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AFGHANISTAN	Mr James Hey, Ms Roya Saberzada, Mr Fozli Ahmad Fazli
ALBANIA	Mr Redi Halilaj
ALGERIA	Mr Fabien Rousselin, Mr Khireddine Barbari, Mr Loucif Faouzi
ANGUILLA	Mr Bryan Hennis, Mr Calvert Fleming, Ms Shanella Carty
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	Mr Cliff Williams, Mr St. Clair Williams
ARGENTINA	Ms Lina Katogui
ARUBA	Mr Edgar Ridderstap
AUSTRALIA	Mr Craig Bingham
AUSTRIA	Mr Florian Konig, Mr Harald J. Mayer
AZERBAIJAN	Ms Elnara Musayeva, Mr Madat Guliyev
BANGLADESH	Mr Kabir Bin Kabir Bin, Mr Mohammed Taher Ul Alam Chowdhury (Swapon), Mr Toufika Ahmed
BARBADOS	Mr Livingstone Headley, Mr Charles Lynch
BELIZE	Ms Alicia Thompson, Mr Alain Auil
BELGIUM	Ms Nathalie Clauwaert
BENIN	Mr Romuald Hazoume
BOLIVIA	Mr Javier Arando Ramos
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Mr Goran Guska, Mr Matej Zoric, Mr Toni Zoric
BOTSWANA	Mr Game Mompe, Mr Kagiso Potongwane
BRAZIL	Ms Amanda Caroline Senne Gomes, Mr Antonio Carlos Ferreira Silvestre, Ms Elaine Sirydakias, Mr Silvio Eduardo Valesi
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	Ms Olympia Maduro Fahie, Mr Darel Chritopher, Mr Karl Scatliffe
BRUNEI	Mr Dedy Helmi Mahmod
BULGARIA	Mr Dragomir Kouzov, Mr Lyuboslav Venkov
BURKINA FASO	Mr Lazare Zabre Tanga
BURUNDI	Mr Patrick Arnaud Iryumugabo, Mr Désiré Hussein Nsengiyumaa
CAMEROON	Mr Honoré Yossi, Ms Vedvin Jaika
CANADA	Mr Mathieu Boucher, Mr Pierre Laflamme
CAPE VERDE	Ms Ariana Rodrigues Fermino, Mr Marques Mendes
CHILE	Mr Pedro Palma, Mr Germain Perez Barra, Mr Jorge Espinoza
CHINA	Ms Ling Li, Mr Yue Qu
COLOMBIA	Mr Luis Pena, Mr Vincent Adrien Pelluard
COMOROS	Mr Amirdine Mohamed, Mr Ahmed Arhoumah Salim
COSTA RICA	Ms Chiara Ruaro Roque, Mr Marco Taylor Garino, Mr Yurandir Leandro Morera, Mr Oscar Avila
CROATIA	Ms Ivana Ruzkowski
CUBA	Mr Mario Perez Fernandez, Mr Pablo Arturo Campins García
CURACAO	Mr Henny Bonafacio
CYPRUS	Mr George Georgiou
CZECHIA	Mr David Vichr, Mr Petr Marek
DENMARK	Mr Martin Elleberg, Mr Morten Anderson
DJIBOUTI	Mr Ibrahim Souldan Habeneh, Mr Zeinab Farah
DOMINICA	Mr Levi Baron, Mr Ronald Charles
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Mr Gabriel Alonso Rodriguez, Mr Rafael Tejada Martinez
ECUADOR	Mr Santiago Rosero Cambi
EGYPT	Mr Mohamed Hegazy
EL SALVADOR	Mr Oscar René Hidalgo Canada
ERITREA	Mr Misghina Haile, Mr Temesghen Weldermariam
ESTONIA	Ms Evelin Idarand
ETHIOPIA	Ms Aden Mandefro, Mr Fitsum Woldeab Sirnessa, Mr Wondimu Haile
FINLAND	Mr Jarmo Lindberg

FRANCE	Ms Marie-Françoise Potereau, Ms Martine Lascaux-Martinez, Mr Patrick Cluzaud
GAMBIA	Mr Chernoo Joof
GERMANY	Mr Marcus Burghardt, Mr Martin Wolf, Ms Nancy Burdach, Mr Bernd Dankowski
GHANA	Mr Mohammed Sahnoon, Ms Rosemary Sahnoon, Mr Mohammed Shaabam
GREAT BRITAIN	Mr Thomas Turner, Mr Frank Slevin
GREECE	Ms Sabrina Marina Twiss, Mr Vasilios Diamantopoulos
GUINEA	Ms Aminata Mara Guinee
GUYANA	Mr Horace Burrowes, Mr Paul Burrowes
HAITI	Mr Kenelt Leveille
HONDURAS	Ms Maria Santiago Rivera, Mr Pedro Santos Rivera
HONG KONG	Mr Sui Leung Wu
HUNGARY	Mr Bela Kovacs
ICELAND	Mr Bjarni Már Svavarsson, Ms Margrét Arnardóttir, Mr Bjorgvin Tómasson
INDIA	Mr Pankaj Singh, Mr Shailendra Kumar Pathak, Mr Vimal Chaudhary
INDONESIA	Mr Jadi Rajagukguk, Mr Parama Nugroho, Mr Toto Sugito
IRAN	Mr Ali Abdolzadeh, Mr Rasoul Assadi
IRELAND	Ms Claire Young, Mr James Quilligan, Mr Tom Daly
ISRAEL	Ms Dafna Lang, Ms Shani Davidov, Ms Yarden Gazit
ITALY	Mr Cordiano Dagnoni, Mr Gavino Marcello Tolu
IVORY COAST	Mr Yao Jean-Marie Allah Kouame
JAMAICA	Ms Janeille Morgan
JAPAN	Mr Ukyo Katayama, Mr Yuhei Kuroe
JORDAN	Mr Jamal Al-Fawaeir
KENYA	Mr Charles Mose, Mr Johnson Chiugu, Mr Julius Njuguna Mwangi, Mr John Birech
KYRGYZSTAN	Mr Ervin Akramov, Ms Irene Sau
LAOS	Mr Hongkham Souvannavong
LATVIA	Mr Mike Twelves, Mr Sandis Akis, Mr Valerijs Lukjanovs
LEBANON	Mr Vatche Zadourian
LIBYA	Mr Nouredin Ahmed Altareki
LITHUANIA	Mr Arnoldas Valiauga, Mr Darius Levickis
LUXEMBOURG	Mr Edouard Buchette, Mr Florian Salzinger
MALAWI	Mr Malombo Kayira
MALDIVES	Ms Zulaikha Hassan Didi
MALI	Mr Sidy Bagayoko
MALTA	Ms Alexandra Madeley, Mr John Zammit
MAURITANIA	Mr Abderrahmane Ould Ethmane
MAURITIUS	Mr Norbert Froget, Mr Trevor Court
MONGOLIA	Mr Boldkhuu Nanzad, Mr Gurdorj Ankhbayar, Mr Otgonbat Sedbazar
MOROCCO	Mr Lahcen Kharsi, Mr Mohammed Katim
MYANMAR	Mr Khin Maung Win
NAMIBIA	Mr Axel Theissen
NEPAL	Ms Pratima Kakshapati, Mr Ranjan Rajbhandari
NETHERLANDS	Mr Jak Dekker, Mr Robert Slippens
NEW ZEALAND	Mr Ryan Hollows
NICARAGUA	Ms Johana Carolina Diaz Hurtado, Mr Jader Antonio Grijalva
NIGERIA	Mr Bashir Mohammed
NORTH MACEDONIA	Mr Sasho Dimitrijoski Dimitrijoski, Ms Elena Petrova
NORWAY	Mr Jan-Oddvar Sornes, Ms Kjersti Storset



