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Registration of National Federation delegates

AFGHANISTAN	Mr Amini Waris, Mr Fazil Khalil Ahmad
ALBANIA	Mr Alfred Tahiraj, Ms Mirela Tahiraj
ALGERIA	Mr Khireddine Barbari, Mr Loucif Faouzi
ANDORRA	Mr Gerard Riart Escribà, Ms Maria Segarra Pedrol
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	Mr Cliff Williams
ARGENTINA	Mr Jorge Chica, Mr Juan Curuchet
AUSTRIA	Mr Harald J. Mayer, Mr Florian König
AZERBAIJAN	Ms Elnara Musayeva
BARBADOS	Mr Charles Lynch
BELIZE	Mr Glenford Flowers, Ms Leticia Westby
BELGIUM	Ms Nathalie Clauwaert, Mr Geert Barbry
BENIN	Mr Romuald Hazoumé
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Mr Matej Zoric, Mr Toni Zoric
BOTSWANA	Ms Game Mompe
BRAZIL	Ms Elaine Sirydakís
BULGARIA	Mr Borislav Ivanov, Mr Evgeniy Gerganov
BURUNDI	Mr Désiré Hussein Nsengiyumva
CAMEROON	Dr Jaika Womiven Vedvin
CANADA	Mr Mathieu Boucher
CAYMAN ISLANDS	Mr Wayne Kirkconnell, Mr Daniel Cummings
CHAD	Mr Pascal Toingar
CHINA	Mr Feng Han
CHINESE TAIPEI	Ms Li Chia Lee, Ms Shu Yi Tsai, Mr Yin Sheng Lee
COMOROS	Mr Ahmed Arhoumah Salim, Mr Halifa Nassor
CONGO	Mr Jean-Claude Kongolo Muamba, Mr Guy Motayo Muyonge
COSTA RICA	Ms Sigrid Miller
CROATIA	Mr Alan Kotic, Mr Anton Remar
CUBA	Mr Mario Perez Fernandez
CURACAO	Mr Henny Bonafacio
CYPRUS	Mr Georgios P. Georgiou
CZECH REPUBLIC	Mr Petr Marek
DENMARK	Mr Ulrich Albrechtsen, Mr Jens-Erik Majlund, Mr Johnny Lillelund
DOMINICA	Mr Ronald Charles
ECUADOR	Mr Andres Efendy Jaramillo Camacho
EGYPT	Mr Mohamed Amin Elboukhary
ERITREA	Mr Misghina Haile, Mr Temesghen Reddae
ESTONIA	Ms Evelin Idarand, Mr Urmas Karlson
FINLAND	Ms Milja Laakkonen, Mr Jarmo Lindberg
FRANCE	Mr Marc Tilly, Ms Marie-Françoise Potereau, Mr Gilbert Costa
GEORGIA	Mr Avtandil Mikuchadze, Mr Omar Pkhakadze, Mr Kakhaber Loseurashvili
GERMANY	Mr Bernd Dankowski
GHANA	Mr Mohammed Sahnoon
GREAT BRITAIN	Mr Jon Dutton
GREECE	Mr Vasilios Diamantopoulos, Ms Sabrina Marina Twiss
GUINEA-BISSAU	Mr Biem Joao Emilia Embana
HAITI	Mr Kénelt Léveillé
HONG KONG	Mr Sui Leung Wu
HUNGARY	Dr Domonkos Schneller, Mr Barnabas Vizer

