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## IDF Presidium Meeting Minutes Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**Present: President - Leandro Senesi, Vice-Presidents: Oleksandr Gladysh, Bartolo dell'Aiera and Agata Maj and General Secretary Robert Ban.**  
**Absent: General Secretary Katalin Kovacs**

The Presidium met to discuss the misinterpretation of the IDF WDC 2021 Online rule regarding video recordings by the Spanish team and to decide how to proceed for the September event.

The meeting started with the summary of the competition so far. The Presidium praised Alicia Lopez and the Spanish organisers for their professionalism and excellent preparation of the online broadcast.

All attendees were explained the situation that occurred during the IDF WDC 2021 Online Part 1.

Incident summary

As agreed by the Presidium and the organisers before the event, the rules of the online competition required that 'recordings are recent and not taken during any previous live competitions'.

However, during the June event it turned out that the Spanish team understood this rule differently and interpreted it differently to what it means. Their understanding was that the recordings should not be taken during any previous IDF live events, however can include recordings from their national competitions leading to the World Championship. As a result 90% of their presentations, over 100 choreographies, were recorded during their national live event that took place a week before the IDF registration's deadline. This misunderstanding was only detected on the day of the competition. As soon as it was discovered, an urgent meeting including the IDF President, one of the IDF Vice-Presidents, both competition directors and all international judges present at this particular time was held.

All attendees were asked to express their opinion whether the team should be penalised, which would mean for all of the competitors concerned to be classified in the last place. After a discussion and voting all panel unanimously agreed that dancers should not be penalised as:

- Recordings were taken from a static camera positioned far away which didn't give dancers any advantage compared to the recordings taken outside of the live competition.
- Dancers performing in the live event had potentially less opportunities to be filmed in comparison with the dancers who were submitting videos taken outside of the live competition.

- Applying the last place penalty to the whole team would have detrimental effect of dancers, especially in this post-lockdown period.

The judges were also informed this was an extraordinary situation and that the decision needed to be made in an extraordinary way based on the timing when this particular issue was identified and the number of dancers it affected. The President made it clear on the competition day that no live competition videos will be permitted for the second part of the championship in September.

Having spoken to Alicia Lopez after the first part of the competition it became apparent that unfortunately the misinterpretation of the video recording rule will also affect at least some Spanish dancers who planned to participate in the second part of the IDF WDC 2021 Online. This is because the majority of Spanish entries, both for part 1 and part 2 of the IDF WDC 2021 Online, were recorded during the Spanish live competition. Spanish dance schools have now closed for the summer holidays and will not be reopening until mid September. This means that should recordings from live competitions be not allowed bringing dancers together to re-record their performances, especially in small groups, formations and productions is practically impossible.

Alicia asked for the decision to allow recordings from their live competition to also apply to the September event to allow the Spanish dancers to participate. She stressed that it would be beneficial not only for the Spanish dancers who were certain their videos were within the rules but also towards the IDF as it could contribute towards generating interest with Dance Show among the Spanish teams and promote the discipline.

The Presidium discussed the matter in details trying to find a solution that would not harm the dancers and at the same time not affect the image of the IDF.

After over an hour of discussions the Presidium all agreed that while the decision taken in June needed to be made not to harm the Spanish dancers, it wasn't positive for the image of the IDF. The rule seemed clear and additionally three other countries were told prior to the event that no competition videos will be allowed, so allowing Spanish team perform with no consequences caused confusion and questions among those who watched the event.

Oleksandr Gladyshev suggested that the decision about allowing Spanish team perform in the first part of the championship without at least some form of penalty was not fair towards other nations.

The presidium discussed if allowing live competition video recordings in September could be allowed, however all agreed that such decision cannot be made. The videos can still be submitted for another 2 months. The Presidium appreciate the fact that we are now in the summer holiday period and that some schools may struggle to bring their dancers together, however this situation is similar to the one experienced by the Eastern European countries in April and May. The Eastern European countries found out about the WDC 2021 Online Part 1 a month before the registration deadline with two weeks being their Easter and public holidays but still needed to follow the rules.

The Presidium understands that summer holidays may cause challenges to some schools but at the same time other schools asked for video submission deadline to be extended until September to specifically record their videos during the holiday period. Many schools also have an opportunity to try and record their performances during their summer camps.

IDF Presidium agreed that despite their willingness to help the affected Spanish clubs it is not possible for the IDF to agree on violating their own rule twice in a row as this will be unfair towards all other member countries and will severely affect IDF's image and seriousness.

The Presidium also agreed that they are saddened and disappointed that this situation took place as they would wish for everyone to enjoy their WDC experience. They feel that this misunderstanding could easily be avoided if questions were asked before the recordings at the live event were made.

The final decision is that any recordings submitted for the second part of the IDF WDC 2021 Online due in September must not be recorded during any previous live events. This applies to all previous IDF events as well as any other dance competition (national events, competitions by other organisations etc).

Date: July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

IDF President  
Mr Leandro Senesi

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