OMAN	Mr Ishaq Al-Balushi
PAKISTAN	Mr Moazzam Khan Klair, Mr Muhammad Haroon General, Mr Nisar Ahmad
PALESTINE	Ms Mona Awad
PARAGUAY	Ms Bertha Maria Hahn Benitez
POLAND	Ms Aleksandra Szynal, Mr Przemyslaw Gierczak, Mr Rafal Makowski
PORTUGAL	Mr Delmino Albano Magalhaes Pereira
QATAR	Mr Mohammed Jaham Al Kuwari, Mr Thani Khalifa Al Zarraa
ROMANIA	Mr Alexandru-Catalin Sprinceana
RWANDA	Mr Benoit Munyankindi
SAINT LUCIA	Mr Cyril Mangal
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	Mr Shimano Bailey
SAN MARINO	Ms Monica Stacchini
SAUDI ARABIA	Mr Abdulaziz Alkhuwaytim, Ms Reem Alsayegh, Mr Abdullah Bin Ali Alwathlan
SERBIA	Mr Luc Schuddinck, Mr Radisa Cubric
SEYCHELLES	Mr Mathieu Hedson
SIERRA LEONE	Mr Thomas Owen
SINGAPORE	Mr Dominic Loh
SINT MAARTEN	Ms Alba Payeras Soler, Mr Edsel Servio Romney, Mr Gilbert Jean Rousseau, Ms Sylvie Roseau
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SLOVENIA	Mr Andrej Filip, Mr Domen Zigante, Mr Pavel Mardonovic
SOMALIA	Mr Ahmed Mohamed Hassan, Mr Yasin Abduldakir Osman
SOUTH AFRICA	Ms Ciska Du Plessis-Austin, Mr Qondisa Ngwenya
SOUTH KOREA	Mr Brain S Chung, Mr Sun Cho, Mr Younghoon Chung
SPAIN	Mr Victor Lete Lasa
SRI LANKA	Mr Navarathnarajah Karunaratna
SWAZILAND	Mr Mxolisi Kenneth Shongwe
SWEDEN	Mr Leif Karlsson
SWITZERLAND	Mr Patrick Hunger, Mr Thomas Peter
TAJIKISTAN	Mr Isfandiyor Ayubov, Mr Ozodhon Davlatshoev
THAILAND	Gen. Dr. Decha Hemkasri, Mr Khattiya Srisoda, Ms Patcharida Hemkrasri
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Mr Ian Cole, Mr Pedro Palma
TÜRKIYE	Mr Alper Kasapoglu, Mr Emin Muftuoglu, Mr Metin Cengiz, Mr Mehmet Saritas
UGANDA	Mr Ross Burrage, Mr Sam Lubega, Mr Sam Muwonge
UKRAINE	Mr Andriy Grivko, Ms Tatyana Dziadevych, Mr Anatolii Veselov
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Mr Hareb Abdulrazak Kasim Mohammad Alali, Mr Ismael Al Hosani, Mr Mansoor Juma Nasser Ahmed Buosaiba
UNITED KINGDOM	Mr Adam Sutcliffe, Mr Alasdair MacLennan, Mr Thomas Turner, Mr Frank Slevin
UNITED STATES	Mr Steve McCauley
US VIRGIN ISLANDS	Mr Mervin Mills
UZBEKISTAN	Mr Davron Magametov
VATICAN	Mr Rino Alberto Bellapadrona, Mr Simone Ciocchetti, Mr Valerio Agnoli
VENEZUELA	Mr Eliezer Oswaldo Rojas Rios, Mr Jose Manuel Zabala Cardenas, Mr Ruben Emilio Gracilazo de la Vega
YEMEN	Mr Maad Al-Mogahed
ZAMBIA	Mr Andrew Chibuye



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Mr Crosby Mashiri, Mr Davis Muhambi, Ms Elsie Mahumbe, Ms
Jacqueline Pikoulis,

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	J.L.L. CERRON	Member
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	D. ISETTI	Member
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	Y. YUAN	Member
	A. GRIPPER	Member
	A. LANG	Member (online)

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Messrs	O. AL SHAFAR	Vice-President
	I. MAKAROV	Member

Staff:

