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Minutes of the 1st Congress of the SAMBO UNION OF ASIA & OCEANIA [SUA]
held physically and vide ZOOM Video Meeting on 8th June 2023
at Beeline Stadium, Astana City, Republic of Kazakhstan

1. Nomination of the Chairman of the Congress

Mr Suresh Gopi , Director General of SUA was nominated as the Chairman / Convenor of the SUA Congress

2. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum

Roll Call was made for this hybrid Congress , for those both physically present and for those present vide Zoom Video Conference.

Physically present : Australia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong , India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal , New Zealand, Palestine, Philippines, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Present Via Zoom : Iran , Iraq , Lebanon, Macau , Maldives , Singapore, Sri Lanka and Syria .

Absent : Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh , Chinese Taipei, Pakistan , Thailand Vietnam.

It was then declared by Mr Gopi that quorum was more than adequate to commence the 1st Congress of the Sambo Union of Asia and Oceania

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Members present resolved unanimously to adopt the 2023 Congress Agenda as tabled

4. Adoption and ratification of the Minutes of the 2022 SUA Congress

The members resolved unanimously to adopt and ratify the Minutes of the 2022 Sambo Union of Asia Congress held at Jounieh City , Lebanon , as tabled.

5. Welcome speech and General Report by the Mr. Alamjon Mullaev , President of SUA

Mr Mullaev welcomed all members to this landmark Annual Congress of the newly constituted **SAMBO Union of Asia and Oceania**, commemorating and legitimising the official union of all Oceania SAMBO Federations with the all the National SAMBO Federations of Asia .

He conveyed his appreciation to **Mr. Aidos Akzhanov**, President of Kazakhstan Federation of Sport and Combat Sambo and to the respected officials of the Ministry of Sport of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the esteemed officers of the Astana City Sports Council, for their valued support and for the warm hospitality and the outstanding facilities offered for the 2023 Asia and Oceania Championships at Astana.

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Mr Mullaev reported that the 2023 Asia and Oceania SAMBO Championship is a monumental and remarkable Continental event, as it is the first ever event in the history of FIAS to include a World Open Championship event for the Blind and Visually Impaired, as well as the 1st ever Asia Oceania Continental Championship in the Masters Category .

It should also be noted that this Championship is even more unique , as it also serves as the selection trial for adult Sambo athletes and for one category of Visually impaired Sambists for the forthcoming 2023 World Combat Games at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia .

Mr Mullaev then conveyed his appreciation to FIAS President Mr, Vasiliy Shestakov and to all our valued FIAS colleagues, for their essential and continued support rendered so readily to Asia and Oceania. He added that it is purely due to such support from FIAS, combined with the dedicated hard work of ALL our esteemed SUAIO members that we shine today as the brightest and most active of all Continental Federations .

As per Congress Agenda, the President then handed over the floor to Mr Francois Saade , Secretary General of SUAIO ,from Lebanon .

6. Welcome Speech by SUAIO secretary General Mr. Francois Saade

Mr. Francois Saade welcomed all members present and wished every one a very successful Congress and conveyed his best for a successful 2023 Asia and Oceania Championship.

7. Welcome Speech by President of Kazakhstan Federation of Sport and Combat Sambo Mr. Aidos Akzhanov

Mr. Akzhanov welcomed all members present to the city of Astana and conveyed that he was very glad and very happy to be granted the opportunity by SUAIO, to host this historic championship in his country. He added that the Republic of Kazakhstan is ready and well prepared to successfully host and successfully conduct this very large Asia and Oceania event that his Nation and his National Federation are now ready to move forward to host any other big international SAMBO event . He said he hoped that World Sambo Championship will soon be hosted in Kazakhstan.

8. Address by Mr Roman Novikov, Head of FIAS Commission for Athletes with Different Abilities .

Mr Roman Novikov , Head of the FIAS Commission for Athletes with different Abilities , was kindly requested to address the gathering . Mr Novikov conveyed his appreciation to President Alamjon Mullaev and to the Director General Mr Suresh Gopi , for their bold decision to include the Visually Impaired SAMBO Athletes in a first ever World open Championship under SUAIO. He also conveyed his gratitude and appreciation to the host nation and too the International SAMBO Federation for their essential support. He added that he was ready and willing to render his service to any nation for such promotion .

