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PROPOSAL TO THE CONGRESS TO SUSPEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF INDONESIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to Article 2.6 of the FIH Statutes (Suspension or expulsion):

“(a) Upon the proposal of the Executive Board, Congress may (by resolution supported by a Special Majority) suspend or expel any Member from membership of the FIH on any of the following grounds:

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(ii) The Member has become insolvent, suspended operations, dissolved, or otherwise ceased to exist, or proposes to do any of those things.

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(vi) The Member commits a serious or persistent breach of its obligations as a Member, or neglects or compromises the interests of the FIH, or there is other just cause to expel the Member. “

For the past years, there has been an ongoing dispute between Indonesian Hockey Association (PHSI), current member of the FIH, and Indonesian Hockey Federation (PP FHI), recognized member of the Indonesian NOC, as to who should be recognized as the Indonesian member of the FIH.

After no amicable solution was found between the bodies, despite several efforts made by FIH and AHF, the FIH Executive Board approved to start the competing claims in early 2020. However, FIH’s recognized NA (INDONESIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - PHSI), was no longer responding to FIH nor its Continental Federation, AHF. Ever since its former President has passed away in June 2020, no contact could be made with the Indonesian Hockey Association, despite many letters sent by FIH and AHF requesting for updated information on the status of the Association.

Based on the above, on 18 March 2021, FIH Legal presented the matter to the FIH Executive Board together with a Legal Memo.

On 18 March 2021, the FIH Executive Board decided as follows:

1. Pursuant to Article 2.6 (a) of FIH Statutes, to request the Indonesian Hockey Association to provide its position on its proposal to the Congress to suspend its membership.

As no reply was received by the Indonesian Hockey Association, the FIH Executive Board decided on 9 April 2021 as follows:



1. to make a proposal to the Congress to suspend the membership of Indonesian Hockey Association, on the ground(s) that it appears that it:
 - has become insolvent, suspended operations, dissolved, or otherwise ceased to exist, as a Member (2.6(a)(ii) of FIH Statutes):
 - i. failed to reply to the FIH and AHF since June 2020 despite several written letters;
 - and/or has neglected or compromised the interests of FIH (2.6(a)(vi) of FIH Statutes):
 - i. neglecting the interest of the sport, to the detriment of FIH, by not fulfilling its commitment as a hockey Member in Indonesia.
2. In addition to the above, given the seriousness of the matter, invoke its powers under Article 2.6(b) of FIH Statutes provisionally immediately suspend Indonesian Hockey Association, pending consideration by Congress of its proposal for suspension with the right to appeal this decision in accordance with Article 14.3(b)(i) of FIH Statutes.

The FIH wrote to the Indonesian Hockey Association inviting it to register up to two representatives to the FIH Congress on 22 May 2021 to present its case before any decision was made about its suspension/expulsion.

Further, the FIH wrote to the Indonesian Hockey Association on 20 April 2021 requesting all application documents for new membership to the FIH for decision to be made by Congress.