# Minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 14-15 October 2006 in Istanbul

Version approved by the Delegates and the General Council members having attended the meeting, subject to formal approval during the next GA meeting.

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# Members with rights to vote, attending or represented at the beginning of the meeting on $14^{\text{th}}$ October 2006

National 470 Class Associations having sent delegates:

ARG, AUS, AUT, BUL, CRO, EST, FRA, GER, GRE, HUN, ISR, ITA, JPN, NED, RUS, SMR, SUI, TUR,

i.e. 18 members present

National 470 Class Associations having sent proxies:

BRA and CHI (to ARG), CZE and UKR (to AUS), CYP (to BUL), FIN and SWE (to EST), MON (to FRA), ESP (to HUN), CHN and SIN (to ITA), BEL and DEN (to NED), LUX and SLO (to SMR), MYA (to Alain Corcuff), IND and POL (to Alberto Predieri), i.e. 18 members represented

General Council members:

Alberto Predieri, Alain Corcuff, Felix Schmid, Heinz Staudt, Chako Tobari, Erico Hoffman, Viktor Kovalenko, Arthur Thuringer, Alain Champy, Ott Kallas, Rudiger Schuchardt, Martin Steiger, Marta Weores,

i.e. 13 members present

# Total number of votes present or represented at the beginning of the meeting on 14th October: <u>876</u>

Checking of attendance and examination of proxies have been performed by Alain Corcuff and Yalcin Gurkan.

The quorum being reached (31 members present for 18 required), the meeting was declared open on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 11.00 a.m. in the Istanbul Sailing Club (Turkey) by Alberto Predieri, Acting President and chairman of the meeting, following resignation of the President Darren Dunkley-Smith due to health problems

The General Assembly (GA) appointed Yalcin Gurkan, Stanislav Kassarov and Martin Steiger to check and validate the votes.

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# 1) <u>WELCOME BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT</u>

Alberto welcomed all the participants.

#### 2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2004 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The minutes of the General Assembly meeting held in Copenhagen on 7-8 November 2004 had been posted on the 470 Internationale website (version dated 26/11/2004).

The GA approved these minutes with the amendment to be introduced in point 10) – last paragraph of "Composition of the General Council" - that "Heinz proposes to instruct ..." to be changed to "Alberto and Heinz propose to instruct ...".

#### 3) MANAGEMENT OF THE 470 INTERNATIONALE DONE BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SINCE THE LAST GENERAL **ASSEMBLY MEETING**

#### **REPORT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT** *a*)

(Acting President's report: appendix 1)

Alberto presented his 2005-2006 Annual Report, dealing with activities performed since the last General Assembly meeting and with plans for 2007, insisting on the new structure and organisation of the 470 Internationale proposed to the approval of the General Assembly (new Constitution).

#### **b**) **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

(Secretary General's report: appendix 2)

Alain presented his report, insisting on the importance to get on time the annual reports of the NCAs and asking the NCAs to make their best efforts on this subject.

#### <u>REPORT BY THE TREASURER ON THE ACCOUNTS</u> FOR 2004 AND 2005, AND ON *c*) THE PROVISIONAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2006

(Accounts for 2004: appendix 3) (Accounts for 2005: appendix 4) (Provisional accounts for 2006 as of 30/09/2006: appendix 5)

Felix presented the accounts for 2004 (already approved by the General Council in October 2005), the accounts for 2005, and the provisional accounts for 2006 as per 30.09.2006.

Rick (NED) recommended to improve the presentation of the accounts for the next years, by introducing on each page the open balance and the closing balance of each year.

#### d) REPORT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT ABOUT JAMES APPEL'S ISSUE AND SITUATION OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2001 & 2002

Alberto briefed the GA about the issue and about the actions taken by the MC with the assistance of an Italian Lawyer, qualified and admitted to the New-York Bar, Mr Andrea Fiocchi. He informed the GA that the settlement of the issue out of court has led James Appel to indemnify the 470 Internationale by paying an amount of 12000 USD. The General Council in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006 agreed that the issue should be considered solved and the accounts for 2001 and 2002 should be closed.

Marta suggested to verbally inform the US Sailing and the ISAF about the issue.