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9. Report by Mr. Suresh Gopi, Director General of SUA0

Mr. Suresh Gopi , Director General of SUA0 took the floor and once again thanked Mr. Roman Novikov for his altruistic efforts and stressed that all National SAMBO Federations across Asia and Oceania should emulate the work of Mr Novikov and take it upon their shoulders as their Social Responsibility to their nation to uplift the lives of the Differently Aabled by introducing them to the sport of SAMBO.

Mr. Gopi then conveyed that this 2023 Congress is a landmark event for Sambo in Asia as it is the TENTH Year since the foundation of Sambo Union and also for Oceania as it is the 1st Congress to ratify and celebrate the Union both our Continents . Under the able guidance and leadership of President Alamjon Mullaev, Asia Sambo had grown from strength to strength and now with Oceania members within its ranks , SUA0 stands proud with 35 National Sambo Federations within its membership rolls.

He reported that SUA0 also stands tall in its achievements to date, especially in promoting Gender Equity , as we have largest contingent of FIAS certified Female Referees and that we were the first Continental Body to introduce Combat SAMBO for females [South East Asia Games] and the first ever to implement the FIAS approved use of the hijab as an option for Female Sambists from Islamic Nations [2018 Asian Games] .

As directed by President Alamjon , Mr Gopi stressed on the importance and the urgent need for the universal acceptance of the optional use of the hijab by Sambists from Islamic Nations. He stressed that this would give unprecedented opportunities for our female Islamic athletes from Europe , Africa , Oceania and even from USA and Pan America and Oceania to present themselves at the centre stage of all our SAMBO events.

He concluded his address, by commending all members present for their continued dynamic efforts to sustain and promote the growth of SAMBO in each nation and each region of their respective Continents.

10. Consideration of SUA0 Membership Applications / Admission of New Members if any:

Mr Gopi informed the members present that , subsequent to almost two years of continued efforts by SUA and subsequently aided by the heads of Australia and New Zealand SAMBO , the CAMBODIAN SAMBO FEDERATION was incorporated as a legal entity on 20th May 2023 at Phnom Penh , Kingdom of Cambodia, with Mr Byron Son , Cambodian citizen as its President.

Mr Gopi then proposed that the members kindly vote on the admission of the Cambodian SAMBO Federation as a provisional candidate member of SUA0, with the right of participation in all future SUA0 events, but without the right to vote , until such a time that they are fully compliant with the SUA0 membership criteria .

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The members present voted unanimously to admit the Cambodian Sambo Federation , under the Presidency of Mr. Byron Son, as a candidate member of SUAEO, with the right of participation in all future SUAEO events, but without the right to vote , until such a time that SUAEO membership criteria is fully complied with.

Mr Gopi welcomed Cambodia Sambo into the family of SUAEO and Mr Byron was given the floor and he expressed his appreciation to the SUAEO leadership for this grant of affiliation and membership and her assured members present of his commitment to promote SAMBO in his nation.

11. Removal of / Disciplinary Action (if any) against existing Members , if any

Mr Gopi informed the members that though there was no removal of disciplinary action issues to be tabled before this Congress, the SUAEO President has nonetheless directed all members to take kind notice that abrupt cancellations or/venue and date changes of any sanctioned SUAEO events by the respective host nations, will no longer be condoned nor accepted in any way whatsoever.

All respected members were cautioned to ensure in future to be very diligent and abide strictly by their commitments as contracted for all SUAEO sanctioned events. It was conveyed that from 2024 onwards any violation of the hosting contract / rules and regulations as signed by the host federation for any SUAEO event , would attract severe monetary fines and/or other sanctions .

12. Adoption and ratification of the new Constitution of SUAEO .

Mr Gopi then addressed the next item on the Agenda and requested all members present to kindly vote on the adoption of the **2023 Constitution of the SAMBO Union of Asia and Oceania [SUAEO]** as already conveyed to all member and as tabled at the Congress.

The Members present resolved unanimously to approve , adopt and ratify **the 2023 Constitution of the SAMBO Union of Asia and Oceania [SUAEO]** as tabled , thus effectively rendering all previous versions of the Constitution of the Sambo Union of Asia as null and void

13. Adoption of the SUAEO logo and website www.sambo.asia

The members resolved unanimously to approve , adopt and ratify the logo of the SUAEO and its website /URL www.sambo.asia

14. Induction of TWO regional Vice Presidents from Oceania into the SUAEO Executive Committee for the period 2023 -25.

As nominated by the SUAEO Presidency, **Mr Savely Timofeev, President of the Australia SAMBO Federation Ltd** and **Mr Sergey Permitin, President of the New Zealand Sambo Federation Inc.**, were respectively appointed as Regional Presidents of the Australia Regional Nations and the New Zealand Regional Nations, as defined in the SUAEO Constitution.

