb, Croatia on 14 January 2018. With one vote against, the Council decided to divide the continent of Pan-America into two as follows:



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- **North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation (“North”):**

Full members: ANT, BAH, BAR, CAN, CAY, CUB, DMA, DOM, GRL, GRN, HAI, IVB, JAM, LCA, MEX, PUR, SKN, TRI, USA – total of **19 countries** plus two regional members: GLP, MTQ

- **South and Central America Handball Confederation (“South”):**

Full members: ARG, BIZ, BOL, BRA, CHI, COL, CRC, ECU, ESA, GUA, GUY, HON, NCA, PAN, PAR, PER, URU, VEN – total of **18 countries** plus one regional member: GUF

Due to the aforementioned IHF Council decisions related to Pan-America, we kindly ask you to stop with immediate effect spending any PATHF funds whatsoever and provide us with the current bank account statement.

At the same time, as requested in our letters dated 23 October 2017 and 3 November 2017, we urge you to send immediately to the IHF Head Office the relevant expenses documentations which prove the correct spending of the allocated IHF sponsorship to the amount of USD 1,000,000, aiming to further develop handball throughout the continent.

Your compliance with these decisions is highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

Dr Hassan Moustafa
President