### e) <u>REPORT OF THE AUDITOR ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2004 AND 2005 AND ON THE</u> JAMES APPEL'S ISSUE AND THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2001 AND 2002

Erico made the following recommendations:

- no payment should be done before having received the corresponding invoice or proper document,
- payments should exclusively be done in Euros and other currencies (e.g. Swiss Francs) should be avoided,
- money available on the current account should be transferred to the saving account as soon as possible.

Erico recommended to the General Assembly to approve the accounts for 2004 and 2005 and to follow the GC/MC proposal to close the James Appel's issue and the accounts for 2001 and 2002.

## *f)* <u>VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE 470 INTERNATIONALE</u> <u>DONE BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SINCE THE 2004 GAM</u>

The GA unanimously approved the management done by the Management Committee within the last two years.

### g) <u>VOTE FOR APPROVAL TO CLOSE THE JAMES APPEL'S ISSUE AND THE</u> <u>ACCOUNTS FOR 2001 AND 2002</u>

The GA unanimously approved to close the so-called "James Appel's issue" and the accounts for 2001 and 2002 accordingly.

# *h)* <u>VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2004 AND 2005</u>

The GA unanimously approved the accounts for 2004 and 2005.

# 4) PLANS FOR COMING YEARS

# a) <u>FINANCIAL ISSUES</u>

#### *i)* <u>*Proposal from the GC for the 2007 budget and vote for approval* (approved 2007 budget: appendix 6)</u>

Felix presented the budget proposed for 2007, as agreed by the General Council in its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

Stanislav (BUL) proposed to double the budget for Coaches and Sailors Clinics (from 3000 € to 6000 €) and to organise two Clinics instead of one.

Then a discussion took place about the importance for the Class to invest more money on promoting the Class on TV or via videos.

Finally, the 2007 Budget as proposed by the General Council was unanimously approved with the increase from 3000 to 6000 € for Coaches & SailorsClinics.

In addition the General Assembly empowered the General Council and/or the Management Committee (depending on the approval or not of the proposed new Constitution) to spend an extra amount of 13000 € for promotional purposes, if needed.

### *ii)* <u>Proposal from the GC/MC on Annual Fees rate for National Class Associations and</u> *individual members, and on sail buttons/stickers price for 2007 and 2008, and vote* <u>for approval</u>

The GA unanimously approved the proposal from the General Council to keep the annual fees and sail buttons/stickers price at the same level for 2007 and 2008 as in 2006, i.e.:

- Annual fees for NCAs: 8 € per member,
- Annual fees for Individual Members: 45 € per member,
- Sail buttons/stickers: 10 € per button/sticker (with 10% discount if more than 500 buttons/stickers are ordered at once).

# b) <u>TECHNICAL ISSUES</u>

*i)* <u>*Report of the Technical Committee Chairman*</u> (*Report from the Technical Committee chairman: appendix 7*)

Martin presented his report, the major points being the new Class Rules which were published in June 2006 and the ISAF "in-house certification programme" which should start in 2007 for the sails.

#### *ii)* <u>Report from the Class Chief Measurer</u> (Report from the Class Chief Measurer: appendix 8)

Dimitris presented his report, insisting on the difficulties encountered to get from the NCAs the list of the National Measurers. The GC in its meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006 has asked the MC to re-send the request to the MNAs with copy to the NCAs. An other issue raised by Dimitris was the improvement of the standardisation of the measurement inspections at the Championships, which will lead to probably complete the Manual as far as equipment to be made available by the organisers and procedures are concerned.

*Proposal(s) from the Technical Committee for 470 Class Rules changes, if any, and votes to approve their submission to the ISAF* 

None

*iv)* <u>Submissions from the Australian 470 Class Association and from Andreas</u> <u>Kosmatopoulos (on behalf of sailors attending the meeting in Balaton)</u>

# \*Windspeed for RRS 42 and Class Rule C.1.1

AUS submission proposed that the Class Rule C.1.1 should be amended with a windspeed limit of 8 knots instead of 10 to apply RRS 42 or not. The GC advised to keep the value of 10 knots.

The GA rejected the submission by 528 votes against it and 348 in favour.

#### \*Trapeze lines made with rope

AUS submission proposed that the Class Rules should allow to change the trapeze lines from wire rope to rope. The GC advised to approve this change in its principle, subject to further investigations by the Technical Committee about the impact of this change on the overall weight of the mast.