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	R. ETOUNDI	- Directrice des Relations Internationales et du Protocole
Mr	P. VAN DEN ABEELE	- Sports Director
Mr	L. BORDEL	- Head of Finance
Mr	J. LANDRY	- WCC Director
Mr	X. BIGARD	- Medical Director

Participating:

Mr	B. FOUCHER	- President of the UCI Ethics Commission
Mr	M. ACKERMANN	- External Auditor
Dr	V. FOURNEYRON	- Chair of the Board of the International Testing Agency

Guest Speakers:

Ms	Jacqueline McLaren	- Lord Provost of Glasgow
Mr	R. BOB HOWDEN	- President of British Cycling
Mr	P. BUSH	- Chairman, 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships

Registration of voting delegates

The names of the voting delegates were communicated to the President and recorded as follows:

Asia, 9 voting delegates

Mr Saif Al Rushandi (OMAN), Mr Khalaf Nazzal Hamed Al-Hushoush (JORDAN), Mr Feng Baozhong (CHINA), Mr Kozimkhuja Urinboykhujjev (UZBEKISTAN), Ms Assem Kunakbaeva (KAZAKHSTAN), Mr Syed Azhar Ali Shah (PAKISTAN), Mr Abraham N. Tolentino (PHILIPPINES), Mr Lee Li Chia (CHINESE TAIPEI), and Mr Chik Yuen Li (HONG KONG).

Africa, 8 voting delegates

Ms Sandra Kinyomvyi (REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI), Mr Giandomenico Massari (NIGERIA), Mr Abdallah Murenzi (RWANDA), Ms Linda Helen Warren (ZIMBABWE), Mr Hesham Zeidan (EGYPT), Mr Naoufel Merchaoui (TUNISIA), Ms Marie-Madeleine Guigui (IVORY COAST), Mr. Ignace Amédée Berewoudougou (BURKINA FASO).

America, 9 voting delegates

Mr Gabriel Curuchet (ARGENTINA), Mr José Luis Vasconcellos (BRAZIL), Mr Jorge Mauricio Vargas Carreno (COLOMBIA), Mr Gustavo Matus De La Parra (PERU), Mr Brendan Quirk (the USA), Mr Jorge Blas Diaz (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC), Mr Roberto Collazo (PUERTO RICO), Ms Monique Leerdam (ARUBA), Ms Rowena Williams (Trinidad & Tobago).

Oceania, 3 voting delegates

Ms Marne Fechner (AUSTRALIA), Mr Eric Tydingco (GUAM), Mr Daniel Afoa (SAMOA).

Europe, 15 voting delegates

Mr Thierry Marechal (BELGIUM), Ms Jaroslava Krakovicova (CZECHIA), Ms Csilla Tam (HUNGARY), Mr Joe Bajada (MALTA), Mr Umberto Langellotti (MONACO), Ms Livia Hanesova (SLOVAKIA), Mr Alejandro Martin Garcia (SPAIN), Ms Victoria Lesnikova (RUSSIA), Mr Walter Baldiserra (SAN MARINO), Mr Camille Dahm (LUXEMBOURG), Mr Raivo Rand (ESTONIA), Mr Jose Luiz Costa Mendes Ribeiro (PORTUGAL), Mr Tomislav Zadro (Croatia), Mr Thomas Backteman (SWEDEN), Ms Katariina Laakkonen (FINLAND).

Total voting delegates: 44 out of 45

Quorum is reached



1. Opening by UCI President

Mr Lappartient presented a few preliminary points before opening the Congress. He explained the voting process, stating that the 192nd UCI Congress was a decision-making congress with 10 proposals to vote on concerning the usual business of the UCI. Voting Delegates would be asked to vote by raising their hands.

The President proceeded with the roll call of the Voting Delegates.

Mr Lappartient opened the Congress by welcoming representatives of a record 151 UCI member National Federations present.

2. Speech by councillor Jacqueline McLaren, Lord Provost of Glasgow

Mr Lappartient gave the floor to Ms Jacqueline McLaren, Lord Provost of Glasgow, for her welcome speech.

Ms McLaren opened her speech by welcoming the UCI President, Management Committee members and delegates of National Federations in Glasgow. She expressed her pride in hosting the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, which will take place on 3-13 August 2023 and bring together 13 prestigious cycling world championships. She expressed her gratitude to everyone involved in the organisation of this historic event, which will set a new benchmark in the world sport.

3. Speech by Robert Bob Howden, President of British Cycling

Mr Lappartient gave the floor to Mr Robert Bob Howden, President of British Cycling, for his welcome speech.

Speaking on behalf of British Cycling, Mr Howden began by welcoming everyone to Glasgow and expressed his gratitude to UCI President Mr Lappartient for his confidence in realising his ambitious vision of uniting the entire cycling community in Glasgow and across Scotland for a momentous celebration of the sport.

He emphasised the importance of the event to the UK, which is having a transformational effect on the country and the growth of cycling, including building of community facilities, commitments to active travel and initiatives providing children and young people access to cycling. He extended his gratitude to the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships Organising Committee, commissaires, volunteers, and all other staff involved in the preparations for the event.

4. Speech by Paul Bush, Chairman of 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships

Mr Lappartient gave the floor to Mr Paul Bush, Chairman of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, for his welcome speech.

Mr Bush welcomed everyone and underlined the historic significance of the event for both cycling and Glasgow and Scotland, describing it as the richest, broadest and most ambitious cycling event to date. This achievement is the result of five years of meticulous planning and work in close collaboration with the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Life, UK Sports and British Cycling. The ultimate goal is not just to create a spectacular cycling festival for athletes and fans, but to drive social change in Scottish communities through the transformative power of the bike.

5. Any admissions, suspensions, exclusions of Federations

a) On the basis of the Congress file received in advance, the Congress approved the exclusion of the Seychelles Cycling Association.

By a two-thirds majority of the voting delegates present	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
In accordance with paragraph “a” of article 20 of the UCI Constitution to approve the exclusion of the Seychelles Cycling Association.	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

On the basis of the Congress file received in advance, the Congress approved the admission of the Union Cycliste des Seychelles (CAC) as the National Federation of Seychelles (SEY).

