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## **Statutes and Internal Regulations**

Dear Alex,

We had an EEF Open Board Meeting on 22 March, at Christian Paillot's stud, with the only topic of the preparation of the Extraordinary FEI General Assembly in May. The results of our meeting were checked with the NFs that were not present and they all agreed. So you can take this as the contribution of the 40 member NFs of the EEF and - for political correctness – from the members of FEI Groups I and II as well.

Because of the shortage of time between our meeting and the deadline of 25 March we concentrate on some main points. We will send some more details as soon as possible, but we need some days for a correct wording.

### **1. Part to be voted on at the EGA**

It goes without saying that we are backing the idea of the "solidarity". We are sure that we will get more information about financing, internal structure and projects in Lausanne. But this is independent from our decision to back the whole project.

### **2. Part not to be voted on at the EGA**

It would be interesting for us to know how you plan to conduct this part of the discussion. But here are our main points:

#### **2.1 Regional/Continental Structure**

We can easily accept the proposed structure regarding the continental representation as EEF is organised exactly this way. But we see another problem directly connected with the structure, and this is the status of the continental groups. Neither in the proposed Statutes nor in the Internal Regulations is any description of their status, and that simply means that they have no status at all. For this reason we could not have agreed to the proposal in its current wording, but we will not vote about this anyway in Lausanne.

We discussed the status of the continental organisations in depth and decided unanimously about the status we wish to propose. I send you the wording as soon as possible. By the way: This will be relevant regardless which structure we will choose at the end. And we will need to adapt the Statutes in articles 1.1, 1.7 and 2.2.

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We are convinced that our proposal will be a contribution to the modern development of the FEI and propose that Christian Paillot, Ulf Helgstrand and Hanfried Haring can find a date with the President and you so that we can introduce this proposal and explain the background ahead of the EGA.

## **2.2 Board / Bureau / ...**

We agree to a form of organisation which is more lean and more flat than now. On the other hand, the proposed composition of the Board must fulfil at least the criteria of a relevant representation of the NFs/Groups in relation to their activities in the sport and the technical competence.

If the tasks of the Board stay the same as those of the Bureau, we take into question on which basis the Bureau can decide about technical matters like sport rules etc. without the presence of Technical Chairs.

## **2.3 Relationship Technical Chairs – Management**

Here we have to admit that the Working Groups in which we were present went a little too far in their thoughts. So we ask to verify the relation between the Technical Chairs and the respective Directors again and to bring them in a balance. We are convinced that the quality of the volunteers in the Committees will decrease if the Committees just have an advisory function and the Chairs report to the Director and not to the Bureau/Board.

We will try to send a more detailed commentary as soon as possible.

Best regards,

signed

Hanfried Haring & Christian Paillot