



4th DIFA Extraordinary Congress Congress Minutes

18 April 2024 | Mission Hill athletes Hotel, Hainan-Haikou,
China.

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The session started at 14:00

1. Roll Call

At least **21 Countries** and **One Regional confederation** (Deaf Africa Football Confederation) attended for 4th DIFA Extraordinary Congress.

Thus, the tentative agenda is as follow:

- a. Welcome speeches
 - DIFA President
 - WINGS CHINA General Manager
 - b. Adoption of Agenda
 - c. Designation of scrutineers
 - d. DIFA Statutes (Reading-Amendments-Approval)
 - e. Election for vacant positions
 - f. Establishment and constitution of the DIFA' ethics commission
 - g. Recovery of DIFA membership fees and certain penalties
 - h. Resolutions
 - i. Various
 - j. Closing speeches
 - k. Family photo
 - l. Lunch
2. D I F A President **Iakov FRENKEL** welcomes all delegates to the 4th DIFA Extraordinary Congress and thanks the Chinese partner WINGS and DIFA-China for hosting it. And specifies that this congress is of paramount importance because it will be up to the delegates to adopt the DIFA STATUTES, so the amendments are in accordance with the FIFA Regulations to allow the DIFA to have a more solid base while thanking the DIFA Secretary General-**Jean Pierre Valery PEMHA** for the drafting of these texts and declare the work of the 4th DIFA Extraordinary Congress open.
 3. WINGS General Manager **Ronnie WANG** thanked the Organizing Committee for their hard work and welcomes all delegates in Hainan-Haikou, China and hope that the work of the 4th DIFA Extraordinary Congress will take place in peace and solidarity. And informs the assembly that at the end the certificates of participation will be awarded to the delegates who took part in the activities marking the high summit of deaf football and the celebration of the centenary of this sporting discipline.

4. Approval of the Agenda:
The majority of voters **approved**.

5. Appointment of Scrutineers:
5.1. Elvis HUANG (China)
5.1. Wu GANG (China).

6. DIFA Statutes

The texts of **DIFA STATUTES** were the subject of an in-depth reading and study by the delegates for several hours at the end of allowing them to immerse themselves in depth. Then after his reading and study:

6.1 **Ibrahim ADJAGBE** (Gabon) raised a proposal on **Article 19.2** of **Chapter 4** regarding the DIFA body that he suggests the introduction of the 4 representatives (Europe, Africa, Asia-Pacific, America) in the DIFA Executive Committee and comply with **Article 28.1** concerning the composition of the DIFA Executive Committee.

Approval of the Gabon's proposal:
The majority of voters **approved**.

6.2 **Ibrahim ADJAGBE** (Gabon) raised a statement about **Article 18** that is missing from the DIFA statutes.

The majority of voters **approved this amendment**.

6.3 The DIFA Statutes were **unanimously approved by the delegates of the 4th DIFA EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS**.

1. Election for vacant positions

According to the DIFA statutes there are 3 vacant positions so it is necessary to elect new members, namely 2 members at large with female included and a Senior Adviser.

1.1. Election of 2 (two) members at large:

DIFA has not received any candidates or expressions of interest for these positions then DIFA President suggest to postpone these elections for the next DIFA congress scheduled for January 2025 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The majority of voters **approved DIFA President 'suggestion**.

7.2 Election of the Senior Adviser

For the position of **DIFA Senior Adviser**, the DIFA President proposed **Mr. Meirambek MAKHAMBETOV**, President of the Kazakhstan National Deaf Football and Futsal Federation.

Noting the absence of any dispute or objection, the congress **unanimously voted on the proposal of the DIFA President**.

2. Establishment and constitution of the DIFA' Ethics Commission

8.1 **Jean Pierre Valery PEMHA -DIFA SG** (Cameroon) suggests that following the unavailability of texts that can lead and specify the role of the members of the Ethics Commission, the establishment and constitution of this commission is postponed for the next DIFA congress in 2025.

The majority of voters **approved Cameroon 'suggestion.**

3. Recovery DIFA Membership fees and certain penalties.

9.1 According to DIFA's texts, it appears that each member country must pay its membership fees of \$200 annually. As of this day of congress, the DIFA treasurer has been able to collect \$200 representing the 2024 membership fee for the Thailand.

It is 18:40 when President DIFA in his closing speech thanks the assistance for the work during this Congress and expresses his satisfaction with the DIFA Statutes thus adopted that will allow DIFA to have a solid basis for the fulfilment of its missions. This was followed by a family photo and a dinner offered for the occasion.

And the end of the 4th DIFA Extraordinary Congress in Haikou-China

Secretary General

Deaf International Football Association

Jean Pierre Valery PEMHA