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
In accordance with Article 11 of the UCI Constitution to approve the admission of the Union Cycliste des Seychelles (SEY).	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

Mr Lappartient congratulated the newly affiliated Union Cycliste des Seychelles and invited Mr Hedson Mathieu, vice-President of the Union Cycliste des Seychelles, on stage to receive the certificate of affiliation.

b) On the basis of the Congress file received in advance, the Congress approved the admission of American Samoa Cycling Federation (OCC) as the National Federation of American Samoa (ASA).

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
In accordance with Article 11 of the UCI Constitution to approve the admission of the American Samoa Cycling Federation (ASA).	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

Mr Lappartient congratulated the newly affiliated American Samoa Cycling Federation.

Mr Lappartient talked about the importance of the affiliation of the American Samoa Cycling Federation, which becomes the 203rd National Federation affiliated with the UCI. He added that with total of 206 National Olympic Committees worldwide, there is a very limited number of national federations that are not yet affiliated to the UCI. He also noted that there are very few international sports federations that have more than 200 members and that the UCI, with 203 National Federations, proves the universal nature of cycling.

6. Minutes of the 191st UCI Congress

The Congress approved the minutes of the 191st UCI Congress held on 22 September 2022, which were received by all members in advance.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the minutes of the 191 st UCI Congress	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

7. Speech by the UCI President

Mr Lappartient extended a warm welcome to all attendees and expressed his sincere appreciation to the Organising Committee of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships. He paid particular tribute to Mr Paul Bush, Chairman of the Championships, and Ms Trudy Lindblade, CEO, for their excellent work in organising the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships. He also thanked British Cycling, Mr Frank Slevin, Chairman, and Mr Robert (Bob) Howden, President, and the Scottish authorities for their warm



welcome to the beautiful and historic city of Glasgow. He said that the event would undoubtedly be a great success and mark the history of cycling and sport in general.

Referring to the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, Mr Lappartient said it will be the biggest cycling event ever, with 13 world championships taking place over 11 days. It will bring together more than 8,000 athletes from over 120 countries and 220 titles will be awarded. It will also be an inclusive event, with the Para Cycling World Championships in road and track and, for the first time, a refugee team. The event will bring a new dimension to cycling, with global visibility in terms of TV audiences and media coverage, and will be a unique opportunity to promote cycling far beyond its competitive aspect, but also as a highly effective tool for sustainable development within the large-scale #PowerOfTheBike campaign implemented by the Organising Committee.

With regard to the Olympic Games, Mr Lappartient stressed the importance of the event for both the athletes and the sport of cycling in general. As an IOC member and President of the French National Olympic Committee, he is delighted to be part of the Organising Committee for the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Talking about the Los Angeles 2028 Summer Olympic Games, he informed the members that cycling's presence on the programme has already been confirmed and mentioned the ongoing efforts to secure the inclusion of all five existing disciplines (with Road, Track, Mountain Bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle), which are essential for the UCI's revenues and these funds are entirely dedicated to the UCI World Cycling Centre and to solidarity and development projects.

Turning to the situation in Ukraine and recalled the measures taken by the UCI following the start of the war in Ukraine. He reiterated and confirmed the UCI's position: firm condemnation of the aggression against Ukraine by the Russian government, supported by Belarus, adherence to political neutrality and support for Ukraine. At the same time, he stressed the right of all athletes, regardless of their nationality, to be treated without discrimination. In this context, he referred to the decision taken by the UCI Management Committee in May 2023 to allow athletes with Russian and Belarusian passports to participate as "neutral individual athletes" in international competitions where participation is by nations under a neutral flag (unless the rider is part of a UCI-registered team that is not Russian or Belarusian). In this regard, he explained that athletes who in any way actively support the war launched by Russia against Ukraine will be excluded. He noted that the decision was fully in line with the position of the Olympic Movement.

Mr Lappartient then spoke of the UCI's significant humanitarian efforts in support of the Afghan cycling community following the Taliban's seizure of Kabul. Nearly 170 members, including Afghan women cyclists, were evacuated to safety with the support of the UCI and its partners. The UCI also organised the 2022 Women's Road Championships of Afghanistan, where more than fifty Afghan refugee athletes competed. The competition, won by Fariba Hashimi, symbolised hope for Afghan sport and resilience. The UCI's pioneering work was praised by the International Olympic Committee and our International Federation received the Special Jury Prize at the "Peace and Sport Awards" in Monaco. In addition, in line with the promotion of Olympic values, the UCI adapted its rules to create the status of "refugee athlete".

On the subject of road safety, Mr Lappartient informed members of the recent creation of SafeR (Safe Road Cycling) at the end of June, involving all stakeholders in professional road cycling. This independent body will be responsible for improving safety at competitions, building on existing UCI initiatives such as the 2021 Rider Safety Guide and the incident database in collaboration with Ghent University. The creation of SafeR underlines the UCI's ongoing commitment to prioritising the safety of riders in professional road cycling.

Mr Lappartient concluded his speech with words of gratitude to all the National Federations, the members of the Management Committee, its Vice-Presidents, Ms Amina Lanaya, Director General of the UCI, and the UCI Staff for their hard work in support of the development of cycling.

8. Report on UCI activities in 2022 by the Director General

Ms Amina Lanaya, Director General, presented the report on the UCI's activities.

She began by welcoming everyone and thanking the organisers and all the UCI staff for their hard work in organising the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships. She said that this event has become a reality as a result of teamwork and that it is a collective achievement.

She then focused her report on the progress made in key areas such as Integrity, Sustainability, Fan Engagement and Women's Cycling.

With regard to women's cycling, Ms Lanaya mentioned the good progress made by the UCI in supporting the development of competitions and gender equality. She highlighted three key developments: 1) an increase in the average salaries of women; 2) the creation of development teams by UCI Women's WorldTeams; and 3) a record number of women's teams applying for UCI WorldTour licences, with the number of applicants exceeding the number of licences available for the first time which is a strong indicator that women's cycling is growing.

