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CHAPTER I: NAME, MISSION, GOALS, LEGAL OFFICE, DEFINITION AND INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

ARTICLE 1: NAME

1. The Union Mondiale de Billard, hereinafter named "UMB" was created in Madrid on June 1st,1959, by the following co-founding confederations, the Confédération Européenne de Billard and the Confédération Sudaméricaine de Billard.

2. Until these statutes were modified at the 12th extraordinary General Assembly in 1988 the UMB had been constituted of confederations. From September 12th, 1987 the principle concerning the direct affiliation of the federations being accepted UMB was constituted by ordinary members (the national affiliated federations and the recognized confederations) and by extraordinary members. Starting from April 8th of 2006 UMB is constituted by recognized confederations and national affiliated federations.

3. The following confederations are recognized by the UMB:
   • Confédération Européenne de Billard – CEB
   • Confederación Panamericana de Billar – CPB
   • Asian Carom Billiard Confederation – ACBC
   • Africa & Middle East Carom Confederation – AMECC

4. The list of the national affiliated federations and belonging to one of the recognized confederations of the UMB is mentioned in a separate administrative protocol.

5. The national federations not belonging to a recognized confederation are direct affiliated to the UMB. The list of the national affiliated federations not belonging to one of the recognized confederations of the UMB is mentioned in a separate administrative protocol.

6. A national billiard federation recognized by the official national authorities as the only billiard sports federation and not having a Carom division, can ask for the membership of the UMB. The UMB Board (hereafter called **UMB Board** or **the Board**) decides about the acceptation and symbolic membership fee. Such a federation has no right to vote or to express her opinion during a General Assembly.

7. All further decisions concerning new accepted federations and confederations decided by the General Assembles will be kept in a separate administrative protocol.

ARTICLE 2: MISSION, GOALS, OBLIGATIONS

1. The UMB guarantees a permanent and stable liaison with its affiliated and recognized associations and constitutes the highest power in world Carom billiards.

2. The UMB lays down rules relative to the organization and holding of world championships and all intercontinental tournaments recognized by or concerning the UMB.

3. The goals of the UMB are:
    a. to favour the development of all the games in the sports of Carom billiards at world level and to represent the interests of billiards in general.
    b. to gather the various associations of billiards and support them in their efforts to develop the sports of Carom billiards.
    c. to advise and coordinate the regulations for international matches, notably those concerning qualifications, the game itself, judging, organization, and decisions in case of disagreement among the federations and the confederations.
    d. to monitor with respect to barring and terminated regulations.
    e. to study, counsel and coordinate all the questions concerning the sports of Carom billiards and decide in case of necessity or dispute.
    f. to create world championships and any intercontinental competitions favouring the development of the sport of Carom billiards
    g. to confirm the results obtained and records established, equalled, or broken during world or continental competitions, which are organized under the UMB's control or concerning the UMB.
    h. to make all necessary decisions in favour of the sports of Carom billiards
    i. to cooperate with the various billiard's associations in all necessary areas in order to support the development of the sports of billiards in general.
    j. to defend the interests of the sports of Carom billiards and its members, guaranteeing its highest power concerning all sporting aspects of competitions organized in co-operation with a third person.

4. The UMB monitors and controls all international Carom billiard competitions, regardless of the status of the organizer and participants.

5. The UMB can directly address a club or a person; in that case a copy of the correspondence will be sent to the concerned federation. If a club or a person directly addresses the UMB, the answer of the UMB will be sent to the club or the person with a copy for the concerned federation and confederation.

6. In direct exchange of correspondence between the UMB and a federation, a copy will be sent in each instance to the corresponding confederation.

7. The UMB is obligated:
    a. to abstain from any interference in questions of politics, religion, or race
    b. to conduct itself according to democratic principles.
    c. to abstain from any interference in the internal organization of the federations and confederations. UMB's interference in the creation of groups for qualifying contests for a world's competition controlled by the UMB must not be regarded as a meddling in the internal affairs of the affiliated or recognized associations.

ARTICLE 3: LEGAL OFFICE

The legal office of the UMB is in Lausanne (Switzerland) which was determined by the General Assembly. In case of emergency and in the interest of the UMB, the Board benefits from delegating the powers of the General Assembly in order to establish temporarily the legal office at another place of its choice awaiting the statutory decision of the following General Assembly.

ARTICLE 4: DEFINITION

Carom Billiards sports consists of all following disciplines played with or without pockets: Carom, 5-Pins, Birilli, Boccette, Golf and Chapo

ARTICLE 5: INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

1. UMB is a co-founding member of the WCBS (World Confederation of Billiard Sports). UMB represents and is the sole representative of Carom Billiards within this association.
2. WCBS Board members representing UMB are nominated by the UMB Board.
3. The UMB representatives take all decisions within the Board of the WCBS unanimously. Should the representatives not reach a unanimous decision on a subject, this subject will be deliberated the next UMB Board to take the ultimate decision.
4. The UMB Board decides upon the functions to be proposed and/or granted to its representatives within the WCBS Board or for any function in WCBS.
5. UMB representatives in WCBS Board must be members of the UMB Board.
6. Billiard sports in general and Carom have been recognized as an Olympic Sport since the year 1998 (Nagano, Japan). In consequence of this recognition, the UMB and all his affiliated and associated members enforce themselves to respect the Olympic Charter scrupulously in all her consequences.

CHAPTER II: AFFILIATED AND RECOGNIZED MEMBERS, TASKS, CONFEDERATIONS AND REGIONS

ARTICLE 11: MEMBERS

All federations belonging to recognized confederations are automatically recognized as affiliated members of the UMB on the one condition that they are fulfilling a certain number of administrative criteria and that they are also responding to the enumerated criteria in the following articles. The names of the affiliated federations and the recognized confederations are mentioned in a separated administrative protocol.

ARTICLE 12: ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

1. A request for admission must be addressed to the UMB President with copy for the UMB Office.

2. The request for admission must be accompanied by the following documents in three copies:
   - statutes of the requesting federation.
   - names and addresses of the members of the Board.
   - number of licensed players and clubs.
   - minutes of the proceeding of the General Assembly which resolved to solicit the UMB for affiliation.

3. The requesting federation will give a written prove that it represents in its country the governing body for Carom Billiard and that this federation is the one recognized by the

National Olympic Committee or by the Ministry of Sports or the Ministry which all the sports are falling under in its country. In case of the existence of a recognized federation representing any other discipline of billiard sports than Carom, the requesting federation must unify in the shortest possible period with this recognized federation. In case that no other billiard federation has been recognized in this country, the requesting federation must declare itself prepared to organize besides Carom all other disciplines of billiards. The national federations which are affiliated at the UMB and decide to belong to a confederation organization governing the sports of billiards in its region are only able to do so if there is such a body which is recognized by the UMB.

4. Subject to the ratification at the occasion of the next General Assembly the UMB Board has the competence to admit new members.

5. Once admission has been voted upon, the delegates of the concerned federation are authorized to take immediately part in the work of the General Assembly, and they have the right to vote.

ARTICLE 13: MEMBER'S LOSS OF QUALIFICATION, SUSPENSION

1. The General Assembly decides whether a member has lost its qualification by strike off on account of debts due for more than one year; on account of fault against the integrity or lapse in observance of the statutes and regulations of the UMB, because of the federation does not carry out the conditions of the article 12 anymore.
2. The UMB Board decides whether a member has lost his status through duly registered resignation. To be valid, a resignation must be notified in writing. This takes effect at the end of the current business year. Resignation does not release the member from current year's financial and responsibilities. The resignation request must reach the UMB President with a copy to the UMB Office before October 1st; otherwise the member's status remains in full force for a further year.
3. A national federation suspended or resigned by its confederation is also suspended by UMB.
4. The infringements mentioned in point 1 can be the matter of a provisional decision concerning suspension made by the UMB Board.
5. In any case the regulations of the disciplinary proceedings are reserved.

ARTICLE 14: TASKS

1. The federations abstain and make their clubs, players or other persons abstain from any organization or collaboration in the organization of an intercontinental competition which is not authorized by the UMB regardless of the statutes of the organizers or participants.

