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FIG Statutes - Change request

Dear Madam President, dear Chryssy,

with this letter I refer to a discussion between Karl-Friedrich Thöne and you from last year.

DVW proposes a small but effective change of the present FIG Statutes. Through this measure we are convinced that continuity of service in the FIG Council could be improved significantly and the election of experienced high-level representatives would become more flexible for FIG.

The proposed change (Statutes: 5. Administration, Item 5.5: 2nd sentence) is indicated in red: The term of office for all elected members of the Council is four years subject to the provisions of section 5.6. No individual may serve for more than two consecutive periods as Vice President on the Council and the term of office of the president is limited to one period of four years. The term of office for the President, Vice Presidents and the ACCO representative starts on 1 January in the year immediately following their election. For the purposes of this section a single term of two years or less shall not be considered as a term of office.

There is no doubt that this proposal is beneficial for FIG in general. The additional possibility of serving two consecutive periods as Vice President (instead of just one) before becoming President of FIG would strengthen the working performance and the visibility of FIG. This has also been good national practice in the board of DVW.

The present occasion is that we consider the FIG Vice President Prof. Rudolf Staiger as an excellent candidate for the upcoming FIG presidential election in 2018.

I kindly ask to forward our proposal to the FIG Council for further consideration. We would highly appreciate if this item could be discussed and hopefully approved during the FIG General Assembly in Helsinki.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further clarification.

Kind regards

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