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Both appointees were also assigned with the task of pursuing the establishment of NSFs in each nation of the said regions, so as to ultimately enable democratically elected regional representatives take up the mantle of presidents of each region.

It was then proposed that the members present at the 1st Congress of the SUAEO approve and ratify the appointment of the said Oceania Regional Presidents and then induct both appointees as Regional Vice Presidents of the SAMBO Union of Asia and Oceania , with the right to vote in the SUAEO Executive Committee on all tabled issues

The Members present resolved unanimously to approve and ratify the appointment of **Mr. Savely Timofeev**, President of the Australia SAMBO Federation Ltd and **Mr. Sergey Permitin**, President of the New Zealand Sambo Federation Inc., as the Regional Presidents of the Australia regional nations and the New Zealand regional nations.

The Members present at the 1st Congress then resolved unanimously to induct **Savely Timofeev**, President of the Oceania's Australia regional nations and **Sergey Permitin**, President of Oceania's New Zealand regional nations as Regional Vice Presidents of the SAMBO Union of Asia and Oceania with the with the right to vote in the SUAEO Executive Committee on all tabled issues.

15. Report on Regional SAMBO Issues in Asia and Oceania

South Asia

Mr Dhannjaya Shreshta, President of South Asia Sambo extended his greetings to members present and conveyed that South Asia SAMBO Federations, comprising of some of the poorest and least developed nations in Asia, needed much more technical and financial support from SUAEO and FIAS . He added that SAMBO is still not yet a popular sport in the Region as compared to Judo and wrestling etc and despite the same his members have resolved to conduct the 2nd South Asia Sambo Championships at Dhaka, Bangladesh in July/August 2023. He confirmed that full details of the date and venue of this Regional Championship event and International Referee Certification Seminar , would be conveyed to SUAEO within two weeks

East Asia

Mr. Kihoon Kwon of The Republic of Korea, representing Sambo Union of East Asia {SUEA} , informed all the Members present that East Asia National Sambo Federations had convened an emergency Congress of the SUEA on 24th March 2023 with the on-line presence of NSF heads of Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei , Mongolia , Hong Kong SAR China and Macau SAR China.

Mr Kwon conveyed that the SUEA members then resolved unanimously to revoke and rescind with immediate effect, all rights and privileges granted to the former East Asia President Mr. Chongkeum Moon, to represent SUEA in any manner whatsoever and resolved to remove him from the membership rolls of the SUEA .

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The members then proceeded to nominate amongst themselves and unanimously elected Mr. Dorjpalam Gerel, President of the Mongolian Sambo Federation as the new interim regional President and Mr Chan KinChun Ken of the Sambo Federation of Hong Kong China as the Interim Secretary General of Eastt Asia Region , until the electoral Congress of 2025. Mr Kwon concluded by stating that this information was then officially conveyed to the SUA president and to the FIAS President in March 2023.

Mr Gopi thanked Mr Kwon for the said report and confirmed that the SUA presidency had indeed received this official notification from the East Asia Region.

As directed by the SUA President , Mr Gopi then proposed to the members present, to ratify the immediate removal of Mr Chongkeum Moon from the Executive Committee of SUA/SUAO as the Vice President and regional head of East Asia SAMBO and in turn ratify the election of Mr. Dorjpalam Gerel of Mogolia Sambo as the new and legitimate interim President of Sambo Union of East Asia and then induct him into the Executive Committee of SUA as the Regional Vice President representing the interest of East Asia Sambo Federations,

The Members present voted unanimously and ratified the election of Mr. Dorjpalam Gerel of Mongolia Sambo as the new and legitimate interim President of Sambo Union of East Asia and then unanimously inducted him into the Executive Committee of SUA as the interim Regional Vice President representing the interest of East Asia Sambo Federations,

South East Asia

Mr Arnold Silalahi, Secretary General of Indonesia SAMBO, gave a brief report on the activities in South East Asia on behalf of his regional President Mr Krisna Bayu. He added that heads of NSFs from Indonesia , Singapore , Philippines and Thailand had met at Cambodia during the 2023 SEA Games and strengthened their resolve to work together to ensure the inclusion of SAMBO in the 2025 SEA Games to be held at Thailand .