2. The UMB office will send every year an information chart to the federations, the federations must return this completed chart within three months.

3. Each federation must send its official bulletin (if one exists) to each member of the UMB Board and to the other federations affiliated to the UMB. Amendments to the statutes and regulations as well as the results of the championships of the highest category must be sent to the UMB within an appointed period of four weeks following the decision or event.

4. Each federation must send its official bulletin (if one exists) to each member of the UMB Board and to the other federations affiliated to the UMB. Amendments to the statutes and regulations as well as the results of the championships of the highest category must be sent to the UMB within an appointed period of four weeks following the decision or event.

5. The federations and confederations are free to conclude exclusive contracts for all or parts of the material used in official competitions, whereas limits are set by the list of materials recognized by the UMB. All World Championships contracts belong exclusively to the UMB. Federations and confederations cannot make contracts which could be contradictory to such exclusive right. UMB can enter exclusive contracts concerning all other international competitions. If existing contracts bind confederations on April 8th, 2006, and these contracts conflict with existing or future contracts made by the UMB, the confederation together with the UMB are bound to find an equitable solution for both parties. All conflicting contracts must cease to exist by December 31st, 2009. From January 1st, 2010, all contract concerning these competitions will be negotiated by the UMB in collaboration with the confederations.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 124 the federations and confederations must apply and cause to be upheld the sanctions which must be pronounced and ratified by the UMB against one or the other of the mentioned associations, a club, a team, or an individual.

7. The affiliated federations take all required measures in order to take part in the work of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 15: CONFEDERATIONS

1. National federations affiliated to the UMB and belonging to a restricted and specified region are able to form groups of confederations which can be recognized by the UMB: an European confederation, an American confederation, an Asian confederation, an African confederation and an Oceanic confederation.

   The recognition of the confederations which is pronounced after examine their statutes and regulations is incumbent upon the UMB Board. A confederation can only be recognized if it consists of no less than four federations, individually affiliated to the UMB.

   A confederation can decide to create two or more geographical zones in order to let play competitions into these zones. In that case the UMB will take in consideration these zones when distributing the available places for the different world championships.

2. The confederations' tasks are in particular:
   a) to favour the development of all disciplines of the sports of billiards at their level
   b) to assemble the national federations and to support them concerning their task to develop the sports of billiards.
   c) to respect and monitor to respect all regulations which take effect.
   d) to study and to regulate all questions of interest for the sports of billiards at their level
   e) organize confederal championships of groups and regions and all competitions which are suitable to favour the development of the sports of billiards especially the tournaments of the youth.

f) to permit on request of the UMB Board, representatives of federations affiliated to the UMB and belonging to a continent in which a confederation or region recognized by the UMB does not exist or where it is still impossible to constitute one, to participate in confederal championships which they organize, and which are qualifying contests for world competitions.
g) to confirm the results obtained and the records established, equalised or broken during competitions which organization is kept under UMB's control or which could concern the UMB and then to transmit them to the UMB.
h) to cooperate in all areas required for the development of the sports of billiards in general.
i) The UMB Office will send each year an information chart. The federations have to turn back this completed chart within three months.
j) to send their official bulletin (if one exists) to each member of the UMB Board. Amendments of the statutes and regulations, the sports schedule and the results of the competitions must be sent to the UMB within an appointed period of time of four weeks following the decision or event.
k) to abstain and to make their members and other persons abstain from any organization or
l) collaboration in the organization of an intercontinental competition not authorized by the UMB regardless of the statute of the organizers or participants.

3. The regulations of the articles 12 to 14 are analogously applicable concerning the confederations.

ARTICLE 16: REGIONS

1. In any of these continents where a confederation has not been yet founded, the UMB Board can decide to create a region with the aim of promoting international sportive activities till the foundation of a confederation in this continent. The creation of such a region can only have a sportive aim and does not give to this region any rights in the General Assembly.

2. The UMB Board can decide to create a region composed by federations coming from one or more continents or confederations with the aim of promoting international sportive activities. In this case the concerned confederation(s) must give its/their approvals on the principle. The creation of such a region can only have a sportive aim and does not give to this region any rights in the General Assembly.

3. Besides, such federation has the right to affiliate to a confederation even if this federation is not belonging to the geographical area of the Confederation In such case the UMB is providing for this federation a supplementary place for each World championship.

4. In case of the creation of a new Confederation following art. 15. 1 and a federation should geographically belong to this confederation, would express the wish to stay in the original confederation from which she made part of the right to a supplementary place for this federation into each World championship will be abolished.

CHAPTER III: PLAYERS

ARTICLE 21: PARTICIPATION RIGHT

1. The right to participate into the sports events of the UMB is subject to the published rules for the specific UMB tournaments.

ARTICLE 22: PLAYERS ADMITTED TO COMPETITION

1. The UMB only admits players, recognized by their Federation, to its competitions, who respect the regulations, honour the principles of a true sporting spirit and whose participation is based on a chivalrous attitude towards the glory of the sport and the honour of billiards. (Sporting spirit: development of a sporting mentality supported by an appropriate propaganda, introduction of the idea of sports, fight against abuse such as violence, forbidden influence on performance, etc.)

2. Under pain of sanctions a player is not allowed to participate in an international competition which is not mentioned on the official UMB calendar and as such not recognized by the UMB Board

CHAPTER IV : ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 31: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

1. The English language is the official language of the UMB.
   Considering that the French language is the official language of the seat of the UMB, the French language may be used in the circumstances mentioned in these statutes.
   Communication to and from the UMB Board can only be made in the English and French languages.
   The UMB website is managed exclusively in the English language.
   The general official communications of the UMB Board are in English and French.

2. The General Assembly deliberates in English.
   At the request of the organizing Federation, simultaneous translation in a language to be agreed with the UMB Board may be applied. For this facility see further Article 52.6 and 52.7 of these statutes.
   If, during the General Assembly, a speaker is using a language other than English or for which simultaneous translation is applied, the speaker must provide or ensure the proper translation into English or the language that benefits from simultaneous translation.
   The meetings and work of the UMB Board, the Committees and the Commissions is conducted in the language that is most appropriate for the members of these bodies.

3. The statutes of the UMB are written in the English and French languages. In the case of discrepancy, the English text is decisive.
   The rules of the UMB are written in the English language.

The Minutes of the General Assembly are written in the English and French languages. In the case of divergence, the English text is decisive.
The minutes of the UMB Board, Committees and the Commissions are written or translated in the English language.

4. The minutes are set down in English. English is used as current language.

ARTICLE 32: SPORTSYEAR AND FISCAL YEAR

The sports year begins on September 1st till August 31st of each year.
The fiscal year extends over those two years preceding the ordinary General Assembly of the UMB.
The fiscal year follows the Gregorian calendar, from January 1st to December 31st.

ARTICLE 33: QUORUM

Subject to the contrary provisions of the articles 52 and 74 a decision concerning all bodies of the UMB can only be reached if at least half plus one of the members comprising them are present at voting time or have expressed themselves in writing.

ARTICLE 34: DEFINITION OF THE MAJORITIES

Relative majority: the highest number of votes taken on an item or person.
Absolute majority: special mention excepted, requires at least half plus one of the expressed votes, blank or spoilt votes are not counted
Other majorities: exceptions to the regulations which may each time be determined by the statutes and regulations concerned.

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CHAPTER V: BODIES OF THE UMB

ARTICLE 41: BODIES OF THE UMB

The bodies of the UMB are:

a) the General Assembly
b) the Board
d) the Financial Review Commission
e) the Special Commissions

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE 51: COMPOSITION, DIRECTION, HOLDING

1. The General Assembly comprises:
   - the UMB Board
   - the Financial Review Commission
   - the delegates of the recognized confederations and national affiliated federations
   - the patron members

2. The General Assembly is placed under the authority of the UMB president or in case of impeachment under that of the Vice-president or another substitute indicated by the Board.

3. Only the delegates do have the right to vote in General Assembly. Their name must be registered by the UMB Office before the opening of the General Assembly. The regulations of the article 56 are reserved. The UMB Board does not possess a voting right, the federal representation of its members is reserved according to the regulations of article 56.

