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SHOOTING CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS

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To all Member Federations

Dear friends,

Allow me to present to you a brief summary of the Extraordinary General Assembly that took place in Munich on 25 June.

### OUR PARTICIPATION

A few months prior to this EGA, a group of members of the industry, protecting their interests, sent several letters to all the federations, in clear interference in the autonomy of our sport, creating an atmosphere of uncertainty among the federations that anticipated potential scenarios regarding what could occur during the EGA.

This situation forced many federations to embark on this trip, unplanned as it was in every aspect, including expenses; other federations had to entrust their vote to friendly authorities or federations that were willing to represent them, in order to support the leadership of our organization.

### CAT: A DECISIVE FORCE

Aruba, Argentina, Nicaragua, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, both federations from the Dominican Republic, both federations from Guatemala, both federations from Chile, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, both federations from Puerto Rico, USA, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Honduras, El Salvador, Cuba, the Virgin Islas, Panamá, Jamaica, Uruguay, Bolivia and Suriname. A force made up of 52 votes.

Constituting the most solid block to support the implementation of the shooting program for Tokyo 2020, secure in the knowledge that the General Assembly authorized the Executive Committee to negotiate with the IOC in all matter relating to the shooting program for the Olympic Games.

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Thirty federations out of 36 recognized by the ISSF in America were present or were represented during a very fruitful working breakfast hosted by the CAT on the morning of the Assembly, with the presence of President Vázquez Raña and Secretary General Franz Schreiber. Most of the participants had the opportunity to express their concerns and clear some doubts regarding the process that led to the proposal for the Olympic program.

We are grateful to all these federations that responded to our call. Thank you for your trust.

#### THE 2020 OLYMPIC SHOOTING PROGRAM WAS RATIFIED

However, after several presentations during the Assembly, it was quite clear that nothing could be done to change the shooting program for Tokyo 2020.

The statements made regarding the adoption of laser technology, the plot to eliminate fire arms and the refusal from the International Olympic Committee to allow them in the shooting program for the Youth Olympic Games, were all refuted and proved to be untruthful. Confirming, as was informed in prior memos from the ISSF, that the true reason for calling this EGA, was financial, political, anything except the benefit of our sport.

This was a massive event that was used to generate sympathy and votes for a premature campaign due to the elections that will take place next year.

Nevertheless, President Vázquez Raña called for the Assembly to approve the creation of a Forum that will be in charge of evaluating all shooting events that will be proposed for the 2024 Olympic Program and beyond. This initiative was approved with resounding applause and will be implemented immediately.

After the presentation of the representative of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Kit McConnell, the President of the ISSF informed the Assembly that the day prior to the EGA, once again, both the Executive Committee and the Administrative Council had unanimously ratified their approval of the 2020 Program, no abstentions and no votes against.

When the Extraordinary General Assembly was asked to ratify the program, it was approved with 249 votes in favor and only 2 against.

#### CONCLUSION

In the end, we must acknowledge that, despite the useless and irresponsible call for this EGA (it was well known that the program could not be changed), the institutional stress our organization suffered, the financial expenditure the federations incurred and the wasted time that was used to prepare the EGA and

which would have been far better invested in fine tuning the rules for the new finals, the ISSF has emerged stronger and more united than ever.

The federations were presented graphically clear information on the procedures undertaken in order to produce the 2020 shooting program, the efforts made by the ISSF to propose it and the reasons of the IOC for approving it. It is now the responsibility of every federation to implement these changes in their national programs, to take advantage of the opportunities and join the evolutionary process Agenda 2020 demands.

We trust those who aspire to become President of the ISSF next year will, as of today, concentrate their efforts in running a clean, honest and honorable campaign. The overwhelming vote of the Assembly on June 25 approving the Shooting Program For Tokyo, demands that it be so.

It also confirms that all federations will always be alert and ready to unite in order to protect the presence of the Shooting Sport in the Olympic Program.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial 'C' followed by a vertical line and a stylized 'M'.

Carlos Silva Monterroso  
Presidente