ICELAND	Mr Bjorgvin Jónsson, Mr Bjarni Már Svavarsson, Mr Dario Nunez Salazar
INDIA	Mr Vimal Chaudhary, Mr Maninder Pal Singh
INDONESIA	Mr Jadi Rajagukguk, Mr Parama Nugroho
IRAQ	Dr Ali Al-Daffaie, Mr Ahmed Sabry Radam
IRELAND	Mr Tom Daly, Mr James Quilligan
ITALY	Mr Cordiano Dagnoni
IVORY COAST	Dr Yao Jean-Marie Allah-Kouamé
JAPAN	Mr Masahiro Sampei, Mr Yuhei Kuroe, Mr Tatsuo Hayashi
KENYA	Mr Johnson Chiugu, Mr Charles Mose
KOSOVO	Mr Avni Nuha, Mr Gani Nuhaj
LATVIA	Mr Sandis Akis
LEBANON	Mr Vatché Zadourian
LIECHTENSTEIN	Mr Paul Kind
LITHUANIA	Mr Darius Levickis
LUXEMBOURG	Mr Edouard Buchette, Mr Florian Salzinger
MALI	Mr Bougouri Mamadou Diarra, Mr Sidy Bagayoko
MALTA	Mr John Zammit, Mr Daniel Borg Olivier
MAURITIUS	Mr Joseph Robert Michel Mayer
MONGOLIA	Mr Boldkhuu Nanzad, Mr Naran Zundui, Mr Erdenebold Altansukh
MONTENEGRO	Mr Dejan Popovic
MYANMAR	Mr Khin Maung Win
NEPAL	Ms Pratima Kakshapati
NETHERLANDS	Mr Wouter Bos, Mr Robert Slippens, Mr Maurice Leeser
NORWAY	Ms Heidi Stenbock-Haakestad, Ms Kjersti Storset
PAKISTAN	Mr Nisar Ahmad, Mr Haroon General
PALAU	Ms Diulareng Keane
PALESTINE	Mr Karim Ali
PARAGUAY	Mr Mateo Nicolas Zaldivar Avalos
PHILIPPINES	Dr. Agnes Tolentino DMD
POLAND	Mr Krzysztof Golwiej
PORTUGAL	Mr Delmino Albano Magalhães Pereira
PUERTO RICO	Ms Arelis Pérez Rodríguez
QATAR	Mr Mohammed Jaham Al Kuwari, Mr Thani Khalifa Al Zarraa
ROMANIA	Mr Alexandru-Catalin Sprinceana, Mr Ovidiu Burghilea
RWANDA	Mr Samson Ndayishimiye OLY
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	Mr Trevor Bailey
SAN MARINO	Ms Monica Stacchini
SAUDI ARABIA	Mr Abdullah Alwathlan, Ms Reem Alsayegh
SERBIA	Mr Dusan Gojic
SENEGAL	Mr Papa Fata Faye
SINGAPORE	Mr Siong Chen Hing, Mr Chee Chin Michael Chang, Mr Adrian Tan
SLOVAKIA	Mr Peter Privara, Ms Katarina Jakubova
SLOVENIA	Mr Žiga Primožič, Mr Pavel Mardonović
SOMALIA	Mr Cabdulqaadir Cabdi Cali
SOUTH AFRICA	Mr Greg Stedman
SWEDEN	Mr Leif Karlsson
SWITZERLAND	Ms Doris Turin, Mr Patrick Hunger, Mr Franz Gallati
TANZANIA	Mr Mussa Juma Wayer
TAJIKISTAN	Mr Ozodhon Davlatshoev, Mr Isfandiyor Ayubov
TUNISIA	Mr Nabil Nefzi



TURKEY	Mr Alper Kasapoğlu, Mr Emin Müftüoğlu, Mr Metin Cengiz
TURKMENISTAN	Mr Dovletgeldi Annayev
URUGUAY	Ms Ana María Surra
UKRAINE	Ms Tatyana Dziadevych, Mr Andriy Grivko, Mr Roman Seliverstov
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Mr Mansoor Juma Nasser Ahmed Buosaiba, Mr Yasir Omar Yousif Aldoukhi
UNITED STATES	Mr Steve Mccauley
UZBEKISTAN	Mr Davron Magametov, Mr Kozimkhuja Urinboykhujaev
VATICAN CITY	Mr Emiliano Morbidelli

The above list of National Federation delegates only includes the names of delegates who signed the register for National Federation delegates prior to the start of the Congress.

Management Committee:

Mr	D. LAPPARTIENT	President
Mr	E. DELLA CASA	Vice-President
Mr	M. W. AZZAM	Vice-President
Ms	K. NASH	Vice-President
Mr	O. AL SHAFAR	Vice-President

Messrs	M. BEN EL MAHI	Member
	R. CATTANEO	Member
	M. CALLOT	Member
	A. S. G. DARSHAN SINGH	Member
	H.J. JENSEN	Member
	J.L. LÓPEZ CERRÓN	Member
	T. MITCHELL	Member
	J.M. PELAEZ	Member
	I. MAKAROV	Member
Ms	D. ISETTI	Member
	S.G. RAMOS ACUÑA	Member
	Y. YUAN	Member
	A. GRIPPER	Member
	A. LANG	Member

Staff:

Ms	A. LANAYA	- Director General
Mr	P. VAN DEN ABEEL	- Sports Director
Mr	L. BORDEL	- Head of Finance
Mr	J. LANDRY	- UCI WCC Director
Mr	X. BIGARD	- Medical Director
Ms	R. ETOUNDI	- Director of International Relations

Participating:

Mr	M. CAVALIERO	- President of the UCI Ethics Commission
Mr	M. ACKERMANN	- External Auditor
Mr	B. COHEN	- Director General of the International Testing Agency (ITA)

Guest Speakers:

Mr	P. HUNGER	- Co-President of Swiss Cycling
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Registration of voting delegates

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

Asia, 9 voting delegates

Mr Gopal Sunder Lal Kakshapati (NEPAL), Mr Abraham Tolentino (PHILIPPINES), Mr Rasoul Hashemkandi Assadi (IRAN), Mr Syed Azhar Ali Shah (PAKISTAN), Ms Mona Awaad (PALESTINE), Ms Risa Suseanty (INDONESIA), Mr Li Chik Yuen Alfred (HONG KONG), Gen. Decha Hemkasri (THAILAND), and Ms Maneerat Rungrueangsak (THAILAND).