4. The discussion is opened and closed by the president. He gives leave to speak to orators in the order in which they have demanded it. If there are several orators announced the leave to speak is first given to somebody who has not yet spoken. The members of the Board or the ones of a committee or Commission and the individuals charged with a mission and who submitted a report are given priority if they demand to speak. The president can limit the time of speaking if it is necessary.

5. The orators are only allowed to turn their words towards the president or the assembly. They must avoid any personal allusion. Any discussion among members of the assembly is forbidden. The same applies to any sign of agreement or disagreement. The president calls those individuals to order who digress from the matter. A repeated request will be the object of mentioning in the minute and the General Assembly is able to impose silence on the concerned person.

6. The discussion will be finished when nobody else demands the leave to speak or when the proposal to finish the discussion will be accepted by a relative majority of the expressed votes. If a proposal to finish the discussion is accepted the leave to speak can no more be given to the registered speakers or to the members of the Board or to the members of a committee or Commission or to a person charged with a mission working as a reporter.

7. As soon as the proceeding of voting has begun and until the proclamation of the results nobody is any longer allowed to object on the matter on which they vote.

8. The president, the Board or 1/5 of the represented votes are allowed to demand a break in the assembly. The president will determine its duration.

ARTICLE 52: POWERS, ASSEMBLY, ORGANIZATION

1. The General Assembly represents the supreme power of the UMB.

2. The UMB meets in ordinary General Assembly every two even years.

3. The General Assembly may validly deliberate and make decisions irrespective of the number of members and votes present.

4. The General Assembly shall be held in any country of an affiliated federation, as decided by the UMB Executive Committee. To the extent possible, a rotation will be ensured between the federations of the various continents.

5. Within the framework of the arrangements agreed between the UMB Board, the Organizing Federation is responsible for the physical organization of the General Assembly. The UMB Board must ensure the proper implementation of this organization.

6. Should simultaneous translation be requested, in accordance with article 31.2 above, the organising federation shall ensure that it is set up, in agreement with the UMB Board and at the expense of the UMB.

7. If the organizing federation wishes to have a simultaneous translation, more consistent than provided for in article 31.2 of these statutes, it will then have to bear the costs, in agreement with the UMB Board.

8. The UMB Board shall ensure the proper implementation of the facilities mentioned in this article.

ARTICLE 53: PROPOSALS

1. The Board, the recognized confederations and the affiliated federations, the latest thru intermediation of their respective Confederation, are solely entitled to make proposals for the General Assembly's agenda. Proposals which do not derive from the UMB Board may be accompanied by a justification of the Board.

2. Proposals to be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly must be in the hands of the Secretary General or the UMB Office, with a copy to the president, no later than four months prior to the date of the next General Assembly".

3. The Board, the recognized confederations and the affiliated federations are solely entitled to make proposals for the General Assembly's agenda. Proposals which do not derive from the UMB Board may be accompanied by a justification of the Board.

4. Proposals not appearing on the General Assembly's agenda can only be retained and negotiated if they are requested by two thirds of the expressed votes.

5. The deposit of candidacy concerning a task in a body of the UMB must as well respect the appointed period mentioned in point 2 above, subject to the following regulations:

- if one sole candidate does not reach the absolute majority at the first ballot, he will be able to withdraw his candidacy or will remain at the disposal.
- if a candidate withdraws during the General Assembly or renounces his election.
- if at the beginning of the General Assembly no candidate has proposed his candidacy for the post which has to be appointed.
  In this case it is possible to present other candidates before the next ballot.

ARTICLE 54: CONVOCATIONS

1. The UMB office informs the affiliated and recognized members of the UMB as well as all other interested and affected persons about the details concerning the place and date of the General Assembly's course six months before the opening of the General Assembly.

2. The General Assembly's agenda and the proposals will be sent to the affiliated and recognized members of the UMB as well as to all other interested and affected persons two months before the opening of the General Assembly.

3. The organizational details and requests for reservation must be sent by the organizer in such a way that they will be in the hands of the interested persons at least six months before the opening of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 55: COMPETENCIES

1. The General Assembly deliberates and decrees on all items placed on the agenda and especially on:
   a) the approval of the agenda
   b) the examination and approval of the Board's and financial review Commission report
   c) the approval of the UMB Board
   d) the approval of the budget for the next financial period
   e) the examination of proposals made by the Board, the federations and confederations.
   f) the approval of results and records registered since the last General Assembly
   g) the admission of new federations
   h) the suspension or cancellation of members whereas the regulations concerning disciplinary proceedings are reserved.
   i) the appeals in the reserved matter of sanctions
   j) the elections and statutory nominations
   k) the honorary membership
   l) the designation of individuals charged with special missions as well as the withdrawal of their mandate.
   m) the examinations of reports made by individuals who are charged with missions.
   n) the examination of decisions subjected to periodical audit.
   o) the determination of the principles of the directions which permit the UMB Board to elaborate the regulations according to article 72.

2. Proposals appearing on the agenda may be modified by their author during the General Assembly. Those associations which are directly affected by an election according to points h) and i) above are not allowed to take part in the ballot.

3. The General Assembly may delegate all or part of its powers.

ARTICLE 56: NUMBER OF VOTES

1. Every confederation has at her disposition a number of votes in proportion to the federal membership fee and as far as the number of affiliated federations is not exceeding the agreed quota:
   - CEB: 119 votes; membership fee: 14.000 € (maximum 30 federations)
   - CPB: 60 votes; membership fee: 6.000 € (maximum 15 federations)
   - ACBC: 40 votes; membership fee: 4.000 € (maximum 10 federations)
   - AMECC: 20 votes; membership fee: 2.000 € (maximum 6 federations)
   - Oceania (in case of recognition): 20 votes; membership fee: 2.000 € (maximum 6 federations)

   Each confederation possesses one vote for each 100 € as confederal membership fee. If UMB is only constituted by four confederations, the number of votes of the CEB is reduced by 21 votes and is fixed at 119 votes.

2. In case that a fifth Confederation will be constituted, the number of votes of CEB will be 139. As soon as one of the existing Confederations exceeds the maximum of the currently assigned number of votes, the votes of the CEB will be proportionally increased until the maximum of the simple majority minu-1 is reached.

3. For each additional affiliated federation above the quota, the confederal membership fee is raised by 400 € and the number of votes by four. The membership fee for a federation that is not part of a confederation is fixed at 500 € and the number of votes at three.

4. From the total number of votes attributed to a recognized confederation at least 60 % must be redistributed to the federations belonging to that confederation. Each confederation informs by written document the President of the UMB or the UMB Office about the repartition of these votes to the federations before the beginning of each General Assembly.

   The right to participate into the sports events of the UMB can only be given for open international tournaments and for World championships on the condition that sportsmen/women did qualify thru the World ranking list or by qualifying thru other Continental championships.

   Besides, such federation has the right to affiliate to a confederation even if this federation is not belonging to the geographical area of the Confederation In such case the UMB is providing for this federation a supplementary place for each World championship.

In case of the creation of a new Confederation following art. 15. 1 and a federation that should belong to this confederation, would express the wish to stay in the original confederation from which she made part of, the right to a supplementary place for this federation into each World championship will be abolished.

5. A member which has not fulfilled his obligations or which payments are in arrears towards the UMB is neither allowed to express himself during the General Assembly nor to exercise his right to vote until his situation will be regulated.

6. The General Assembly may withdraw the right to vote from each member who does not respect the statutes and regulations taking effect. The affected associations are not allowed to participate in the election which decides on that issue.

7. A federation affiliated to the UMB which cannot be represent by one of its members at the General Assembly has the possibility to assign its powers: to another federation, or to the delegate of its confederation of origin. A federation can be holder of mandates to a maximum of two. A mandate must be assigned in writing and a copy must be sent to the UMB Office at the opening of the General Assembly at the latest, the following regulations are reserved:
   - The confederal delegate may vote on behalf of all absent federations of his confederation affiliated to the UMB, only if those federations have not withdrawn this mandate by written information to the UMB.
   - A member of the UMB Board, apart from the confederal delegate, can only represent his own federation of origin and can only vote on its behalf. Moreover, he can only take part in the debates on behalf of that federation. He cannot be holder of mandates.

