

INTERIM REPORT NO.7 OF THE EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMISSION

1. This seventh interim report sets out the progress the IBU External Review Commission has made since the last IBU Executive Board meeting, on 13 July 2019.

Constitutional reform

2. Under the guidance of Dr Franz Steinle, drafts of the IBU Constitution, Executive Board Rules, Rules of Congress, Vetting Rules, Biathlon Integrity Unit Rules, and Integrity Code of Conduct were circulated to IBU member federations on 19 July 2019, and the Chair of the IBU Athletes' Committee circulated them to biathletes on the same date. The deadline for comments was 13 August 2019.
3. The feedback received through the consultation process was positive and supported the many reforms to the rules, in particular the goal of bringing the IBU into line with international best practice in sports governance. The feedback also provided a number of very detailed and helpful comments, which have helped to improve the draft rules.
4. I met with the IBU Constitution Working Group on 19 August 2019 to discuss the feedback and agree on the amendments to be made to the rules in light of that feedback. The Legal Secretary and I will attend the Executive Board meeting on 31 August 2019 by telephone to discuss these changes.
5. Following any final changes, the final version of the rules will then be circulated to IBU member federations on 5 September 2019, in advance of the vote to be held on those rules at the IBU Extraordinary Congress on 18-20 October 2019.
6. The Commission members will attend the Congress, and we will make ourselves available to answer any questions about the detail of the rules during a drop-in session in the afternoon on 18 October 2019, and during a panel session on the morning of 19 October 2019. The rules will be submitted to a vote on 19 October 2019, and (if approved) will come into immediate effect.
7. The Commission members have also identified and recruited, and will have vetted three candidates (plus one reserve) to propose to the Extraordinary Congress for appointment as the independent members of the inaugural BIU Board.

Investigation of allegations of past wrongdoing

8. The Commission continues to work through the significant information and data gathered to date, including emails and other documents from the IBU's server, materials available from the criminal investigation file, materials provided by WADA, and evidence from witness interviews. It is also continuing to liaise as necessary with WADA and the criminal authorities.

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Chair, IBU External Review Commission
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