Africa, 7 voting delegates

Mr Hesham Zeidan (EGYPT), Mr Giandomenico Massari (NIGERIA), Mr Abderrahmane Ethmane (MAURITANIA), Mr Naoufel Merchaoui (TUNISIA), Ms Linda Helen Warren (ZIMBABWE), Ms Marie-Madeleine Guigui (IVORY COAST) and Mr Asheraf Emam Ahmed (SUDAN).

America, 9 voting delegates

Mr José Luiz Vasconcellos (BRAZIL), Ms Monique Leerdam (ARUBA), Ms Rowena Williams (TRINIDAD & TOBAGO), Mr Jorge Blas Diaz Garcia (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC), Mr Roberto Collazo Carpena (PUERTO RICO), Mr Jorge Mauricio Vargas Carreño (COLOMBIA), Mr Brendan Quirk (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA), Mr Gustavo Matus de la Parra (PERU), Mr Oscar Avila Kopper (COSTA RICA).

Oceania, 3 voting delegates

Ms Fiona Carswell (AUSTRALIA), Mr Patrick Keenan (FIJI), Mr Eric Tydingco (GUAM).

Europe, 15 voting delegates

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

Total voting delegates: 43 out of 45

Quorum is reached.



1. Opening by UCI President

Mr Lappartient opened his speech by addressing the serious accident involving Swiss cyclist Muriel Furrer, who was critically injured during the Women’s Junior Road Race at the 2024 UCI Road World Championships in Zurich. He expressed his deep concern and extended his full support to Ms Furrer, her family, and Swiss Cycling.

Mr Lappartient then presented a few preliminary points before opening the Congress. He explained the voting process, stating that the 193rd 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 the representatives of the 118 UCI member National Federations present.

2. Speech by Patrick Hunger, Co-President of Swiss Cycling

Mr Lappartient gave the floor to Mr Patrick Hunger, Co-President of Swiss Cycling, for his welcome speech.

Speaking on behalf of Swiss Cycling, Mr Patrick Hunger welcomed everyone to Zurich and expressed his deep sorrow regarding the tragic accident involving Muriel Furrer, noting that her condition remains critical—a reality that has deeply overshadowed the emotions of the 2024 UCI Road World Championships.

He thanked the UCI for its support in bringing the event to Zurich for the fourth time and acknowledged the significant joint efforts behind its organisation of the first ever combined UCI Road and UCI Paracycling Road World Championships. At the same time, he expressed his regret that such difficult circumstances marked the occasion, stating that there is no emotional value in celebrating under these conditions. He expressed his hope for Ms Furrer’s full recovery. He also voiced deep admiration for the athletes, both able bodied and para, highlighting their determination to chase the rainbow jersey and stressing that it is our obligation to ensure the safety of all riders.

3. Any admissions, suspensions, exclusions of Federations

The Congress approved the admission of the Belau Cycling Federation (OCC) as the National Federation of Palau (PLW).

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 Belau Cycling Federation (PLW).	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

Mr Lappartient congratulated the newly affiliated Belau Cycling Federation and invited Ms Diulareng Keane, board member of the Belau Cycling Federation, on stage to receive the certificate of affiliation.

The Congress approved the admission of the Nauru Cycling Federation (OCC) as the National Federation of Nauru (NRU).

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 Nauru Cycling Federation (NRU).	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

Mr Lappartient congratulated the newly affiliated Nauru Cycling Federation.

Mr Lappartient talked about the importance of the affiliation of the Belau Cycling Federation and the Nauru Cycling Federation, which brings the number of National Federations affiliated with the UCI to 205. He added that with a 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 205 National Federations, proves the universal nature of cycling.

4. Minutes of the 192nd UCI Congress

The Congress approved the minutes of the 192nd UCI Congress held on 3 August 2023, 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 192 nd UCI Congress	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

5. Speech by the UCI President

Mr Lappartient extended a warm welcome to all attendees.

Mr Lappartient started by thanking Mr Stefan Schötzau, President of the Organising Committee of the 2024 UCI Road and Para-cycling Road World Championships in Zurich, and his team for their outstanding work, along with the local authorities for their contribution to the success of the event. He underlined the significance of the event returning to Switzerland and its historic value as the first ever combined Road and Para-cycling UCI World Championships, reflecting the UCI's strong commitment to inclusion.