The GA approved the GC proposal by 824 votes in favour and 52 against.

#### \*Lowest windspeed limit for racing

Andreas Kosmatopoulos' submission proposed that the Class Rules should include that no race shall start if the windspeed is below 5 knots.

AUS submission proposed that the Class Rules should include that no race shall start if the windspeed is below 4 knots and that a race shall be abandoned if the windspeed drops below 3 knots. Victor (AUS) withdrew this submission, considering that the GC proposal, elaborated in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006, would be a satisfactory solution.

The GC decided to recommend to the General Assembly not to approve any Class Rules change, but to ask the MC to include into the Manual a recommendation to the Race Officers with the wording of the AUS submission and drawing their attention that the values of 4 and 3 knots should be adapted according to local conditions (waves, current).

The GA rejected the submission from Andreas Kosmatopoulos unanimously, asking the MC to include into the Manual the recommendation proposed by the GC.

#### \*Highest windspeed limit for racing

Andreas Kosmatopoulos' submission proposed that the Class Rules should include that no race shall start if the windspeed is above 25 knots. The GC advised the GA not to approve this submission.

The GA rejected the submission from Andreas Kosmatopoulos by 836 votes against it and 0 in favour (and 40 abstentions).

#### \*Abandonment of a race in case of windshift over 30•

Andreas Kosmatopoulos' submission proposed that the Class Rules should include that a race shall be abandoned in case of windshift over 30°. The GC advised the GA not to approve this submission.

The GA rejected the submission from Andreas Kosmatopoulos unanimously.

### c) <u>SPORT ISSUES</u>

#### *i)* <u>On-going situation about the organisation of the Championships in 2007</u>

Alberto briefed the GA about the situation of the preparation and the agreements. He informed the GA that the dates of the Europeans (8-17 June) being in conflict with Kiel (16-24 June), the MC will contact the Club of Thessaloniki to try to move ahead the Europeans by some days.

#### *ii)* <u>Submission from the Russian 470 Class Association related to the qualification</u> system for the 2007 World Championships in Cascais

Alexander (RUS) presented the Russian submission: the quota system applied by the ISAF for the Combined WCH 2007 in Cascais leads to unfair results due to the fact that our 2005 and 2006 World Championships (which results are one of the criteria of the system) had been sailed far away from Europe, penalising some European countries which had not sent a lot of good sailors due to lack of money.

Alberto explained that the GA couldn't take any decision to modify such system as it is out of the 470 Internationale control. However, the GA agreed that the MC should try to put forward the reasons on which the Russian submission is based on during the ISAF Annual Conference in Helsinki about this issue.

### *iii)* <u>Proposals and votes on the venues of the future Championships</u> (Updated Championship organisation chart: appendix 9)

Alain Corcuff presented the Championship organisation chart showing all bids and offers received to date. He explained that some bids are fully complying with the terms of the call for bids and some others were letters of intent only. He mentioned also that some bids or letters of intent arrived after the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> October.

After discussion, the GA decided by 381 votes against 367 (and 128 abstentions) not to consider late bids or letters of intent, namely Thessaloniki for Worlds 2009 (that in addition was not agreed by the Greek NCA), Travemunde for Worlds 2010, Italy for Junior World 2009 and France which made a large offer to host one Championship in the coming years.

The GA approved also that this decision should constitute a Class policy for the future.

Then Alain Corcuff called the presentations of the bids from the competing organisers, and at the end asked the GA to vote for each Championship.

# \*2009 Worlds

Awarded to the <u>Royal Danish Yacht Club</u> with 726 votes. (150 votes for Medemblik and 0 vote for Gdnyia).

However, as the RDYC did not sent a complete bid, the GA asked the MC to request the RDYC to provide the 470 Internationale with a complete bid and to evaluate it within one month in order to validate the GA decision.

# \*2010 Worlds

Awarded to <u>Medemblik</u> with 374 votes. (255 votes for Tallinn, 226 votes for Fukuoka, 21 votes for Athens).

#### \*2009 Europeans

Awarded to Lake Neusiedl unanimously (no other candidate).

However, as the organiser did not sent a complete bid, the GA asked the MC to request the organiser to provide the 470 Internationale with a complete bid and to evaluate it within one month in order to validate the GA decision.