She then listed various measures that have been introduced or assisted by the UCI to promote women's cycling, including introduction of UCI Women's ProTeams in line with the men's UCI ProTeams starting from 2025; the same distances for men and women in Track events starting from 2025; as well as various UCI's development programs for women working in cycling (mechanics, sports directors and coaches). She noted that further to launching the Paris-Roubaix Femmes and the Tour de France Femmes, increasing number of organisers want to organise women's races, such as 2023 Vuelta España Femenina which extended from 1 to 7 days this year.

Ms Lanaya then focused on sustainability, informing members of the adoption of the UCI Climate Action Charter, which was adopted last year and signed by 100 signatories who have agreed to reduce waste and energy demand, take concrete actions, and measure and report emissions. The UCI, aligning with these principles, has implemented diverse measures, such as the installation of solar panels, utilisation of LED lighting, establishment of charging stations for electric cars, and the implementation of effective waste management strategies. She encouraged all members to join the initiative, sign the UCI Climate Action Charter and implement similar measures to prevent climate change.

Ms Lanaya continued with an update on the UCI Integrity programs, including implementation of UCI SpeakUp reporting platform to encourage reporting of psychological and physical abuse, sexual harassment and abuse, and neglect. The UCI invites National Federations to develop similar reporting platforms and procedures within their organisations.

Turning to the UCI's staff, Ms Lanaya expressed her satisfaction that the UCI has been ranked among the top 20 most attractive governing bodies in sport for 2022, according to a survey conducted by iWorkinSport of more than 1,600 people from all continents. She highlighted the UCI's commitment to the ongoing development of its staff, ensuring both personal and professional growth. Ms Lanaya was delighted that two-thirds of UCI staff will be present at the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, giving them valuable insight into the on-site organisation of the event.

She continued to talk about digital platform "My World of Cycling", which was introduced in 2022 and is aimed at bringing all cycling fans together and increase interactions on the UCI's social media channels. She shared promising figures regarding the platform, with estimated 80,000 fans by the end of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships.



Ms Lanaya then told the members about the celebration of the United Nations World Bicycle Day on 3 June 2023 at the UCI headquarters, where the UCI in partnership with Strava launched a bike challenge called “Your Ride Counts”, encouraging cyclists to use their bikes at least twice a week and opt for a bike instead of a motor vehicle for short journeys and within just one month 192 million kilometres were registered worldwide.

Ms Lanaya reminded the members that, as part of the UCI Solidarity programme, the National Federations affiliated to Groups 3 and 4 have received exceptional support to attend the 192nd UCI Congress, the National Federations Seminar and 11 days of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships.

She invited the members to enjoy the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, see as many disciplines as possible and make the most of the experience. Ms Lanaya concluded her report by expressing warm her gratitude to the Organising Committee, members of the UCI Management Committee, the UCI staff, as well as all those involved in making this great event a reality.

The Congress approved the report on the UCI’s activities as presented by Ms Amina Lanaya, UCI Director General.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the report on UCI activities as presented in the 2022 UCI Annual Report	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

9. Ethics Commission report

Mr Bernard Foucher, President of the UCI Ethics Commission, gave a full report on the activities of the UCI Ethics Commission (hereinafter, the Commission), according to Article 20 of the UCI Code of Ethics.

He gave an overview of complaints which were dealt with by the Commission since the last Congress and explained their nature to the members.

Mr Foucher said that one case led to a decision of the Commission to impose reprimand and educational measures as a sanction for an attempt to manipulate a cycling event. Other cases the Commission dealt with refer to the following four areas: issues relating to manipulation of competitions; the statutes and governance of National Federations; violence and discrimination; and an update on a complaint currently under consideration concerning the treatment of cyclists by the President of a National Federation.

First, Mr Foucher explained the reasons that certain complaints were regarded to be out of the Commission’s jurisdiction and therefore investigations were not pursued. He emphasised that cases where the dispute relates to the governance of the National Federations, including where compliance with the UCI Constitution is questionable, fall within the competence of the UCI Management Committee, and the Commission will not intervene unless the governance issue is related to breaches to the UCI Code of Ethics such as corruption or unlawful gifts. Therefore, the Commission has closed the investigation pertaining to allegations of unlawful management of several National Federations.

Mr Foucher also highlighted the following considerations and recommendations, which could be the subject of collaboration between the Commission and the UCI: a recommendation to increase the number of UCI Ethics Commission members to ensure the commission has the capacity to perform investigations; education and assistance to National Federations; work with National Federations to promote the establishment of ethics commissions within National Federations that are in line with the UCI Ethics Commission’s standards in terms of independence, impartiality and powers.

10. Appointment of the members of the Ethics Commission

On the basis of the Congress file received in advance, Mr Lappartient presented the candidates proposed by the Management Committee for approval by the Congress for the next four-year term:

- Mr Marc Cavaliero, President
- Ms Vered Deshe, member
- Mr Richard Leggat, member
- Mr Jean-Christophe Breillat, member
- Ms Lauren Page, member

The Congress approved the new composition of the Ethics Commission.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the new composition of the Ethics Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Marc Cavaliero, President – Ms Vered Deshe, member – Mr Richard Leggat, member – Mr Jean-Christophe Breillat, member – Ms Lauren Page, member 	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

11. 2022 Financial Report and Accounts

Mr Luc Bordel, Head of Finance, described the key points of the UCI's financial situation, starting with the approval of the 2022 Financial Report by the Management Committee on 2 May 2023. The 2022 Financial Report was provided to each National Federation and includes a detailed explanation of the UCI's accounts.

Mr Bordel gave an overview of the main points of the report. He explained that the operating result is CHF 1.8 million better than the forecast mainly due to saving measures to contain expenses and unused budgets. The final operating result is -CHF 4 million (vs -CHF 5.8 million forecast).