   Being absent at the General Assembly a confederation or an associated member cannot assign its mandate.

   A federation imposed with the prohibition of voting, or which is suspended cannot or cannot any longer exercise mandates. If that federation is part of a confederation the received mandate will be transferred to the confederal delegate if he is present, if not it will lapse.

ARTICLE 57: DECISIONS, VOTING REGULATIONS

1. The assigned votes are polled on one of its delegates, announced in writing to the UMB Office before the opening of the General Assembly.

2. All votes will take place by a show of hands except the votes relative to elections, to re-elections and to dismissals or if the vote by secret ballot will be demanded by 1/3 of the expressed votes. Subject to the candidate's request to vote by secret ballot or to the regulations above the vote can take place by a show of hands if there is only one sole candidate for whom one must vote.

3. In general, a relative majority of votes is required for all voting situations. The exceptions are:
   - opposing regulations included in the statutes.
   - elections and re-elections for which an absolute majority is necessary at the first ballot.

- if the General Assembly decides otherwise

4. A sole candidate is still subject to the election proceedings.

5. In the case of tie concerning the accepted and rejected votes a proposal will be rejected

6. If in an election or re-election the absolute majority is not drawn at the first ballot, one proceeds at one or several additional ballots according to the following regulations:
   a) a sole candidate:
   b) One proceeds at a second ballot with relative majority. In the case of tie concerning the accepted and rejected votes one will proceed at a third ballot with relative majority. In the case of renewed tie, the candidates will be considered as being elected or re-elected but only until the next General Assembly. In the case in which a sole candidate does not receive the absolute majority at the first ballot and if a rival candidate is nominated for the next ballot this will then be considered as the first ballot demanding an absolute majority.
   c) with two candidates:
   d) One proceeds at a second ballot with relative majority. In the case of tie, one will proceed at a third ballot with relative majority. In the case of renewed tie, the person who leaves is re-elected. If there are two new candidates, the candidate who will win the draw will be elected. Such an election or re-election will only be valid until the next General Assembly.
   e) with more than two candidates:
   f) After the first ballot the candidate who received the fewest votes will be deleted from the list. If there are not more than two candidates left one proceeds according to the regulations of point b) above. If after the first ballot there are still more than two candidates one will proceed with as many ballots as necessary with absolute majority until no more than two candidates are left.
   g) During that proceedings the last on the list will be deleted each time in the cases in which no candidate reaches the absolute majority. Thereafter one proceeds according to the regulations of point b) above.

7. Unless there is a contrary decision of two thirds of the expressed votes, the resolutions made by the General Assembly will take effect the first day following the day of the final session. As far as financial resolutions are concerned and subject to the application of the regulations above, the enforcement has been fixed on January 1st of the year following that of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 58: MINUTES

1. Minutes are kept of the General Assembly's deliberations. Upon the request of a directly affected delegate having the right to vote, the resolutions made will immediately be read in the decreed and signed by the president and the Vice-President of the General Assembly

2. The minutes of the General Assembly's proceedings are sent to all affiliated federations and recognized confederations after being adopted by the Board, within six months following the day of the last session. Any objection must reach the UMB Office thirty days after dispatch of the minutes at the latest.

   If the minutes are subject to correction, the correction will be made known to all

abovementioned associations which then possess a new appointed period of twenty days to share in their observations. One proceeds in the same way with a possible third sending in.

If afterwards the Board does not receive any further observations or contradictions concerning the text, the minute is definitive and tacitly accepted. The points which are still litigious are subject to the decision of the next General Assembly.

ARTICLE 59: ACCESS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Besides the persons mentioned in article 51 the hall of the General Assembly is accessible to authorized press representatives, as well as to all persons authorized by the president unless the General Assembly will decide upon a closed-door session with a majority of expressed votes. These invited persons may not enter into debates unless the president will explicitly call upon them.

ARTICLE 60: EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at any time by the Board or must be convened at the request of 1/5 of the affiliated federations possessing the right to vote. If the request is made by the federations, the extraordinary General Assembly must be assembled six months following the date of receiving the request at the latest. This request must be made in writing and be accompanied by a justification specifying the reasons and containing all necessary signatures.

   If the Board does not grant the request and if after a period of four month the General Assembly has not been convened the federations which made the request will have the right to convene personally this extraordinary General Assembly.

2. The articles 51 to 59 are also applicable for an extraordinary General Assembly, however, on condition that they are not in contradiction with the present articles.

ARTICLE 61: ABSENCE ORGANIZER

1. If at 31st January of the current year there is no candidature proposed by a federation for organizing a General Assembly, the UMB Board arranges to organize at the latest until October 31 of that year.

2. The General Assembly will be mainly held in Lausanne (Switzerland), the registered office of the UMB. If the General Assembly held at this location is not possible within the time limit set in paragraph 1 above, then the UMB Board should establish an appropriate place.

3. In the case of holding a General Assembly, simultaneous translations in one or more official languages of the UMB can be only performed if the costs are not in charge of the UMB.

THE BOARD

ARTICLE 71: COMPOSITION

1. The Board is composed of:

   a) Members constituting the Executive Committee and covering the following functions:
      1. President
      2. Vice-president
      3. Secretary General
      4. Treasurer
      5. Sports Director
      6. Appointed Office Manager

      Only the President and the Vice-president are elected in function.

      All Executive Committee Members are assigned Functions and Tasks according to their line of competence.

      These assignments are applied by the UMB Board, taking the following restrictions into consideration:

      All Members of the Executive Committee may be assigned more than one function, according to their line of competence.

      Exception:
      The function of President, Vice-President and Secretary General may not be combined and must be assigned to three different members.

   b) The Presidents of all recognized confederations.
      A confederation President can be replaced for the full time of his mandate by another Member of the Board of the confederation.

      Each Board Member under 1.a) and 1.b) is considered equal and will carry one vote.

   c) The confederations can nominate on their own expenses a confederation delegate who will have the right to attend the Board-meetings, but without voting rights. This delegate is freely appointed by the Confederation to which he belongs, according to the regulations of article 73. If the confederation delegate is incapable, he may be substituted by another member of his confederation who will then possess the same rights and implications.

2. Compensation.
   The Board is composed of volunteer members. They receive a compensation for their expenses and allowances according to the approved UMB reimbursement rules.
   All expenses of board members, elected or appointed, following point 1.a) and 1.b) for participation in board meetings and General Assembly, are on the charge of UMB.
   Allowances and expenses will be attributed within the limits of the budget accepted by the General Assembly and following the reimbursement rules, established by the Board.

ARTICLE 72: ASSIGNMENTS, COMPETENCIES, RESPONSIBILITY

I. General Regulations

The competencies of the UMB Board (The Board) are stated in the **"Competencies and Working Procedures"** as mentioned under point 2 of this article and included in these Statutes under **Article 72. II.**

1. The Board is competent to deal with all questions that are not the competence of the General Assembly. It represents the UMB and takes all measures necessary to the fulfilment of the UMB's mission, to achieve its targets and to satisfy its obligations.

2. The Board determines in its regulations concerning **Competencies and Working Procedure** (Article 72 II) the allocation of the functions, tasks and responsibility among its members, according to their line of competence. These allocations will be communicated to all UMB-members.

3. The Board can nominate one or more person(s) in order to execute specific tasks and functions. These allocations will be communicated to all UMB-members.

4. The Board appoints the Members whose signatures legally bind the UMB.

5. The Board institutes any disciplinary proceedings and pronounces the sanctions determined by the present statutes regardless of the status of the sanctioned person.

6. According to the directing principles established by the General Assembly, the Board is competent and responsible for redacting and for the enforcement of the world organization and arbitration rules, the rules of various disciplines of the sports of billiards, the rules of world championships, as well as possible other technical and sporting rules.

7. The Board deals with the requests to organize championships controlled by the UMB and it establishes the sports schedule.