#### \*2010 Europeans

Awarded to <u>Istanbul SC</u> with 443 votes. (365 votes for Tallinn, 28 votes for Cascais, 47 abstentions).

### \*2008 Junior World

Awarded to <u>Gdnyia</u> with 591 votes. (285 votes for Lake Traunsee)

### \*2009 Junior World

As there is no candidate, the GA will decide on it at the 2007 GA meeting (if the proposed new Constitution is approved), or will empower the GC to decide (if the proposed new Constitution is not approved).

# \*2010 Junior World

Ott (EST) explained to the delegates and GC members that Tallinn was candidate for the 2010 Worlds or Europeans because that year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tallinn Yacht Club. As it would be very important for Tallinn to get an international 470 Championship that year, Ott asked the delegates to award the 2010 Junior World to Tallinn, in spite the allocation of this Championship was not on the agenda of the GA meeting.

There were no unanimous consent to discuss this point which was not on the agenda and thus the GA rejected Ott's request but took note of this candidature for the next GA meeting.

#### \*2008 Junior Europeans, combined with 420

Awarded to Zadar with 856 votes (and 20 abstentions).

#### \*2009 Junior Europeans, combined with 420

Awarded to <u>Balatonfüred</u> unanimously.

# \*2007 Master's Cup

The GA confirmed the decision taken by the GC in October 2005 to award the 2007 Master's Cup to Lake Bracciano (ITA), to be held during the first week of August 2007.

# d) <u>CAMPAIGN FOR THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES</u>

Heinz advised the GA that "Everyone of us must be very active for supporting the Class for the mentioned campaign".

# e) <u>DISCUSSION AND VOTE, IF NEEDED, ON PROPOSALS MADE BY NCAs</u>

None

# f) DISCUSSION AND VOTE, IF NEEDED, ON PROPOSALS MADE BY GC

None

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The meeting was then interrupted from 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30 p.m. to 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 a.m.

At the end of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October, the delegate from San Marino and the one from Italy informed the General Assembly that they could not attend the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October. The delegate from San Marino gave proxy to Alain Corcuff for the session of the General Assembly to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> October (as a matter of clarification Luxemburg and Slovenia which were represented by San Marino on 14<sup>th</sup> October could not be represented on 15<sup>th</sup> October). The delegate from Italy (Marco Predieri), in its full power of Secretary General of the Italian 470 Class Association and according to its constitution, appointed Alberto Predieri (member of the Italian 470 Class Association) as Italian delegate, with the right to carry the proxies from CHN and SIN.

Thus on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 a.m. the participation was as follows:

- 17 National Associations present,
- 17 National Associations represented,
- 13 General Council members present.

# Total number of votes present or represented at the beginning of the meeting on 15th October: <u>836</u>

The quorum being still reached (30 members present for 18 required), the General Assembly was able to continue making decisions.

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#### 5) <u>GC PROPOSAL FOR A NEW STRUCTURE AND A NEW ORGANISATION OF THE</u> 470 INTERNATIONALE

a) <u>PRESENTATION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION, OF THE NEW BY-LAWS AND OF</u> <u>THE ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION AND DISCUSSION ON THESE DOCUMENTS</u> (General presentation of the proposed new organisation: appendix 10) (Bulgarian submission for the election of the President by the GA: appendix 11) (Resolution associated to the new Constitution: appendix 12) Alain Corcuff made a general presentation of the backgrounds for a proposed new organisation and structure, the way followed by the GC to make them elaborated and then approved, the options having led the drafting of the proposed new Constitution and its associated documents.

He mentioned that the MC has received a submission from the Bulgarian Association to have the President elected by the General Assembly and not by the Management Committee as proposed in the new Constitution.

Then Alain Corcuff proposed the way to discuss and vote on these documents, as follows:

- 1) to proceed to a discussion aimed at clarifying the content of the proposed documents,
- 2) to vote successively with the Simple Majority to choose or not the alternate solutions which were proposed:
  - a. by the General Council, to have a World Council with one permanent representative of each NCA instead of having a General Assembly,
  - b. by the Bulgarian Association to have the President elected by the GA and not by the MC,
- 3) to vote with two-third majority the approval in one block of the proposed new Constitution, with its approved alternate solutions and with two minor amendments to articles 7.16 and 8.1 and one errata proposed by the MC, and of the associated Resolution dealing with the automatic dismissal of the GC members and with the fact that the MC elected in 2006 would have a two-year mandate only instead of four years,
- 4) to redefine the new rights of vote according to the vote here above,
- 5) to vote with the Simple Majority (according to the definition in the new Constitution) the approval in one block of the proposed new By-Laws and its errata,
- 6) to vote with the Simple Majority (according to the definition in the new Constitution) the Part 1 of the Manual, according to the new By-Laws.

