Present:
Members of the Executive Board:
Harry Otten President, **Jacek Pawlicki** Tournament Director also representing Poland and a mandate for Czech Republic, **Frits Luteijn** Treasurer, **Frank Teer** General Secretary and President Technical Committee, **Johan Demasure** Tournament Director Youth also representing Belgium with a mandate from France, **Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj**, president of the Asian Draughts confederation, also representing Mongolia, with a mandate from Japan, Viktoria Lehtmets, representing the European Draughts Confederation, **Ndongo Fall** representing the African Draughts Confederation,**Vitalia Dumesh**, representing the women players

Members of committees and sections:
Lelio Marcos, contact person of the section 64 Brazilian (international rules), also representing Brazil, with a mandate from Trinidad and Tobago, **Ali Kadir Benzer**, president of the section Turkish Draughts **Anatoli Yacenko**, President of the Ethical Committee, also representing Ukraine, **Adama Gueye** representing the Medical Committee and representing Senegal , **Aare Harak,** President of the Financial Committee**, Milena Szatkowska,** member of the financial committee, **Xia Lu**, member of the financial committee , also representing China

Translators:
Safiye Bal, translator French-English**, Saule Makasheva**, translator English-Russian

Voting machines: **Mehmet Bugra** from Eloysis Elektronic, Turkey

Representatives of federations:
Nofel ashumov, Azerbaidjan, **Irina Pashkievitch** for Belarus,with a mandate from Lithuania, **Jean Marc Ndjofang** for Cameroon, **Tarmo Tulva** for Estonia, **Daniele Macali** for Italy , **Airat Nurgaziyev** for Kazakhstan, **Guntis Valneris** for Latvia , **Ben Smeenk** for the Netherlands with a mandate from Germany, **Oleg Polikarpov** for Russia, **Ibrahim Ismailov** for Turkey, **Yunus Amindjonov** for Uzbekistan.

Assistants:
Cindy Li Kaimin, China, also translator English-Chinese, **Alisher Artykow,** Uzbekistan, **Darya Tkachenko,** FMJD

1. **Accreditation and voting rights**:

The General Secretary names the federations present or represented:
Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

A total of 18 federations is present and 6 more have given a mandate. 21 of these 24 federations have fulfilled their financial obligations so 21 have voting right. 3 federations present or represented are without voting right (Azerbaijan, Japan, Uzbekistan). According to our statutes the quorum is 1/3 of the member federations. As the number of members is 55 the quorum is 19, so with 24 members present or represented we can have valid decisions.
The president thanks the General Secretary for his work in preparing the meeting.

2. **Opening and Welcome**

After some formalities in point 1 the president welcomes the federations present.

3. **Introduction to the new statutes by President Harry Otten**.

Harry Otten: our statutes our clearly out of date, there are many technical errors, the statutes are not in accordance with the grown practice of board meetings; the rules for membership are strict, more strict than many other international federations; the rules for the ethics committee are not according to Dutch law which is necessary for FMJD as an organization registered in the Netherlands.
The section 100 does not really exist in practice.
In the preparation we talked with lawyers of SportAccord and Dutch lawyers.
The proposal was accepted in the Executive Board meeting Tallinn August 1, 2015
Advantages of the new statutes:

- No more section 100 which did not really exist
- More rights for sections as voting rights in the FMJD General Assembly and the right for proposals to the General Assembly
- Members of sections are automatically member of FMJD and may participate in International Draughts tournaments on 100 squares with the exception of the General world Championship and the world Championship women; for this a federation needs to be full member of FMJD.
- Creation of an Executive Council and a Full Council;
- New rules for meetings, clearer definitions of voting rights;
- More flexible definition for members to have the possibility for countries as Scotland,Northern Ireland to become members of FMJD.
- Changing the name bye laws into Internal regulations

4. **Testing of the voting machines:**

Voting will be done by voting machines. Using voting machines is accepted with 15 votes. The test works with 21 voting machines for the 21 federations with voting right.

5. **Explanation about the voting procedure**

First the amendment will be discussed and then the whole statutes including the amendment if it is accepted.