He continued by highlighting key achievements since the 2023 UCI Congress, including the remarkable success of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships in Glasgow and across Scotland. The event brought together 13 UCI World Championships across 11 days of competition and broke viewership records reaching global audiences via nearly 100 television channels across 130 countries. He also noted the event's substantial socio-economic impact on Glasgow and Scotland. He looked ahead to the next edition, to be held in Haute-Savoie, France, in 2027, where the programme will expand to include 20 UCI World Championships and the number of participating athletes is expected to double.

Turning to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Mr Lappartient praised the exceptional organisation and atmosphere, underlining the historic achievement that, for the first time, cyclists from all five continents won Olympic medals—demonstrating the global reach and universality of the sport. He expressed his gratitude to the French Cycling Federation and its President, Michel Callot, as well as to Tony Estanguet, President of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee, for their pivotal contributions to this success. Regarding the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, he confirmed that all five existing cycling disciplines—Road, Track, Mountain Bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle—will be included, which are essential for the UCI's revenues as these funds are entirely dedicated to the UCI World Cycling Centre and solidarity. He also confirmed that the UCI has submitted



a proposal for the inclusion of cyclo-cross in the 2030 Winter Olympic Games, as part of its efforts to further expand cycling's Olympic presence.

He then drew attention to the successful launch of the first UCI Snow Bike World Championships, and the rapid rise of cycling esports, highlighting the upcoming UCI Esports World Championships on 26 October in Abu Dhabi, which will be hosted for the first time on the MyWhoosh platform, as well as the forthcoming launch of the IOC's Olympic Esports Games.

Special emphasis was placed on the 2025 UCI Road World Championships in Kigali, Rwanda—the first ever on African soil. He reviewed the progress of the “Africa 2025” development programme and celebrated the rising competitiveness of African riders on the global stage, particularly Eritrea's Biniam Girmay, who became the first African to win the green jersey at the Tour de France following three stage victories. He also acknowledged the growing reach of the UCI World Cycling Satellite Centres, now present on all five continents.

Mr Lappartient then addressed current geopolitical challenges, expressing solidarity with all victims of the conflict in the Middle East and offering the UCI's deepest sympathies to those affected by the war in Ukraine, initiated by the Russian government with the support of the Republic of Belarus. In this context, he reaffirmed the UCI's alignment with the IOC in maintaining political neutrality while continuing to advocate for peace. He also paid tribute to Afghan women cyclists, in particular sisters Fariba and Yulduz Hashimi, who participated in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and serve as powerful symbols of resilience and hope.

Reaffirming the UCI's commitment to clean sport, he addressed concerns around doping and technological fraud. He emphasised the strength of the UCI's anti-doping programme, managed by the International Testing Agency (ITA), and outlined the UCI's continued efforts to combat technological fraud, including the appointment of Nicholas Raudenski as Head of the Fight Against Technological Fraud.

His report also focused on the activities of SafeR, noting the implementation of new safety measures and the ongoing review of their impact.

He concluded by reaffirming the UCI's ongoing progress in promoting women in cycling and advancing sustainability, referencing achievements in gender equality, event innovation, and the UCI's first Sustainability Report.

Finally, he announced his candidacy for the Presidency of the International Olympic Committee, reaffirming his belief in Olympic values and confirming that he would continue to serve the UCI unless elected.

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

6. Report on UCI activities in 2023 by the Director General

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

She began by welcoming everyone and expressing her gratitude to the organisers and UCI staff for their dedicated efforts in delivering the 2024 UCI Road and Para-cycling Road World Championships in Zurich. She highlighted the historic nature of the week, marking the first time the UCI had combined its flagship Road World Championships with the Para-cycling Road World Championships. She also



reflected on the unforgettable 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, which powerfully demonstrated the unifying force of sport and the central role cycling continues to play on the world stage.

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

On the topic of integrity, she emphasised its importance to the sport's credibility. She introduced Mr Raudenski, a former criminal investigator now leading the fight against technological fraud at the UCI, whose responsibilities include overseeing new detection methods and encouraging whistleblower cooperation.

With regard to sustainability, Ms Lanaya outlined the UCI's recent progress, including the publication of its first Sustainability Report, the launch of the Cycling for All and Sustainability Awards, and steps toward forming a Professional Cycling Climate Action Working Group.

Referring 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 four key developments: the introduction of equal Olympic quotas for men and women at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games; the inclusion of women's cycling representatives on the Professional Cycling Council; the upcoming launch of the women's edition of Milan–San Remo; and the creation of UCI Women's ProTeams.