8. During the season the Board decides in all cases which are not provided in the statutes and regulations of the UMB, as well as in the case of force majeure or emergency. These decisions are without appeal until the next General Assembly which if necessary, has to deal with a proposal concerning the modification of the statutes and regulations.

9. The Board being invited or at its own initiative may delegate one of its members to assemblies and other manifestations of the affiliated federations and recognized confederations.

10. The Board makes all regulations to ensure the editing and the distribution of the official bulletin of the UMB.
11. Referring to the budget and the art. 71, 111, 129 and 146 of the actual Statutes, the Board decides the detailed rules about the disbursements of expenses on charge of UMB.

12. If the Board thinks that it is necessary, it will consult with the federations and confederations by correspondence fax or e-mail in view of deciding on an issue. The

decision with the relative majority of received answers within the appointed period will take effect until the next General Assembly where a definitive decision will be made.

13. The Board is cooperatively responsible to the General Assembly for its management.

14. The members of the Board cannot be held responsible for an opinion expressed within the scope of exercising their mandates. They are only responsible to the General Assembly. An action concerning responsibility cannot be introduced against the Board or one of its members using the regulations of the present point 14 without a decision of a majority of 2/3 of the General Assembly.

15. Should a vacancy occur concerning a member of the Executive Committee during the course of activity, then the Board nominates a replacement at the earliest time, with the consent of the affected Federation. This nomination is definitive until the next General Assembly where the position will be the matter of an election.
    If it is the president who is incapable to fulfil the duties of his position, he is replaced by the Vice- President until the election of a new president at the next General Assembly. The new president, thus elected, terminates the mandate of his predecessor.

II. Competencies and Working Procedures

A. General Assignments

All tasks of the UMB Board and its Members are assigned with the purpose to serve the UMB in the fulfilling of its aims and targets; in particular to apply and maintain:

- Rules and legislations
- Equal treatment of all Members
- Recognition of the rules implicated by the International Organizations; IOC – WCBS - WADA – IWGA - Etc. …
- UMB Statutes and Regulations
- Decisions of the UMB General Assembly
- Decisions of the UMB Board.

B. Working Procedures

1. Tasks and duties of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee conducts the day-by-day operations of the UMB within the contexts of the UMB Statutes and the processing of the decisions of the UMB Board; regarding:

a) Decisions on all issues concerning the current administrative processes.
b) Financial transactions according to the assigned budget and in so far that the Budget is not exceeded.
c) Editorial matters concerning the maintenance and updates of the rules and regulations.
d) Preparation of proposals for amendments of Statutes, rules and regulations that cannot be amended otherwise.
e) Decisions on sanctions and fines insofar these are implicated by the Sports rules.
f) Publications on the UMB website.
g) Monitoring of external task assignments within the scope of to the budget

h) Appointment of a (semi-)professional Member (In case the Secretary General is not appointed by the General Assembly) according to the approved budget and the performance control.
i) Assignment of the (cumulated) tasks of the Executive Committee
j) Development of new concepts, among others for publicity and corporate image
k) Sponsor acquisition and negotiations of agreements
l) Monitoring and maintenance of the sponsor contracts
m) Allocation of tournaments and championships according to the UMB Statutes and the rules and regulations
n) Assignment of delegates to UMB and external events.

2. <u>Tasks and duties of the UMB Board:</u>

Applies to the Members mentioned under article 71.1 point 1.a), 1.b) and 1.c (1.c at the discretion of the Confederations.)

a. Update of the Sport rules – Changes that have implications on the flow of events may not take effect during the current sports season and are only valid in the next following sports season. Changes may not be applied to already published events.
b. Changes to already assigned (contracted) events can only take effect with the consent of the organizing Confederation.
c. Decision regarding the expiration of mid- and long-term sponsor agreements
d. Allocation of and changes to the allowances and reimbursement rules
e. Appointment of the Secretary General if not already elected by the General Assembly
f. Setup of the budget (financial forecast)
g. Financial transaction outside the budget concerning middle and long-term agreements.
h. Assignments of statutory UMB Championships and tournaments
i. Assignment of the representatives of the UMB in WCBS
j. Appointment of Consultants or advisory members upon proposal of the Executive Committee
k. Assignment of the date and place of the UMB General Assembly and Ordinary General Assembly unless already assigned by the General Assembly or through the organizing Confederation.
l. Decisions and proposals concerning the UMB General Assembly
m. Suspension of a Member of the Executive Committee that in spite of warnings do not fulfil the Commitment imposed by his function within the Board or grossly neglects or acts against the Statutes and regulations of the UMB or harming the (image of the) UMB. Personal damages remain unaffected.

3. <u>Functions of the Executive Committee</u>

Functions and tasks are attributed by the UMB Board according to the line of competence and the needs of the UMB Executive Committee as stated under article 71.1.

All Members of the Executive Committee may be assigned more than one function, according to their line of competence.

<u>Exception:</u>

The function of President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer may not be combined and must be assigned to four different members. Should a function be vacant, the President in consultation with the Executive Committee shall determine the interim repartition of tasks.

a. The **President** is the sole legal representative of the UMB. He is entitled to delegate the representation to another Board member. He leads and conducts the meetings of the Board and the General Assembly.

b. The **Vice-President of Finance** replaces the President in case of absence. Together with another Member of the Executive Committee he has the Power of Signature and financially represents the UMB. He is responsible for the financial processes and for the management of content and visual image of the UMB website.

c. The **Secretary General** is responsible for the internal communication, the convocations and minutes concerning the UMB Board, Executive Committee meetings and the General Assembly, within the time limits implicated by the UMB Statutes. Together with the President he is responsible for (the contents of the Order of the Day. The Secretary General is closely aligned with the Office Manager in all communication tasks to avoid differences in internal and external communication.

d. The **Treasurer** is responsible for the financial administration of the UMB including account management, bookkeeping and financial year statements. Together with another Member of the Executive Committee he has the Power of Signature.

e. The **Sports Director** is responsible for the UMB sports matters. He monitors the deadline for inscription to tournament and Championships and is responsible for the maintenance of the Sports Calendar, eventually in collaboration with the Confederations. He is responsible and sees to it that the UMB events are executed according to the sports regulations.

f. The **UMB Office Manager** is appointed by the UMB Board, without statutory voting right. The Office Manager manages the UMB Office, responsible for the communicative and administrative processes and representing the central point of contact for the UMB.

4. Power of Signature concerning the bank accounts

The Vice-President and the Treasurer, responsible for the financial administration, have the Power of Bank Signature. All transfers or withdrawals from any UMB account must be approved and digitally ratified (signed) by two of the Members with the Power of Signature, according to the "4-eyes principle".
The President and the Office Manager serve as back-up for the second signature.

5. Convocation – Delay/time limit – Minutes

Meetings of the Executive Committee take place as needed. Meetings of the entire Board take place at least once per calendar year.

Meetings of the Executive Committee may be carried out by Phone or video conference.
Upon request of the President, the Secretary General sends the written convocation for a meeting of the Board members at least four weeks before the meeting date, with all relevant documents and/or information included in attachment.

Within a delay of maximum **four weeks** the minutes of the meeting must be sent to all Board Members, signed by the Chairman (Most of the time the President) and the Secretary General. The minutes are considered approved if no reactions are received by the UMB Office within four weeks from the date of sending. Any remarks to points in the Minutes must be clearly explained. It concerns only the items in question. The rest of the minutes remains valid.

If the remarks are not accepted, while objectively explained, these remarks remain until approval or dismissal at the next Board meeting.

6. **Voting rights**
   The UMB Board Members, mentioned under **article 71.1. 1a) and 1.b)**, have voting rights during the respective meetings.

   Equality of votes results in rejection of the proposal or voting item.

   The Board Members have the right of reimbursement of expenses according to the UMB **Reimbursement Rules**. They may invoice the UMB Office accordingly.

   The Board Members, mentioned under article **71.1. 1c),** have an advisory function with no voting rights. They are appointed by the Confederations for the duration of the UMB election period. They have no reimbursement rights from the UMB.