This procedure was unanimously agreed by the GA.

### b) <u>DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED DOCUMENTS AND ON THE BULGARIAN</u> <u>SUBMISSION</u>

Nobody asked for clarification on the proposed documents which have been presented.

Ruediger proposed two new amendments:

- to specify that the GA meeting could be organised by audio-conferences via Internet, as in the future it will probably be possible to have 50 people connected together,
- to revise the way to allocate votes to NCAs to give more adapted power to the big NCAs.

Alberto reminded that the texts had been sent to all members by the end of August, asking them to officially inform the Secretary General before the 1<sup>st</sup> October about any additional proposal they would like to add on the agenda, according to the current Constitution. As these two amendments proposed by Rudiger had not been sent before 1<sup>st</sup> October, Alberto asked the GA to vote on the validity of Rudiger's proposal (same as it has been done for the late bids for Class Championships).

The GA did not accept to consider these two amendments by 261 votes against 192 (and 383 abstentions).

# c) <u>VOTES ON THE ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS</u>

## *i)* Bulgarian submission for the election of the President by the GA

The Bulgarian submission, with a minor amendment proposed by the MC, was agreed by the GA by 706 votes against 0 (and 130 abstentions).

### *ii)* <u>World Council instead of GA</u>

The alternate solution of a World Council replacing the General Assembly got 38 votes only and was thus rejected.

### d) <u>VOTE ON THE PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE ASSOCIATED</u> <u>RESOLUTION</u>

Alberto and Alain Corcuff reminded the documents to be voted in one block:

- the proposed new Constitution sent to the members by the end of August 2006, amended as agreed with the votes in c) here above, and with the errata and minor amendments proposed by the MC,
- the associated Resolution specifying mainly that the new MC will be elected up to 2008, and not for a four-year mandate, with the precision that these two years up to 2008 will not be counted for the 12 years term indicated in article 8.1.

The GA approved these documents by 786 votes against 40 (and 10 abstentions).

# e) <u>VALIDATION OF THE NEW NUMBER OF VOTES OF EACH NCA OR INDIVIDUAL</u> <u>MEMBER ACCORDING TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION</u>

The new Constitution became into force as soon as it was adopted by the GA, according to the terms of the Resolution.

Thus, there was no longer any GC member and the votes of the NCAs and Individual Members present or represented was recalculated according to the new Constitution.

Alain Corcuff gave the number of votes of each NCA present or represented. He informed the GA that Marta (HUN) got also proxies from the two Individual Members of South Africa, who have now rights to vote.

Thus on 15<sup>th</sup> October after the new Constitution was approved, the participation was as follows:

- 17 National Associations present,
- 17 National Associations represented,
- 2 Individual members represented.

# Total number of votes present or represented after approval of the new Constitution on 15th October: <u>746</u>

The quorum being still reached (17 members present for 14 required), the General Assembly was able to continue making decisions.

## f) VOTE ON THE PROPOSED NEW BY-LAWS

The GA approved the proposed new By-Laws unanimously.

## g) <u>VOTE ON THE PART 1 OF THE MANUAL</u>

Alain Corcuff mentioned that the proposed text is the same as the one already included in the Manual (and thus approved by the previous GC), with "General Council" changed to "Management Committee". He also specified that the GC in its meeting of  $13^{\text{th}}$  October agreed on MC proposal to give fine of  $20 \notin$  to those crews not attending the opening or the closing ceremony, and that the payment of the fine would be introduced as eligibility rule, i.e. in Part 1 of the Manual. Thus this change shall now be approved by the GA.

The GA approved unanimously the Part 1 of the Manual as originally proposed and decided to defer the vote on the introduction into the eligibility rules of the payment of the fine, asking the MC to further study the issue of participation in opening and closing ceremonies by taking into consideration Alexander's (RUS) suggestion to impose a "fine" to those NCAs (instead of the sailors) not having any sailors attending the ceremonies.