Ms Lanaya then highlighted the recognition of the UCI's governance, noting that in 2024, ASOIF ranked the UCI second in its Review of International Federation Governance, which assessed transparency, integrity, democracy, and development. The latest edition of the review also placed special emphasis on sustainability, gender equality, and human rights.

Looking forward, she discussed the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in areas such as talent identification, event organisation, and broadcasting—while emphasising the importance of protecting data and aligning with the Olympic AI Agenda.

On financial matters, she reported a positive outlook for 2024, driven by new sponsorships and prudent spending, ensuring a strong position heading into the next Olympic cycle.

Ms Lanaya thanked the National Federations, the UCI Management Committee, the Senior Management Team, and all UCI staff. She paid a special tribute to President David Lappartient, praising his optimism and leadership—especially during challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the inaugural UCI Cycling World Championships. She concluded by offering him her best wishes in his candidacy for the presidency of the International Olympic Committee.

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 2023 UCI Annual Report	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

7. Proposal for modifications to the UCI Constitution

The Congress approved the proposals for modifications to the UCI Constitution.

The National Federations were provided with the full text of the amended UCI Constitution and a Memorandum article-by-article providing comments and explanations on the amended provisions. The new provisions shall be applicable in the context of the Continental Confederation and UCI elections in 2025.

These amendments related to the following key areas:

- 1) Firstly, confirmation of UCI’s authority over all forms of cycling, including on snow and ice.
- 2) Secondly, strengthening the governance of member National Federations through the review of obligations as UCI members, and review of procedures and sanctions in case of failure by National Federations to comply with such obligations.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
In accordance with Article 30 par. 1 a) of the UCI Constitution to approve the modifications to the UCI Constitution	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

8. Ethics Commission report

Mr Marc Cavaliero, 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.

The report focused on the complaints dealt with by the Ethics Commission over the past year, in the following four areas: issues relating to discrimination and unethical behaviours; breach of physical and mental integrity; sexual harassment and abuse; decision rendered on a complaint concerning the treatment of cyclists by the President of a National Federation.

Mr Cavaliero provided an overview of cases where decisions have been rendered, those currently under investigation, and cases where no investigation is required as they do not fall under the authority of the Ethics Commission. He noted that the Commission will communicate more regularly on decisions through media releases and that its decisions will be published in full, except in exceptional circumstances (e.g., to protect witnesses).

9. 2023 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 2023 Financial Report by the Management Committee on 10 June 2024. The 2023 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 2.7 million better than forecast and CHF 1.9 million better than the 2023 budget, mainly due to savings on expenses and unused budgets. The final operating result is -CHF 5 million.

The consolidated net loss of CHF -3.4 million is reduced comparatively to the operating result due to the performance of the portfolio. The reserves - excluding assets of the UCI - are at CHF 27.8 million out of a total of CHF 50.2 million, thus still above the minimum threshold set by the UCI Management Committee of CHF 20 million.

Mr Bordel went on to explain that the valuation of the investment portfolio is highly volatile and that its performance should be assessed over the long term. For example, from 2016 to the end of 2023, the portfolio recorded a cumulative return of +9%. As of 30 August, the value of the investment portfolio had increased, nearly fully recovering the losses incurred in 2022.

The Congress approved the 2023 Financial Report and Accounts as presented in the Financial Report of the 2023 Annual Report.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the 2023 Financial Report and Accounts as presented in the Financial Report of the 2023 UCI Annual Report	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

10. Audit and Finance Committee report and Auditor's report

Mr Rocco Cattaneo, President of the Audit and Finance Committee, and Mr Michael Ackermann, external auditor of the UCI, presented the Audit and Finance Committee report and Auditor's report as included in the 2023 Annual Report.

Mr Cattaneo informed members that the Audit and Finance Committee Report was signed on 23 May 2024 and said the Committee had been conducting regular meetings with special attention given to the investment portfolio, the hedging strategy and risk register of the UCI.

He then gave the floor to Mr Ackermann from Mazar, who mentioned that the audit was performed according to Swiss law and accounting standards. The Auditor's report was published on 10 June 2024, with Mr Ackermann confirming that the statutory financial statements for 2023 comply with Swiss law, the consolidated financial statements for 2023 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 2023 Annual Report.

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 2023 UCI Annual Report	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

11. Appointment of the Auditor

The Congress approved the appointment of Forvis Mazars as the UCI's auditor for the period 2024 to 2027.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the appointment of Forvis Mazars as the UCI's auditor for the period 2024 to 2027	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

12. 2025 Budget

Mr Luc Bordel, Head of Finance, gave an update on the 2024 forecast and an overview of the 2025 budget.