The consolidated net loss of CHF -9.1 million was mainly due to temporary effects on the investment portfolio, where the UCI lost approximately CHF 5 million. In this regard, Mr Bordel mentioned that the valuation of the investment portfolio is very volatile and that the performance must be assessed over a long period, for example, since 2016, the performance is 7.1%. As of June 2023, the investment portfolio increased by CHF 1.2 million (+3.2%).

The reserves excluding assets of the UCI, are at CHF 30.3 million out of a total of CHF 53.4 million, were still above the minimum threshold of CHF 20 million.

Mr Bordel went on to explain that the UCI balances its budgets over a 4-year Olympic cycle, and in the current cycle, based on the revenues from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the remaining budget allows for a financial balance of CHF 15.6 million, i.e. a possible loss of CHF 7.8 million per year for 2023 and 2024.

The Congress approved the 2022 Financial Report and Accounts as presented in the Financial Report of the 2022 Annual Report sent in the Congress file.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the 2022 Financial Report and Accounts as presented in the Financial Report of the 2022 UCI Annual Report	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

12. Audit and Finance Committee report and Auditor’s report

Mr Rocco Cattaneo, President of the Audit and Finance Committee, and Mr Michael Ackermann, representative of Mazars, external auditor of the UCI, respectively presented the Audit and Finance Committee report and Auditor’s report as included in the 2022 Annual Report.

Mr Cattaneo informed members that the Audit and Finance Committee report was signed on 28 April 2023 and said the Committee had been conducting regular meetings with special attention given to investment portfolio and the hedging strategy, risk register of the UCI as well as impact of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships on the financial situation of the UCI.

He then gave the floor to Mr Ackermann from Mazars, who mentioned that the audit was performed according to Swiss law and accounting standards. The Auditor’s report was published on 2 May 2023, with Mr Ackermann confirming that the statutory financial statements for 2022 comply with Swiss law, the consolidated financial statements for 2022 give a true and fair view of the financial position of the UCI, and that an internal control system exists. Mr Ackermann therefore recommended that the financial statements submitted to the Congress be approved.

The Congress approved the Audit and Finance Committee report and the External Auditor’s Report as presented in the Financial Report of the 2022 Annual Report sent in the Congress file.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the Audit and Finance Committee report and the External Auditor’s report as presented in the Financial Report of the 2022 UCI Annual Report	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

13. 2024 Budget

Mr Luc Bordel, Head of Finance, gave an update on the 2023 forecast and an overview of the 2024 budget.

Mr Bordel informed the members that the operating result for 2023 is -CHF 7.7 (vs. -CHF 6.9 million in the 2023 budget) due to an additional budget for financial support to National Federations of Group 3 and 4 for participation in the 2023 UCI Congress and 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships in accordance with the decision of Management Committee.

He then provided an overview of the 2024 Budget and mentioned that the 2024 budget shows an operating result of CHF 14 million and targeted reserves of CHF 63 million by the end of 2024. He explained that the 2024 operating result is mainly due to revenues from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and said that the estimated revenues from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games are expected to reach USD 26 million (vs USD 24 million from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games). At the same time, due to the weakening of the US dollar against the Swiss franc since 2021, the revenue in Swiss francs is expected to be around CHF 20.7 million (vs CHF 21.5 million from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games).

Mr Bordel reminded that the UCI’s revenues should be considered through a four-year cycle and stated that the current four-year cycle forecast (2021-2024) shows a surplus exceeding CHF 1 million.

The Congress approved the 2024 budget as presented by Mr Bordel and as provided to the members in advance of the Congress.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO

To approve the 2024 budget as provided to members in advance of the UCI Congress	44	100% (44)	0% (0)
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14. National Federations' affiliation fees

The UCI Management Committee proposed that the National Federations' 2024 affiliation fees remain the same as in 2023.

The Congress approved the proposal of the Management Committee. It thus approved the National Federations' 2024 affiliation fees as provided to the members in advance of the Congress.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the National Federations' 2024 affiliation fees	44	100% (44)	0% (0)

15. UCI World Cycling Centre report

Mr Jacques Landry, director of the UCI WCC, presented a detailed report on the activities of the UCI WCC.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

16. Solidarity Commission report

Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam, the UCI Vice-President and President of the Solidarity and Emerging Cycling Countries Commission, presented a report on the first six years of the UCI Solidarity Programme. The aim of the programme is to support group 3 and 4 National Federations and Continental Confederations in their efforts to develop cycling in their respective countries.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

17. Sports Director's report

Mr Peter Van den Abeele, UCI Sports Director, presented a report on UCI events, including the World Championships and UCI World Cup events which took place since the last Congress meeting as well as major upcoming events: the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, and 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. He also informed members about the first UCI Snow Bike World Championships, which will take place in February 2024.

He continued to talk about the UCI's involvement in International Calendar events, such as actions on road safety and the fight against technological fraud. Mr Van den Abeele also informed the members about the UCI's innovation projects and training courses for commissaires.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

18. Report on Women's cycling and strengthening of gender parity

Ms Katerina Nash, the UCI Vice President and President of the UCI Athletes' Commission, presented her report on the progress of women's cycling.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

19. Report on the UCI's sustainability policy



Mr Tony Mitchell, President of the Cycling for All and Sustainable Cycling Commission, presented his report on the progress of the UCI's sustainability policy.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

20. Report on the UCI's medical activities

Mr Xavier Bigard, UCI Medical Director, followed with a presentation on the UCI's medical activities, focusing in particular on the implementation of concussion protocols, medical monitoring, and provided an update on the medical program for tramadol prohibition.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

21. Report on the UCI's integrity policy

Ms Anne Gripper, President of the UCI Integrity Commission, presented the UCI's report on Integrity. The report focused on various awareness-raising campaigns and education courses conducted by the UCI to promote Clean, Safe and Fair cycling. Ms Gripper also talked about Reveal and UCISpeakUp platforms, the UCI Safeguarding Policy and the UCI Safeguarding Toolkit, which were adopted in 2023.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