7. **Anti-doping and Anti-corruption**
   Any information of doping abuse received by a Board Member must be immediately forwarded to the Board. The same procedure is also valid for information about corruption.

   Infringement or personal involvement in above mentioned matters of any Member of the Executive Committee leads automatically to the suspension of the Board Member and proposal for exclusion from the Board.

8. **Limitation of liability**
   The personal liability of Board Members is limited to gross negligence and intentional infractions. Offences, whose aim concerns the interest of the UMB are exempt of liability.

ARTICLE 73: ELIGIBILITY

1. Only members of an affiliated federation can be elected or re-elected in the UMB Board. The elected or appointed members of the Board may express themselves orally or in writing in one of the official languages of the UMB.
   On the exception of the president and the vice-president, each Board-member may cumulate his function with a function in a confederation.
   The cumulating of a function in the UMB Board is authorized with a function in a federation for each Board-member.

2. The members of the Executive Committee, regardless of their age, cannot be re-elected or appointed if they already fulfilled a Board Member function during three election periods, in the year in which the genera/ assembly takes place and where one must proceed according to their re-election. These regulations are also applicable/e, in analogy, for the members of the permanent commissions.
   These regulations are applicable, starting from the elections during the 291h Genera/ Assembly in Cairo, January 16th, 2016, and is equally valid tor the new elected members as well as tor the sitting or re-elected Members. After the 2016 elections, all UMB Executive Committee Members are then re-electable tor maximum two more periods of four years.

3. The members of the Board are elected by the General Assembly for an office period of four years in their respective offices. Outgoing members may be re-elected.

4. In case of death, discharge, or recall of a member of the Board, the General Assembly elects a new member.

5. The General Assembly can at any time recall an elected or appointed member of the Board by secret vote and with an absolute majority of the expressed votes.

6. No person is allowed to hold an office in the Board if he is directly or indirectly involved in the business of billiards or billiard accessories or runs a billiard room or mainly a billiard game room or if he takes professionally care of the commercialisation or the organization of billiard competitions outside of a body which does not have a lucrative aim.
   Moreover a person cannot be candidate for a function in the Board if he was involved during the last year before presenting his candidature in the above mentioned.

ARTICLE 74: ASSEMBLY, CONVENTION, DECISIONS

1. The Board assembles according to the convention of the President of the UMB, if it is necessary, or on the request of three of its members. The place and date will be determined by a common agreement, otherwise according to the decision of the president. In the interim they consult each other by correspondence, by telephone, fax, or e-mail.

2. The Board decides with the relative majority of the expressed votes. All members are equal and have one vote. In the case of tie the vote of the president counts twice.

ARTICLE 75: ACCESS TO THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE BOARD

The assemblies of the Board are reserved for the members of this body. The Board may invite any person to attend its sessions to get to know his opinion.

ARTICLE 76: MINUTES

1. A minute will be written about the deliberations of the Board. This document, accompanied by a project or an extraction which sums up the important facts and the decisions, is sent to each member of the Board within four weeks. The approval of these documents by the members of the Board must take place within the four weeks following the dispatch.

2. The extracts of the deliberations of the Board and the decisions taken are at the disposition of the federations.

THE PATRON'S COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 91: HONORARY MEMBERS

1. The General Assembly can bestow any honorary title on any person whether a member of a federation or not, and it is recallable at any time.

2. Honorary Member is related to the office on members of the UMB Board or a Commission who have rendered considerable service to the UMB or on persons, whose name is likely to increase the prestige of the UMB, on persons who have rendered outstanding service to the sports of billiards in general or to the UMB.

ARTICLE 92: THE FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMISSION ARTICLE 101: COMPOSITION

1. The financial review Commission comprises two members. The federation in which the General Assembly takes place is obliged to designate two persons to check the accounts, and it defrays the expenses. The names of these two persons must be made known to the UMB Office and the Vice-President, within two months before the General Assembly at the latest. The affected federation also takes all measures in order to replace a person said to check the accounts, if he is missing.

2. The members of the Board cannot be nominated for the financial review Commission.

3. In case that the UMB accounts for the two-year period exercise, , preceding the General Assembly, have been reviewed and approved by UMB external auditors, the audited financial accounts and report will be presented to the General Assembly for discharge of the board, including the budget for the next two-years period as approved by the UMB Board.
   In this case, the financial review commission is dismissed from its tasks.

ARTICLE 102: TASKS

The checkers of the accounts control with the help of the Vice-President responsible for financial matters the accounts for the period elapsed since the previous General Assembly and examine the projected budget for the successive business year.

They present a written report to the General Assembly. They are qualified to present any necessary proposal to the General Assembly which proceeds from statements verified in the fiscal year of their mandate.

ARTICLE 103: ASSEMBLY

The financial review commission assembles at the place of the General Assembly one or two days before its meeting.

Article 111. TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS

Depending on a current case, the UMB Executive Committee may appoint a temporary advisory commission with a specific mission to report to the UMB Executive Committee within a projected period.

The Temporary Commissions are composed of three to seven members who are appointed for the projected duration, which comply with the needed competence for the case in question.

CHAPTER VI: DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

ARTICLE 121: COMPETENCIES

1. The UMB Board institutes all disciplinary matters and is subject to the exceptions mentioned in article 123; it pronounces the sanctions provided in article 123 against each association, body or person affected by the statutes and regulations of the UMB. It proposes the sanction determined by article 123.1.d) to the General Assembly.

2. The official delegate of the UMB at a competition recognized by or concerning the UMB, has the duty of supervising its sports activity and to require the respect of all current regulations. He has the full authority to take any necessary measures to affect this. If necessary, and after consultation with the official delegate of the organizing federation and with the director of the competition, he may even bar from the championship an infringing participant or interrupt the competition and even decide about a sanction. In this case the concerned person(s) can introduce an appeal procedure to the UMB Board.

3. For complaints affecting a member of the General Assembly, the competencies normally assigned to the UMB Board are valid.

ARTICLE 122: INFRINGEMENTS

Infringements are:

a) the failure to respect the statutes and regulations.
b) the failure to respect a decision of the General Assembly, of the UMB Board or of the official delegate of the UMB at a competition or of anybody on which the powers of decision-making has been conferred.
c) an incorrect communication in the entry of a player or team
d) an anti-sportive behaviour regardless of its character

An infringement can be committed by a federation, confederation, club, team or person.

ARTICLE 123: SANCTIONS

Possible sanctions in order of importance are:

1. Principal Sanctions:
   a) warning,
   b) censure,
   c) suspension,
   d) barring - which only lies within the competency of the General Assembly.

2. Accessory Sanctions:
   e) penalty with a maximum equal to 40.000 €.

3. In each case the financial effect determined by article 129 of the statutes and of the regulations against doping is reserved. The UMB Board's demand of the deposit of a security that the entry of a competition becomes valid, is not considered as a sanction.

ARTICLE 124: VALIDITY OF SANCTIONS

1. Depending on the gravity of the infringement, it is possible to accumulate sanctions. A sanction may be coupled with total or partial suspension. If a sanction with suspension is pronounced, the details or its repeal must also be specified. The duration of a suspension may not exceed three years.

2. If the sanction affects a federation, a confederation, a club or a team, the sanction will also be valid for all members of the affected association.

3. Any sanction imposed by the UMB extends the jurisdiction over its Members, the UMB Confederations and Federations. Their statutes and rules must legally comply with the UMB statutory disciplinary matters, excluding the participation of suspended players to the respective Confederal and Federal Championships.

4. Any sanction imposed by a federation or confederation against one of its members, a club, a team, or a person will be extended to the jurisdiction of the UMB. In such cases the UMB cannot act as an authority of appeal.

ARTICLE 125: METHOD OF LODGING COMPLAINTS

1. The UMB Board, the affiliated federations and the recognized confederations may present a complaint.

2. Each complaint must be addressed to the UMB president.

3. The complaint or the introduction of a procedure of appeal following art. 121 must be lodged in writing with two copies and must duly involve the complainant. It must contain:

   a) the name or names and details necessary on the identity of the person or persons at fault

b) the detailed description of the circumstances in the course of which the infringement was committed or declared.
c) the names of possible witnesses
d) all details necessary to the correct investigation of the complaints

ARTICLE 126: ADMISSIBILITY OF COMPLAINTS

1. A complaint will only be admissible if the incriminating facts date from less than one year from the day of the plaintiff's taking cognize of the case.