Mr Bordel informed the members that the forecast operating result for 2024 is CHF 18.1 (vs. CHF 14 million in the 2024 budget) due to additional income, reduced expenses and unused budgets.

He then presented an overview of the 2025 budget, which forecasts a net loss of CHF -9.4 million. Mr Bordel explained that the net loss is exceptionally higher than usual due to the significant impact of the reduced organisation fee for the 2025 UCI Road World Championships in Kigali, Rwanda. The 2025 budget sets a forecast for the total reserves of CHF 60 million by the end of 2025, including CHF 37 million excluding assets of the UCI.

Mr Bordel reminded that the UCI’s results should be considered through a four-year cycle and stated that the current four-year cycle (2021-2024) shows a surplus exceeding CHF 5.8 million.

The Congress approved the 2025 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 2025 budget as provided to members in advance of the UCI Congress	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

13. National Federations’ affiliation fees

The UCI Management Committee proposed that the National Federations’ 2025 affiliation fees remain the same as in 2024.

The Congress approved the National Federations’ 2025 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’ 2025 affiliation fees	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

14. UCI World Cycling Centre report

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

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

15. Solidarity and Emerging Cycling Countries Commission report

Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam, the UCI Vice-President and President of the Solidarity Commission, presented a report on the first seven 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.

16. 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 those scheduled through to the end of 2024. He also highlighted several major upcoming events, including the 2027 UCI Cycling World Championships, the 2024 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships powered by MyWhoosh, the Olympic Esports Games, the 2025 UCI Mountain Bike

World Championships, the 2025 and 2026 UCI Road World Championships, and the 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

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.

17. Track report

Mr Enrico Della Casa, UCI Vice-President and President of the Track Commission, presented the report on Track discipline.

Members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

18. Report on Women's cycling

Ms Katerina Nash, 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 activities of the UCI Medical Commission, focusing in particular on the implementation of concussion protocols, medical monitoring, and high temperature protocol.

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 SpeakUp 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)

Mr Benjamin Cohen, Director General of the International Testing Agency, gave a presentation on the UCI's anti-doping program carried out by the ITA in 2024.

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:

- Mr Thierry Maréchal (BEL), President of the UCI Mountain Bike Commission and former national-level rider, for his enthusiastic commitment to the discipline since the late 1980s, as founder of the Ardennes Mountain Bike club, then President of the Belgian National Federation for mountain bike, President of the Fédération Cycliste Wallonie Bruxelles, a key driver behind the very popular UCI Mountain Bike World Cup round in Houffalize, and UCI Technical Delegate and Commissaire;
- Ms Anne Gripper (AUS), member of the UCI Management Committee and President of the UCI Integrity Commission, for her central contribution to integrity in cycling, notably as Director of the former Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation. In this role, she was involved in initiatives such as the creation of the Athlete Biological Passport and different anti-doping educational modules. Anne Gripper is also a Non-Executive Director of AusCycling and a member of the Executive Board of the Oceania Cycling Confederation;
- Mr Jorge Mauricio Vargas (COL), who is President of the Colombian Cycling Federation and of the Road Commission of the Pan-American Cycling Confederation (COPACI). A tireless promoter of our sport for almost 45 years, he is one of the architects behind the success of Colombian cycling thanks to his various roles within his National Federation since the mid-1980s and as Director of numerous national and international competitions in his country.;
- Mr Osama Ahmed Abdullah Al Shafar (UAE), Vice-President of the UCI, President of the Asian Cycling Confederation, former President of the United Arab Emirates Cycling Federation and former member of the Dubai Sports Council, for his contribution to the arrival and development of professional cycling in his country, in particular with the launch of the Dubai Tour, now the UAE Tour. He also played a decisive role in the evacuation of Afghan cyclists from their country in 2021 after the Taliban came to power, and their transit through the United Arab Emirates on their way to Europe;
- Mr Romuald Hazoumè (BEN), for his commitment to our sport over more than 35 years, first as a club founder and leader, then within the Cycling Federation of Benin, of which he is now President. In this role, he has helped to advance cycling in his country by supporting Benin's cyclists through a wide range of initiatives, including the distribution of equipment, training and talent identification. He is also in charge of the Tour du Bénin, a race that has joined the UCI International Calendar under his leadership.