6. **Discussion and voting about the amendments for the statutes**;

President Otten: no remarks were received from the federations
Only one amendment for the statutes has been received from Poland.
The president asks which federations wish to speak about the statutes proposal.
The federations of Russia,Belarus and Ukraine wish to talk about the proposals

Polikarpov, Oleg, Russia, represents the Russian Draughts Federation FSR, not IDF :
FSR has a new president Nikitin who is willing to cooperate with all the federations.
According to the Russian federation there can be only one federation in Russia; all initiatives not in accordance with this will not accept support from the government. A member must represent a whole country not a part.
My opinion is that these are unacceptable statutes
The amendment does not support the membership of FMJD but can create bad things against the national federation.
Russian 64 proposes equal treatment for all kinds of draughts, that is our tradidion. Russian draughts 64 is our traditional version. We want to introduce it also abroad.

The new statutes diminish the role of 64 draughts.
As Official statement of the FSR I declare that we believe that the new statutes are against the interest of national federations and I advise strongly to vote against the statutes.
Putting the statutes in the frame of Dutch law is inappropriate. We should meet with the universal standards accepted by the IOC.

The presidents comment on this and states that statutes have to be put within the framework of national law and as the FMJD is registered in the Netherlands it is logical that this is Dutch law.

Belarus, Irina Pahkievitch:
The previous General Assembly appointed me as head of a committee for coming wit a proposal. Now we have a proposal for the new statutes from the executive board
Belarus develops both versions of draughts and the proposal to split the two versions is unacceptable.
These statutes should be discussed before the meeting with federations and players.
If we would like to get recognition of IOC we should discuss it thoroughly.
I express support of the statement of FSR.

Comment of the president: Belarus proposed to come with new statutes but we did not receive any proposal from Belarus.

Artykow Uzbekistan : we develop 4 versions of draughts, 64 and 100. We receive profound state support.
I do not agree with the new statutes as they are completely contradicting with the current statutes. We cannot accept the prevalence of one version over an other.

Anatoli Yacenko, Ukraine:
I can agree that draughts 100 actually created FMJD in 1947. They are the mother of FMJD.
More than 70 years have passed and the situation has changed completely. We should be thankful for all other versions of draughts for the federations member of FMJD from the world of draughts 64.
A number of federations is connected to FMJD thanks to Turkish Draughts. Checkers brought a number of federations into FMJD.
Unity of draughts implies equal rights accepted by all participants.
I express my respect to the president of FMJD but these statutes will mean a catastrophe for the world of draughts.
We should have the president at the head of FMJD who takes interest in all versions of draughts.
The basis of equal right should be the basis of every version of draughts in FMJD
The federation of Ukraine admits that 100 are the most professional, but all versions should have equal rights in the structure of FMJD.

Lelio Marcos, Brazil: Brazil:
They are talking too much about the 64 section which was created by me in 1986 in Bamako.
I proposed to create the 64 sections in 1983 we organized the first World Championship 64 and decided to create the section.
We made an agreement: one year Russian rules, the other year Brazilian rules. We have had a very nice time with Bairamov and Lehmann. Lehmann was the true leader but after him things got bad. Russia organized more than 40, 50 world championships, almost all with Russian rules and only a few with Brazilian rules. I propose: let Russians takes care about Russian draughts and FMJD take care about 64 international rules (Brazilian).

Poland explains about their amendment and the amendment is accepted with 15 in favor and 6 against.

7. **Voting about the full text of the statutes including all accepted amendments**

The full text of the statutes including the amendment is accepted with 16 votes in favor and 4 votes against. This is answered with Applause from the federations.

8. **Discussion and voting about the amendments for the Internal Regulations**;

There are no amendments on the proposal for the internal regulations.

9. **Voting about the full text of the internal regulations**

Nobody wants to say something about it.
The internal regulations are accepted with 16 votes in favor and 5 votes against.

10. **Composition of the Executive Council.**

Turkish Draughts wants to have a representative in the Council; Brazilian Draughts not.
The section Checkers has informed the Executive Board that they want to remain represented in the council. Te secretary will write to the section 64 Russian if they want to be represented in the FMJD council.
The meeting is closed at 11:55 for 20 minutes, the to continue with the regular General Assembly.