



INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION

The Secretary General

***Presidents and Secretary Generals
ISSF Member Federations***

Munich, July 3, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this finds you well in these still unsettling and challenging times!

When in March of 2020 the ISSF Executive Committee announced to hold the next ordinary ISSF General Assembly in Munich, Germany, on November 21, 2020 no one could imagine the outbreak of the global pandemic. It led already to the postponement of the Tokyo-2020 Olympic Games, cancellation of nearly all major international competitions including all ISSF Championships of the current year.

Now the Executive Committee is facing a question of what is the right way to proceed with our next Ordinary General Assembly because in the existing situation the possibility and advisability to stage the ISSF General Assembly on 21 November 2020 in Munich can be heavily put into doubt.

What are the reasons of those doubts?

1. It is likely that due to the existing travel restrictions on the national and international levels part of the delegates might not be able to attend.
2. There is a risk of to infect participants of the General Assembly despite all protective security measures.
3. No one can exclude that in addition to the existing restrictions caused by the first wave of COVID-19 pandemic that has not finished yet some other will be introduced due to the danger of the appearance of the second wave (see statistics attached).
4. The agenda of this ordinary General Assembly does not suppose holding elections or necessity of important decisions for the ISSF, while required reports can be sent in due time to all Member Federation in accordance to the ISSF Constitution.
5. Considerable financial resources will be lost in case of the Assembly's last minute breakdown by circumstances that do not depend upon any of us or because of a small number of participants.

On 17 July 2020, the ISSF Executive Committee will hold a video meeting during which it must take a decision on the next ISSF General Assembly in accordance with Article 6.10 ISSF Constitution. This decision will be based on your opinion. That is why all of the ISSF Member Federations are kindly asked to express their opinion by pointing out which of the following options indicated below is favored under the given circumstances and the possible development of events:

Variant A

To hold the General Assembly in Munich on November 21, 2020, as initially envisaged (despite points 1 and 2 of the comments above)

Variant B

To postpone the General Assembly to beginning/spring of 2021 (despite point 3 of the comments above)

By choosing this variant it is necessary to consider that in case the pandemic is defeated in the first half of 2021, most of us will be engaged in preparations for the ISSF Championships and, what is more important, for the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Further, it does not seem reasonable to hold the meeting of the General Assembly after the Olympic Games and only one year before the elective General Assembly.

Variant C

To not hold this General Assembly in 2020/2021 because in 2022 there will be the next elective General Assembly.

By choosing this variant it is necessary to consider that in November-December of 2020 the Executive Committee is planning to hold video meetings with all Continental Confederations to discuss the leadership and committees' reports as well as any matter of interest raised by the Member Federations in order to exchange opinions and be mutually enriched.

Variant D

Any other option entailing a different opinion than outlined in Variants A, B or C.

Attached you will find a Voting Card that you are kindly asked to fill out indicating your preferred choice of variant. May I also earnestly request you return the Voting Cards to the ISSF Headquarters by 15 July 2020 at the latest. It will help the Executive Committee to take a decision that corresponds to the opinion of the majority of the ISSF Member Federations.

With kind regards,



Alexander Ratner

Attachment:

- Voting card
- Actual statistics on the COVID-19 pandemic (www.worldometers.info)