22. Report of the International Testing Agency (ITA)

Dr Valérie Fourneyron, Chair of the ITA Foundation Board, gave a presentation on the UCI's anti-doping program carried out by the ITA in 2023.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

23. UCI Merit awards

Mr Lappartient presented the recipients of the UCI Merit award as determined by the UCI Management Committee. The UCI Merit was awarded to the following persons:

- Mr Sir Chris Hoy (GBR), eleven-time UCI World Champion on the track, six-time Olympic gold medallist in the same discipline, tireless promoter of cycling since his retirement from sport – as an author, lecturer, media personality and recently as popular and charismatic ambassador of the first edition of the UCI Cycling World Championships - for his exceptional career and his contribution to the development of his sport;
- Mr Rocco Cattaneo (SUI), member of the UCI Management Committee and Vice-Chairman of the UCI World Cycling Centre Foundation Board – and former Professional Cycling Council member, European Cycling Union President, Swiss Cycling Management Committee member, professional road cyclist and Organising Committee President of two UCI World Championships - for his long-standing commitment to the development and promotion of our sport;
- Mr Yao Jean-Marie Allah Kouamé (CIV), President of the Fédération Ivoirienne de Cyclisme (Ivoirian Cycling Federation) and Vice-President of the Confédération Africaine de Cyclisme (African Cycling Confederation) - for his work to promote the development of cycling and the progression of riders from his country and region, in particular through his decisive involvement in the rebirth of the Tour de Côte d'Ivoire - Tour de la Réconciliation, an event that helps to break down barriers and unite a divided population;
- Ms Sonia Gregoria Ramos Acuña (BOL), member of the UCI Management Committee and President of the Bolivian Cycling Federation, a former national-level competitive cyclist before taking on various roles as official and then at the head of cycling bodies in the city and

department of Potosí - for her commitment to the development of cycling, and more specifically to the progress of its athletes and the promotion of women's cycling;

- A collective award to Afghan women, who were evacuated from Afghanistan two years ago by the UCI and its partners following the takeover of Kabul by the Taliban in order to give them the opportunity to live a better life and continue their sport in safety. The UCI Merit was awarded to them for the lesson in resilience they have taught the entire cycling world through their determination, strength and ability to bounce back from adversity. The UCI Merit was awarded to Ms Arefa Amini, Ms Zahra Rezayee, Ms Yuldoz Hashimi, Ms Fariba Hashimi, Ms Benafsha Faizi, Ms Wahida Hussaini, Ms Ali Zada Masomah, Ms Ali Zada Zahra, Ms Rasooli Frozan.

24. UCI World Championship Awards

Mr Lappartient announced the list of 14 World Championships as awarded by the UCI Management Committee:

- 2023 UCI PUMP TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Neuquén, Argentina
- 2024 UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE ELIMINATOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Aalen, Germany
- 2024 UCI INDOOR CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Bremen, Germany
- 2024 UCI SNOW BIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Châtel, Haute-Savoie – France
- 2025 & 2026 UCI MASTERS CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Varese, Italy
- 2025 & 2026 UCI URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 2026 UCI PARA-CYCLING ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Huntsville, United States
- 2026 UCI JUNIOR TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Heusden-Zolder, Belgium
- 2026 & 2027 UCI MASTERS MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Nevados De Chillan, Chile
- 2028 UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Cape Town, South Africa
- 2028 UCI GRAVEL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Alula, Saudi Arabia
- 2028 UCI BMX RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Houston, United States
- 2029 UCI TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2028 UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

25. Questions and proposals from National Federations (discussion)

Mr Lappartient opened the floor for questions from National Federation delegates.

Mr Sam Mahaba Muwonge, President of the Uganda Cycling Federation, began by thanking the Local Organising Committee and authorities for facilitating the visa process for African delegates attending the Congress. He then asked the UCI to initiate cross-country projects to promote cycling in Africa. He also asked the UCI to provide technical advice to the Uganda Cycling Federation.

Mr Lappartient began by thanking the International Relations department and the entire Local Organising Committee for their active support to the National Federations in obtaining of visas. He then acknowledged the importance of Africa for the future of cycling, noting that all African countries now have a national cycling federation affiliated to the UCI and that Rwanda will host the UCI Road World Championships in Kigali. He reaffirmed the UCI's commitment to supporting African cycling through technical and financial assistance and the activities of the UCI World Cycling Centre.

Mr Romuald Hazoumè, President of the Benin Cycling Federation, expressed his concerns about the online accreditation platform and the need for greater solidarity and organisation within African cycling, with particular reference to solidarity for the 2025 UCI Road World Championships in Kigali.

Mr Lappartient acknowledged the need to continue to improve the procedures in place. With regard to solidarity, he mentioned the existence of 3 types of funding as part of the UCI

Solidarity Programme. The President also emphasised that applications for Continental Confederations must now be preceded by a presentation, deliberation and vote by the Management Board of the relevant Continental Confederation.

Mr Giandomenico Massari, President of the Cycling Federation of Nigeria, expressed his concern that the UCI Regulations limit the participation of African nations in UCI Track World Championships and in particular disadvantage the development of track cycling in Africa. He highlighted the need to amend Article 9.2.025 of the UCI Regulations.

Mr Lappartient and Enrico Della Casa, the UCI Vice-President and President of the UCI Track Commission, acknowledged the need to revise this article as the aim is not to limit participation at the World Championships. Mr Della Casa confirmed that the UCI Track Commission has already started working on amending this rule.

Mr Camille Dahm, President of the Luxembourg Cycling Federation, raised two issues. He raised the issue of concussion management in cycling, citing recent tragic incidents with fatal consequences. He suggested that rather than focusing solely on medical guidelines, there should be a psychological support system for riders, coaches and organisers who often struggle to cope with such traumatic events. Finally, Mr Dahm expressed his satisfaction with the President and his team for successfully integrating contributions from UCI WorldTeams to support the development of young cyclists. However, he expressed concern about gender equality, in particular the disparity in financial support for male and female cyclists.