24. UCI World Championships Awards

Mr Lappartient announced the following fourteen locations for UCI World Championships as awarded by the UCI Management Committee:

- 2025 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships: Sakarya (Turkey)
- 2026 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships: Apeldoorn (Netherlands)
- 2026 UCI Snow Bike World Championships: Châtel – Haute-Savoie (France)
- 2026 and 2027 UCI Masters Track World Championships: London (Great Britain)
- 2028 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships: Sunshine Coast - Queensland (Australia)
- 2028 UCI Junior Track World Championships: Asuncion (Paraguay)
- 2028 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships: Hoogerheide (Netherlands)
- 2028 and 2029 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships: Jakarta (Indonesia)
- 2029 UCI BMX Racing World Championships: Heusden-Zolder (Belgium)
- 2029 UCI Road World Championships: Denmark (city/region to be confirmed)
- 2029 UCI Gravel World Championships: Villars-sur-Ollon (Switzerland)
- 2030 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships: Namur (Belgium)
- 2030 UCI Track World Championships: Brisbane (Australia)

- 2030 UCI Road World Championships: Brussels (Belgium).

25. Questions and proposals from National Federations (discussion)

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

Mr Vatché Zadourian, President of the Lebanese Cycling Federation, addressed the Congress, stating that although Lebanon is currently suffering under the impact of war, the Lebanese Cycling Federation has succeeded in organising national championships and cycling races, largely thanks to the solidarity and support of the UCI. He emphasised that cycling offers hope to Lebanese athletes and underlined the importance of the UCI's universal values in guiding decision-making. He also voiced concerns regarding the abuse of power within certain executive committees but commended the UCI's commitment to integrity, justice, and solidarity. He appealed to Mr Lappartient to maintain the UCI's support for Lebanon during these challenging times.

Mr Lappartient expressed his solidarity with the Lebanese cyclists and people, acknowledging Lebanon's difficult political and economic situation. He reaffirmed the UCI's commitment to supporting countries in crisis, such as Lebanon, and praised Mr Zadourian for his dedication to sustaining and developing cycling in Lebanon. Mr Lappartient gave his assurance that the UCI would continue to uphold good governance and ensure that its principles are implemented in Lebanon. He reiterated the UCI's commitment to solidarity and expressed hope for peace in Lebanon.

Mr Giandomenico Massari, President of the Cycling Federation of Nigeria, raised concerns about rising costs, particularly the price of flight tickets, which have become prohibitive for National Federations—especially in transporting bicycles and equipment. Mr Giandomenico Massari requested that the UCI explore the possibility of negotiations with international organisations such as the International Air Transport Association (IATA) to help reduce these expenses.

Mr Lappartient acknowledged the issue, which has been raised on multiple occasions at the UCI Congress, and explained that the UCI has limited capacity to negotiate globally with airline companies, as such matters must be addressed at the national or corporate level. He noted that cycling faces unique transportation challenges, particularly concerning bicycles and para-cycling equipment, and that no international agreement currently exists to mitigate these costs. While the UCI has allocated funding to support National Federations—including covering accommodation costs for groups 3 and 4 at the UCI World Championships—Mr Lappartient expressed the UCI's willingness to assist with negotiations at the national level, although a global solution does not appear unfeasible.

Mr Abderrahmane Ould Ethmane, President of the Mauritanian National Olympic Committee and President of the Mauritanian Cycling Federation, expressed his support for Mr David Lappartient's candidacy for the presidency of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). He highlighted Mr Lappartient's leadership, energy, and passion for sport, stating that these qualities should benefit not only cycling but the wider sporting world. He proposed that UCI members issue a press release in support of Mr Lappartient's candidacy for the IOC presidency.

Mr Lappartient thanked Mr Abderrahmane Ould Ethmane for his warm and encouraging words. He emphasised that there are seven strong candidates, each a respected colleague with valuable qualities. He also noted the ethical guidelines of the IOC, which prohibit international federations and National Olympic Committees (NOCs) from formally endorsing candidates. While deeply appreciative of the heartfelt support, he clarified that an official statement of endorsement would not be possible. He assured the audience that he intends to run a strong and positive campaign, maintaining good relations with the other candidates.

Mr Umberto Langellotti, President of the Monegasque Cycling Federation, commended the regulatory change concerning U23 riders, which, starting the following year, would prevent U23 professional riders in UCI WorldTeams or UCI ProTeams from participating in Continental and World Championships in the U23 category. He regarded this as a positive development, as it would allow young non-professional riders greater opportunity for exposure. Additionally, he praised the progress made by SafeR in improving safety in professional road cycling.

Mr Lappartient confirmed the rule change, explaining that it aligned with previous practice, whereby U23 riders who are part of professional teams were entitled to take part in the Elite World Championships only. He noted that the decision supported the development of U23 riders and mentioned that further discussions on age categories were planned within the UCI's Road Commission. Regarding SafeR, he stated that a report on its progress would be shared at the end of the season.

Mr Samson Ndayishmiye OLY, President of the Rwandan Cycling Federation, expressed his gratitude to Mr Lappartient, the UCI Management Committee, and the CAC President for granting Africa the opportunity to host the 2025 UCI Road World Championships.