2. Jointly with dispatch of the complaint, the plaintiff, except if the UMB Board itself is complaining, is bound to transfer a security sum equal to 4.000 €. In no case a complaint will be investigated before the receipt of the above-mentioned security, and it will automatically expire if it is not paid within an appointed period of time of thirty days.

3. If the complaint is judged to be incomplete, it is returned to its sender with a request for completion to be furnished within a maximum time limit of twenty days.

4. If the complaint is judged to be inadmissible, it is returned to its sender with an explanation of the reasons.

5. If the complaint is judged to be admissible, it is dealt with according to the applicable regulations.

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ARTICLE 127: METHOD OF JUDGEMENT OF COMPLAINTS

1. The UMB Board decides in each case who will be the member charged with communications between the parties and witnesses. He consults them in a meeting, by writing, by telephone or e-mail.

2. The bodies or persons involved in or affected by the inquiry are obliged to furnish all information requested by the UMB Board.

3. Once the file is complete, the Board consults to determine whether an infringement has been committed and if it has been committed, it will pronounce a sanction.

4. If the consultations by writing, by telephone or by e-mail are not enough, or upon request of one of the parties, the latter will be called to a hearing. The president of the UMB determines the person or persons of the Board who are in charge of hearing. If necessary, the president will decide to call a meeting of the Board with the parties. A minute of the hearing is drawn up on the spot and signed by the affected parties or witnesses.

5. Once the inquiry is over, the UMB Board is committed to decide. The relative majority of the expressed votes is necessary. The Board's final decisions are recorded in writing and signed by the president and two members of the Board.

ARTICLE 128: TIME LIMITS OF JUDGEMENT

1. The decision on admissibility of a complaint must be made within six weeks following the receipt of the complaint and of the security.

2. Once the file is judged to be complete, the UMB Board must deal with it within twelve weeks after the start of consultations. After the end of the consultations, the UMB Board must decide within thirty days.

3. The General Assembly in its next session is bound to handle an appeal and decide following the receipt and the payment of the security.

4. In the case of force majeure announced in writing to the parties, the above-mentioned time limits may be extended by an equal duration, but only one single time.

ARTICLE 129: FINANCIAL CASES

1. If a request for completion according to article 126.3 is not satisfied, or if the complaint is judged inadmissible, the security is returned to the sender, less a deduction for the expenses of the UMB up to a maximum of 50 % of the security.

2. If the Board concludes that the complaint has been wrongly lodged, the security is totally retained by the UMB.

3. If the Board concludes that the complaint was lodged with good reason and even if no sanction is pronounced, the security is returned to the plaintiff, less the expenses of the UMB which are at his expense.

4. If a complaint is recognized to be legitimate and if a sanction is pronounced, the security is returned to the plaintiff. In each case the expenses by the UMB are billed to the person at fault or to the body to which he belongs.

5. Costs for travel and lodging of the parties concerned are at their own expense; those of the Board will be borne either by the faulty party, or by the UMB if a sanction was not imposed. The expenses of the possible witnesses are to be borne by those who requested their convention. If witnesses are presented by the Board, their expenses are borne by the UMB, subject to transfer it later to the expense of the party at fault.

ARTICLE 130: PUBLICATION OF SANCTIONS

1. Once the UMB Board has decided or has stipulated a sanction, it so informs the parties by registered letter with return receipt.

2. The UMB Board decides whether the sanction should be communicated to the members of the UMB and should or should not be published in the official bulletin, if one exists. This decision must also appear in the letter addressed to the parties.

ARTICLE 131: APPEALS

1. The decisions or sanctions pronounced by the UMB Board may be, according to article 123.1.d), the matter of an appeal towards the General Assembly of the UMB, made by one or other of the parties directly affected. The decisions or sanctions pronounced by the General Assembly may be the matter of an appeal towards the sports court of arbitration (CAS) institutionalized by the IOC by one or other of the parties directly affected or by the UMB Board. The decisions of the sports court of arbitration are definite and must be executed. Such an appeal suspends the execution of a sanction, as well as its possible publication until a final decision will be reached.

2. An appeal against a decision made by the UMB Board must be addressed to the President of the UMB within twenty days following the notification according to article 130. Any appeal, unless it is made by the UMB Board, must be accompanied by the payment of a security identical to that stipulated for lodging a complaint. This payment must reach the UMB within the same time limit stipulated for the receipt of the appeal.
   If the time limits stipulated for the appeal and for the payment of the security are not carried out, the appeal is automatically rejected, and the decisions or sanctions made are definite and must be executed.

3. The appeal must be presented in writing, with two copies and must have the signature of the appealing person. Moreover, it must indicate the contested decision, the reasons, the conclusions, and the possible evidence.

4. On condition that they do not contradict the present article, the articles 121 to 130 are also applicable in the case of appeal.

5. In the case of an appeal towards the sports court of arbitration (CAS), the rules of that organization are applicable.

ARTICLE 132: INFRINGEMENT AGAINST ANTI-DOPING LEGISLATION

All infringement against the international rules concerning the anti-doping legislation, ruled by WADA, will be automatically sanctioned with a suspension. The duration of the suspension is set according to the WADA rules and regulations. We refer to the WADA rules and regulation.

CHAPTER VII: FINANCES

ARTICLE 141: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Each affiliated federation and each recognized confederation are obliged to pay an annual membership fee to the UMB which amount is determined by the General Assembly. The membership fee of the federations is included in the combined membership fee of the recognized confederation and this last one is responsible for the payment of it.

ARTICLE 142: BENEFACTORS

The UMB Board may grant the title of benefactor to natural or juristic persons wishing to give financial aid to the UMB. Each benefactor is obliged to pay an annual contribution of support which minimum amount is determined by the General Assembly. This contribution must reach the UMB within the first three months of each year. Benefactors may attend general assemblies.

The Board will automatically withdraw the name of a benefactor who despite a reminder has not forwarded his contribution six months after the deadline determined above. The title of benefactor may be recalled at any time. The home federation will be informed of any withdrawal.

ARTICLE 143: FINANCIAL DEADLINES

1. The annual subscription must reach the UMB within the first three months following the beginning of the financial year. Unless other deadlines are imposed, payments to the UMB must be executed within thirty days. Upon payments being in default, an interest in delay determined by the Board is imposed.

2. Payments to the UMB must be made in the currency determined by the Board.

3. Any affiliated or recognized association delinquent in any payment by more than six months is automatically and suspended by the UMB Board. This suspension is lifted as soon as the late payments have been received.

4. A competition may not be assigned to a federation which has not fulfilled its obligations towards the UMB or towards the confederation to which it belongs. A competition being still assigned can be withdrawn for the same reasons.

ARTICLE 144: ORGANIZATION FEES

In submitting a request for authorization to organize a world championship or any other competition recognized by the UMB, the requesting party must first of all pay an organization fee to the UMB which amount is to be determined by the General Assembly. This sum must be paid within the time appointed by the world organization rules. This amount is retained by the UMB even in the case of a later retreat or withdrawal of the organization, regardless of the reason.

ARTICLE 145: MODIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Unless a contrary decision of two third of the expressed votes, the financial decisions made by the General Assembly take effect on January 1st of the year following that of the General Assembly.
A competition assigned several years in advance will have the benefit of fees and dues being in force at the allocation unless the applicant has been informed about possible modifications at that moment. In each case the reimbursement is that which takes effect at the holding of the competition.