Regarding concussion management and psychological support, Mr Lappartient agreed that this was an important issue, especially in light of recent tragic events in cycling. He suggested the need for guidelines on how to deal with such situations effectively and sensitively. Regarding financial contributions for the development of athletes signing with UCI WorldTeams or UCI Women's WorldTeams, Mr Lappartient explained that the difference in amounts paid to national federations was due to the difference in budgets between men's and women's teams. While efforts are being made to address gender equality, progress will take time due to historical imbalances. He assured that contributions from UCI Women's WorldTeams would gradually increase in the future.

Mr Honore Yossi, President of the Cameroon Cycling Federation, thanked the UCI President for the UCI's contributions to the national federation. He then suggested that the UCI set up a television team to film races in Africa and sell the footage to national television networks to generate revenue for the national federations. Secondly, he underlined the challenge faced by national races in tracing the origin of the European teams taking part and proposed that the UCI set up a traceability mechanism for teams and riders.

Mr Lappartient clarified that the production costs of television coverage are the responsibility of the organisers. Acknowledging the importance of traceability, Mr Lappartient said that organisers were free to invite the national federations they wished, but it was important to obtain information beforehand to ensure credibility.

Mme Aden Mandefro, Vice-President of the Ethiopian Cycling Federation, expressed concern about the lack of infrastructure investment in East Africa, particularly in road cycling, despite the region's strong presence at the CAC and world championships. She also mentioned the lack of transparency and communication in the UCI's Solidarity Programme.

Mr Lappartient acknowledged the need for infrastructure development and offered the UCI's expertise to assist. Regarding solidarity programmes, he explained the process and suggested better communication at continental level to ensure that requests are discussed within the Management Committee of the Continental Confederation before reaching the UCI.

Mr Lazare Zabre Tanga, Vice-President of the Burkina Faso Cycling Federation, suggested that the UCI Solidarity Programme should include a stage where federations could defend their projects before the

final opinion of the CAC. He also asked for an update on the WCC satellite training centre project in Burkina Faso. Finally, Mr Zabre Tanga suggested that the UCI pay more attention to solidarity with West African countries in difficulty, such as Burkina Faso and Mali.

Mr Lappartient said that all solidarity projects are examined thoroughly by the UCI, noting that many African countries benefit from solidarity funding. However, due to the high demand, projects at the Continental Confederation level should not be purely national but should benefit several countries. Regarding the creation of new satellite centres, Mr Lappartient suggested that this matter be discussed with Mr Jacques Landry, UCI WCC Director. He mentioned that the first objective is to provide UCI Satellite Centres to regions that do not have them and that pending applications from Burkina Faso and Cairo will be processed. Before approving satellites, the UCI must ensure that it has the capacity to support them with the available staff and funding.

Mr Khin Maung Win, President of the Myanmar Cycling Federation, questioned the role of the UCI in ensuring democratic transparency and integrity in national and continental elections.

Mr Lappartient confirmed the relevance of the question and emphasised the importance of integrity in national and continental elections. The UCI Ethics Commission oversees these elections, with independent electoral committees established in each Continental Confederation to ensure fairness and independence.

Mr Abdallah Murenzi, President of the Rwanda Cycling Federation, expressed his gratitude the opportunity for Rwanda to host the 2025 Road World Championships. He also recalled that Rwanda had applied for a UCI Satellite Centre and hoped that their application would be reconsidered, stressing its potential to benefit East and West Africa in raising the level of cycling in Africa.

Mr Lappartient expressed confidence in Rwanda's ability to host the 2025 Road World Championships, citing the country's passion for cycling. He mentioned President Paul Kagame's strong support for the sport and the upcoming event. Regarding the application for a UCI Satellite Centre, he stressed the need for centres to be geographically distributed and confirmed that Rwanda would be a good location.

Mr Andrew Chibuye, President of the Cycling Association of Zambia, raised concerns about the UCI's accounts, noting a decrease in media rights and distribution, despite discussions about the growth of the sport and increasing commercial rights. He stressed the importance of sponsorship and media rights for the sustainability of the UCI and the National Federations.

Mr Lappartient acknowledged the relevance of the question which was also discussed at the Management Committee meeting the day before. Regarding media rights, the UCI must renew its contracts for the coming period (2025-2031) and expects increased revenues due to the global success of cycling. In terms of marketing, all existing contracts are being renewed, indicating sponsor satisfaction. Mr Lappartient confirmed that the UCI will work to secure new global partners to complement existing ones such as Shimano and Tissot.

Mr Navarathnarajah Karunaratne, President of the Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka, requested support in relation to the ongoing conflicts between the National Federation and the Sri Lankan government, which has created a parallel national cycling federation.

Mr Lappartient thanked Mr Karunaratne for attending the Congress despite the difficult circumstances. He noted that the government's interference in the Olympic movement has been confirmed by the International Olympic Committee. In this regard, the International Olympic Committee is actively involved and insists on the respect of the Olympic Charter. For its part, the UCI will continue to support the National Federation in this matter.

Ms Ashley Gore, representative of Cycling Zimbabwe, asked about the efforts of the UCI or the CAC to promote cycling in Africa. She asked about the UCI's role in supporting the development of BMX in Africa.



Mr Lappartient recognised the importance of BMX and the need for more BMX tracks in Africa, especially with the upcoming CAC Continental Championships. He recalled that the UCI offers assistance in the construction of tracks by providing experts for design and coaching.

Ms Ariana Rodrigues Fermino, Vice-President of the Cap Verde Cycling Federation, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to take part in the UCI Cycling World Championships. However, she asked the UCI to develop mechanisms to enable small countries, particularly island nations to participate in such global competitions and asked for wildcard entries for these nations.

Mr Lappartient thanked the representatives of the island nations for making the effort to attend the event, recognising the challenges involved. He encouraged these federations to make use of the solidarity funds available to them and said that the UCI is available to help on this topic.

26. Closing of the Congress by UCI President

Mr Lappartient thanked all the National Federations for their presence and closed the Congress.

Done in Glasgow, Scotland, 3 August 2023