Mr Lappartient thanked Mr Ndayishmiye OLY and remarked that hosting the 2025 UCI Road World Championships in Africa had long been a shared dream, which would soon become reality. He expressed his sincere gratitude to Rwanda.

Mr Ahmed Mohamed Hassan, President of the Somali Cycling Federation, raised two concerns. First, he highlighted the issue of visa restrictions, which had prevented many members from attending the UCI Congress. He urged the UCI to ensure that host nations facilitate the visa process to enable broader participation. His second concern related to the number of countries that had taken part in the event in Zurich; he called on the UCI to investigate why some nations did not participate and to consider alternative ways of supporting them.

Mr Lappartient acknowledged that visa issues are a challenge not only for cycling but across all sports. He assured the audience that the UCI had worked diligently to assist with visas for this event, including liaising with Swiss embassies to help national federations obtain them. He reminded members to follow procedures carefully and encouraged federations to seek support from the UCI where needed. Mr Lappartient added that next year in Rwanda, visa procedures would be significantly simpler, with most visitors only required to pay a small fee upon arrival.

Regarding the second concern about participation, Mr Lappartient reiterated the UCI's commitment to increasing the number of participating nations, noting a record level of participation at a UCI Road World Championships - excluding the exceptional case of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships. He emphasised that the UCI's goal is to promote universality and ensure greater representation of nations, particularly from developing regions, at international competitions. He acknowledged the limitations of the UCI's budget but reaffirmed their commitment to supporting National Federations. This support will continue for future events, including the 2027 UCI Cycling World Championships in Haute-Savoie, France, where the aim is to have all 205 national federations represented. The UCI plans to assist with visas, accommodation, and potentially flight costs to help achieve this goal.

Ms Ana María Surra, delegate of the Federación Ciclista Uruguaya, invited Mr Lappartient to personally attend the 2025 Road Continental Pan-Am Championships in Punta del Este, Uruguay, alongside COPACI President Mr José Manuel Pelaez, emphasising Uruguay's enthusiasm in welcoming him.

Mr Lappartient thanked Ms Ana María Surra and noted that, although he has not yet visited all 205 UCI-affiliated countries, he is aware of Uruguay's strong passion for cycling. He recalled that



COPACI was founded in Uruguay over a century ago, in 1922, and expressed his interest in attending, subject to availability.

Mr Pascal Toingar, President of the Fédération Tchadienne de Cyclisme, raised concerns regarding bicycles delivered to Africa through solidarity programmes. He noted frequent issues with spare parts after only limited use, making it difficult to maintain the bikes over the long term.

Mr Lappartient agreed, acknowledging that the availability of spare parts is a recurring issue. He referred to the UCI's Solidarity Programme Guidelines, which allows national federations to request either complete bicycles or individual components. With support from the UCI's partner, Shimano, the UCI provides both material and technical assistance for solidarity initiatives. He encouraged federations to include requests for spare parts in their solidarity applications to better address these challenges.

Mr Karim Ali, Co-Founder of the Palestinian Para-cycling team, addressed Mr Lappartient, sharing the challenges faced in bringing a Palestinian para-athlete to the UCI Road and Para-cycling Road World Championships amidst difficult local circumstances. He raised concerns about the safety of training in Palestine and the increasing number of amputations resulting from the ongoing conflict. He asked whether the UCI could assist in enabling athletes to train abroad and in supporting the development of Para-cycling in Palestine.

Mr Lappartient expressed his support, affirming the UCI's commitment to helping athletes train in safe environments, citing the organisation's support for athletes from Ukraine and Afghanistan. He suggested that Jacques Landry, Director of the UCI WCC, would follow up with Mr Ali to explore further assistance. Regarding para-athletes, Mr Lappartient assured that the UCI is fully committed to Para-cycling and will support the sport's development in Palestine.

Mr Désiré Hussein Nsengiyumva (Fédération Burundaise de Cyclisme) thanked the UCI and the CAC for their support of African cycling, specifically highlighting the Tour Cycliste International Féminin in Burundi. He extended an invitation to other nations to participate and requested Mr Lappartient's presence to further support the development of women's cycling in Africa.

Mr Lappartient congratulated Burundi on its efforts, noting that it hosts the only women's stage race in Africa. He highlighted the UCI's financial and technical support, including training initiatives and the deployment of delegates to help raise the race to international calendar status. He expressed his intention to attend the Tour Cycliste Féminin International du Burundi and reaffirmed the UCI's commitment to supporting such events that promote women's cycling.

26. Closing of the Congress by UCI President

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

Done in Zurich, Switzerland, 27 September 2024.