ARTICLE 146: REIMBURSEMENT, PRIZE MONEY

1. The General Assembly determines the amount of travel and lodging allowances that have to be paid by the UMB.

    a) A travel and lodging reimbursement are paid by the UMB to the members of the Board
    - for their presence at the General Assembly,
    - for their meetings during the season.

    b) The travel and lodging expenses of the confederations' delegates nominated by the UMB Board in order to be present at the general assemblies and at the Board meetings during the season are not supported by the UMB.

    c) A reimbursement paid by the UMB is granted to the official delegate of the UMB at each competition recognized by or concerning the UMB, as well as at each competition where the UMB Board considers that it is necessary that the UMB will be present. The travel costs of the UMB delegate for world championships are at the expense of the organizer of the competition.

    d) As soon as the presence of a delegate of the UMB at another competition than those mentioned in point c) above is required, lodging costs are at the expense of the organizer of the competition.

    e) As far as the tournaments of the World-cup three cushions are concerned, regulations are applicable.

2. A reimbursement may be paid by the UMB to persons charged with missions by the General Assembly or by the Board as well as to members of the permanent Commissions. However, this reimbursement must be the matter of a prior agreement between the Board and the affected persons

3. Depending on the financial situation of the UMB, the Board may decide on exceptions to these arrangements in the case of special circumstances.

4. The General Assembly determines the financial fees and dues to be honoured for world championships or other authorized competitions recognized by or concerning the UMB.

5. The General Assembly determines the financial fees and dues to be honoured for world championships or other authorized competitions recognized by or concerning the UMB.

ARTICLE 150. NATIONALITY OF COMPETITORS.

Any competitor in the UMB World Championships must be a national of the Federation which is entering such competitor.
All matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in the UMB World Championships shall be resolved by the UMB Executive Committee
By-law to the UMB statutes:

1. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the world or regional championships recognized by the relevant IF, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 2 below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

2. A competitor who has represented one country in the world or regional championships recognized by the relevant IF, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the World Championships to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the Confederation and Federation concerned, by the UMB Executive Committee, which considers the circumstances of each case.

3. Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in the World Championships, either by representing another country than his or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the UMB Executive Committee may take all decisions of a general or individual nature about issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile, or residence of any competitor, including the duration of any waiting period

CHAPTER VIII: COMPETITIONS, SPORTS SCHEDULE

ARTICLE 151: DEFINITION OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES

1. **World championships:**
   Individual or team competition, where the title of world champion in that discipline is competed for. World championships may be organized in all disciplines recognized by the UMB.

2. **Invitation matches:**
   These are tournaments where the players of several continents are assembled and where the conditions which must be respected are determined by the UMB Board.

3. **Exhibitions:**
   These are demonstrations of the various disciplines of the sports of billiards by one or several players who come from different continents or which are organized on a continent

different from that where the affected player comes from. The conditions which must be respected are determined by the UMB Board.

4. **Other competitions:**
   The UMB Board is qualified to negotiate with any potential organizer concerning the realization of each official or unofficial competition. It is authorized to assign the organization of these competitions to third persons, including the payment of a contribution to the UMB. If the interest of the sports of billiards is demonstrated, the above-mentioned regulations may also be applicable at world championships, if necessary.

ARTICLE 152: REQUEST FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The world championships are organized according to the regulations of the UMB.

ARTICLE 153: SPORTS SCHEDULE

1. World championships and other intercontinental competitions recognized by or concerning the UMB will be placed on the UMB's sports schedule depending on the possibilities and inquiries concerning the organization. They are under absolute protection. No other event on world scale which may compete with them can be authorized to take place at the same dates.
2. Avoiding conflicts as far as the dates are concerned, UMB's sports schedule takes into consideration the dates which the federations, the confederations and the contractual partners want to reserve, but on condition that these dates are made known to the UMB at least 1 year in advance and in as much that a special date has already been allocated to a world championship.

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ARTICLE 154: ORGANIZATION INQUIRIES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The requests for the organization of world championships must reach the UMB Office within the deadlines determined by the world organization rules. They must obligatorily contain all the indications determined by the world organization rules. The championships are allocated by the UMB Board.

CHAPTER IX: FLAG AND INSIGNIA OF THE UMB

ARTICLE 161: FLAG

The flag of the UMB is 2.25 meters wide and 1.50 meters high. It bears on a white background and in its centre two circles side by side inside of which the world hemispheres is delineated in green, the latitude and longitude lines being marked in black. A third circle coloured red and partly visible is superimposed on these two hemispheres. Below the design the three initials "UMB" are mounted in red. The outer edges of the circles and the initials are in black.

Each recognized confederation is required to purchase at its own expense a UMB flag from the UMB Board. The affiliated federations can also acquire specimen of the UMB flag.
The UMB flag must be raised in the place hosting any display organized, patronized or recognized by or concerning the UMB.

ARTICLE 162: INSIGNIA OF THE UMB

The distinguishing insignia are bestowed on members of the Board.
The General Assembly, the Board, as well as the official delegate of the UMB at a competition is authorized to bestow this insignia on any person rendering or having rendered a service to the sports of billiards in general or to the UMB.

ARTICLE 163: WORLD CHAMPION'S BADGE

The UMB bestows a distinguishing badge on any player who becomes a world champion for the first time in any kind of games directed by the UMB.

ARTICLE 164: UMB'S HONORARY REFEREE BADGE

On the proposal of the federations or confederations or the UMB Board itself, the UMB Board can bestow in agreement with the federation of origin an honorary badge of UMB referee to any referee who has satisfactorily fulfilled the duty of a referee in international competitions and more specifically in world championships for several years. Only the UMB Board decides at last resort about the proposals which were made.

ARTICLE 165: UMB'S REFEREE BADGE

On the proposal of the confederations, the UMB Board can bestow in agreement with the federation of origin a badge of UMB referee to any referee who has satisfactorily fulfilled the duty of a referee in international competitions and more specifically in world championships for several years. Only the UMB Board decides at last resort about the proposals which were made.

CHAPTER X: FINAL CLAUSES

ARTICLE 171: RESPONSIBILITY, COMPETENCIES

The UMB is only liable to third persons up to the amount of its fortune. Any responsibility of the bodies of the UMB or of its members is excluded.
The UMB is not responsible to the members of its bodies and to the participants of its competition. They are to affect insurances, legal protection, health insurance, accident insurance, etc. on their own. Subject to the regulations allowing an appeal at the sports court of arbitration the qualified bodies of the UMB decide on their own and in each case. The proceedings of the ordinary jurisdiction are excluded; except, however, the infringements concerning doping which are from case to case subject to penal jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 172: LITIGATIONS

1. In the case in which the federations or confederations are opposed by a litigation and failing to reach an agreement, the UMB Board acts as an arbitration commission. Its decision is final and brings the engaged parties up to a conclusion of a possible appeal addressed to the next General Assembly.

2. In the case of conflict between the UMB Board and an affiliated or recognized association which may not come to an amicable settlement, the General Assembly decides. The Board's decision has the force of law until the assembly of the next General Assembly.

3. The contested parties cannot take part in the election about litigation.

ARTICLE 173: DISSOLUTION

The disbanding of the UMB may only be pronounced on the condition that such a demand is put on the agenda. If the general assembly does not determine liquidators, it is incumbent upon the last board in place to proceed with the liquidation. Possible assets will be designated for a purpose determined by the general assembly which has decided upon the dissolution.

The eventually remaining assets from the dissolution of the UMB will be transferred to a Swiss institution, exempt of taxes. Otherwise, to an institution that will then be designated, fulfilling the profile implicated by the Swiss tax authorities.

ARTICLE 174: ENFORCEMENT AND ANNULMENT OF FORMER STATUTES

1. The present statutes are adapted and are subject to revision as approved by the 32nd UMB ordinary General Assembly, held on Saturday, October 15th, 2021, in Valencia, (Spain). They are immediately enforced and annul all previous or contrary regulations.

2. The restructuring of the UMB accepted by the 24th UMB ordinary General Assembly on 8th April 2006, in Louvain (Belgium) does not constitute a rupture with the past of the UMB. Any rights and duties which are ensured by the UMB towards its members, or third persons retain their entire value as far as the new statutory regulations does not explicitly annul or modify them.

3. The affiliated federations, the recognized confederations, the associated members, as well as the contractual partners of the UMB are committed to respect these Statutes and cause them to be respected.

Signed on 20th of January 2023.

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