On behalf of SUA President , Mr Gopi informed Mr Silalahi that inclusion of SAMBO in any South East Asia Games event was solely subject to and conditional to SEA Sambo securing letters of support for SAMBO inclusion from at least FIVE NOCs in the South East Asia region.

Accordingly , Mr Gopi urged all SEA Members to actively lobby their respective NOCs to secure such support , and then only would the SUA President be able to approach the OCA to pursue the matter.

16. Report on the status of the World Combat Games and the Asian Indoor Martial Arts Games

At the request of President Mullaev, the CEO of FIAS from the Lausanne Office Mr. Michal Buchel , gave a brief update on the status of the World Combat Games to be held at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 21-30 October 2023.

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Mr Gopi then gave a brief report on the progress of the 6th Asia Indoor & Martial Arts Games, to be held at Pattaya , Thailand from 21st-26th November 2023, stating that the SAMBO Technical Hand Book , Sports Requirement Book and list of proposed ITOs and NTOs have already been submitted to OCA and to the AIMAG OC , well withing the stipulated deadlines by himself at the Technical Delegate for the 6th AIMAG.

17. Approval of bid to host the 2024 Asian SAMBO Championship for Adults , Youth Juniors .

The Members were informed that there were only two bids in hand to be tabled for approval of the Congress as under :

A] A proposal from the Macau SAMBO Association to host the 2024 SUA0 Championships for Adults Juniors and Youth , at Macau , SAR China in June 2024. As directed by the President , the members present at Congress. resolved unanimously that the SUA0 Presidency will have the rights to consider the merits of this proposal, and shall take this proposal further with the SUA0 Executive Committee , as and when more specific hosting terms and conditions with exact dates and venue details are provided by the candidate host nation.

B] Mr Alisher Alimov, President of the Sambo Association of Uzbekistan submitted his proposal to host the 2025 SUA0 Championships for Adults Juniors and Youth , at Tashkent, Uzbekistan in June 2025. He added that this event would also serve also as a Test Event for the forthcoming 2025 Asian Youth Games of the OCA. As directed by the SUA0 President , the members present at Congress, resolved unanimously to approve the proposal submitted By Mr Alimov and resolved that the 2025 SUA0 Championships for Adults Juniors and Youth , will be hosted by the Sambo Association of Uzbekistan and will be held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan in June 2025

18. Approval of bid to host any other 2024 Continental and/or Regional Sambo Event

There being no other bids nor proposals from any NSFs present, the members were directed to submit any future proposals they may have , to the Office of the SUA0 President for tabling at the next Executive Committee Meeting of the SUA0.

19. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair

The President of SUA0 Mr. Alamjon Mullaev took the floor and conveyed to the members present , that as SUA0 is still a relatively new Continental Federation within FIAS and as SUA0 still needs and requires the technical skills and the expertise and experience of our long serving SAMBO Referees and ITOS, it would be a great loss for Asia and Oceania to summarily retire such highly qualified individuals from active duty, primarily die to them crossing the age limit , as recommended and stipulated by the FIAS technical Committee.

He conveyed that the SUA Presidency considers a few of these select individuals , who have selflessly served the needs of SUA0 for well over a decade, as prime and valuable assets of the Union and that they must be retained in the service of SUA0 , to continue to function in a technical and administrative role possibly as Chief Referees or as Deputy Chief Referees in

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The Members present voted unanimously and approved the proposal tabled by the President that deserving individual ITOs , who may have crossed the FIAS prescribed age limit for active duty may still be retained under specific approval of the SUAO President , and continue to function in a Technical and administrative role possibly as Chief Referees or as Deputy Chief Referees in all SUAO approved Continental and Regional events ONLY , subject only to such individuals having the capacity of being able to pass the regular FIAS Referee certification examinations and continue to hold a valid FIAS referee license.

The SUAO President, thanked the members present for ratifying his proposal and conveyed that he would shortly take up this matter for further ratification by FIAS and by the FIAS Technical Committee.

20. Vote of Thanks and Photo Session

There being no other pending matter on the Agenda, the President thanked all the SUAO members present physically and those present vide Zoom video conference , for their kind participation and for their valued contribution to this highly successful 1st CONGRESS of the SAMBO UNION of ASIA and OCEANIA.

The Congress was then adjourned,

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