### 6) <u>ELECTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>

### a) <u>DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF MC MEMBERS</u>

The Constitution specifying that the MC should consist of 5 to 8 members, Alberto proposed to the GA to elect 8 members. The GA agreed unanimously on this proposal.

#### b) <u>ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT</u>

Alain Corcuff specified that the candidates declared by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006 were Alberto Predieri (ITA) and Li Quanhai (CHN).

Alberto being candidate asked Alain Corcuff, on Nino's (ISR) suggestion, to temporarily ensure the chairmanship of the meeting for this election process.

Alain Corcuff invited Alberto to present his views and programme for the next two years. Li was absent and excused and could not do the same.

Then Alain Corcuff asked the GA to vote: Alberto got 651 votes and Li 62 votes (33 abstentions).

Alain Corcuff congratulated Alberto for his election, then Alberto thanked the delegates.

#### c) <u>ELECTION OF THE 7 OTHER MC MEMBERS</u>

Alain Corcuff gave the list of the 17 candidates declared by 1<sup>st</sup> October:

- Erico HOFFMANN (ARG),
- Victor KOVALENKO (AUS),
- Arthur THURINGER (AUT),

- Stanislav KASSAROV (BUL),
- Li QUANHAI (CHN),
- Ott KALLAS (EST),
- Alain CHAMPY (FRA),
- Alain CORCUFF (FRA),
- Rüdiger SCHUCHARDT (GER),
- Dimitris DIMOU (GRE),
- Marta WEORES (HUN),
- Nino SHMUELI (ISR),
- Marco PREDIERI (ITA),
- Marina VIGANO' (ITA),
- Chako TOBARI (JPN),
- Mikhail ZABOLOTNOV (RUS),
- Martin STEIGER (SUI).

Alberto asked each candidate to briefly specify the tasks she/he committed to perform if she/he is elected to the MC.

Li and Marina who could not attend the meeting were presented by Alberto as delegate of Italy and representing China. Alberto took profit of the Marina's presentation to remind that in his report he suggested to the GA that Marta, Marina and Alain Corcuff should be members of the MC and strengthened the need of professionalism in running the Class.

Alexander Plotnikov, delegate of Russia, withdrew the candidature of Mikhail Zabolotnov.

Alain Champy (FRA) et Martin Steiger (SUI) withdrew their candidature.

Thus 14 candidates remained for 7 seats.

Alberto specified the procedure for the votes:

- the delegates shall use the special ballots with the names of the candidates written on them,
- each delegate shall cross the names of the candidates that she/he did not want to elect,
- any ballot with more than 7 names not crossed will be declared nil,
- only candidates getting more than 50% of the 746 votes can be elected according to the new Constitution,
- a second round would be organised for the candidates not elected in the first round if fewer than 7 members have been elected in the first round, and so on up to reach 7 elected members or up to have no candidate reaching the 50% majority.

This procedure received no objection from the GA and the votes proceeded.

The results were as follows:

	Candidates	First round	Second round	Majority > 50% at 374 votes
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Alain CORCUFF	685		Elected at 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Dimitris DIMOU	685		Elected at 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Marta WEORES	659		Elected at 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Victor KOVALENKO	610		Elected at 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Marina VIGANO	548		Elected at 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Erico HOFFMANN	355	424	Elected at 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
Arthur THURINGER	348	396	Elected at 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
Nino SHMUELI	260	125	Not elected
Chako TOBARI	251	88	Not elected
Stanislav KASSAROV	234	101	Not elected
Ott KALLAS	220	60	Not elected
Rüdiger SCHUCHARDT	189	142	Not elected
Li QUANHAI	60	101	Not elected
Marco PREDIERI	0		Withdrawn by ITA for 2 <sup>nd</sup> round

# 7) <u>APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS</u>

Martin Steiger (SUI) and Nino Shmueli (ISR) declared being candidates.

The GA decided to appoint Martin as the first Auditor and Nino as the second Auditor, substitute of the first.

# 8) <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>

None

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The General Assembly ended on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 3.00 p.m..

The Secretary General Alain CORCUFF

The President Alberto PREDIERI