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Official Record of 2024 General Assembly

March 13th 2024, in Alexandria, Egypt

The assembly convened on March 13, 2024, in Alexandria, Egypt, at 11:00 AM local time. It boasted the participation of representatives from 13 countries, with 5 joining via video conference. Commencing with the establishment of a legal quorum, proceedings continued with the introduction of the agenda by Mr. Hamza Doghdogh, Secretary-General of the African Union. Following this, the first two items were addressed, starting with a speech from the President of the Egyptian Wrestling Federation, who expressed his pride in hosting this year's African Championship and extended gratitude to Mr. Nenad Lalovic, President of the International Federation, and its executive members for their unwavering support of the sport in Africa. He also thanked the representatives of each participating country for their dedication to the event.

Acknowledging the International Federation's prompt assistance in resolving issues with African federations regarding deadlines and organizational matters, the President of the African Union, Mr. Fouad Meskout, praised Mr. Lalovic's commitment to African wrestling's development. Mr. Meskout emphasized the initiatives undertaken in line with president Lalovic's African development plan, such as mat distribution, including recent efforts in Accra, Ghana. He reiterated his availability to assist African federations and expressed admiration for the athleticism displayed in African wrestling.

Secretary-General Mr. Doghdogh then proceeded to introduce the remaining agenda points, including the official record of the previous year's assembly in Tunis, which was read by the African federation's secretary in both French and English, to be then unanimously approved by the attendees. Financial and moral reports, endorsed by all attendees, were also presented and their contents approved.

Attendees were given the floor to discuss upcoming development strategies, competitions, event calendars, and applications for future editions. Notably, the assembly witnessed strong interventions from Namibia, Cameroon, Angola, and Egypt. Among the various points highlighted, Cameroon and Angola underscored



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the need for mat distribution to enhance training facilities. Following a unanimous decision, two mats were decided to be allocated to Angola and Cameroon for 2024.

Applications for the 2026/2027 and 2028 editions were also discussed. Algeria and Angola submitted their applications for the 2026 edition. Initially, Senegal was slated to host the 2027 edition against Egypt. However, the President of the Egyptian Wrestling Federation expressed a willingness to encourage countries beyond North Africa to participate and host such significant events. He acknowledged that financial constraints sometimes hinder participation but assured full support for Senegal in organizing the 2027 African Championship. Consequently, Egypt withdrew its candidacy. The President of the Senegalese Wrestling Federation noted that North African countries often have greater financial resources for hosting such events and are consistently ready to assist in organization. Nevertheless, he emphasized Senegal's steadfast candidacy for 2027. Eventually, Egypt presented its candidacy for 2028, competing against Tunisia.

In terms of initiatives, attendees agreed to host another administrative management seminar in Alexandria, Egypt, following the success of the inaugural event in Dakar, Senegal, in February 2024 by UWW experts.

The assembly concluded with gratitude expressed by all attendees for the collective efforts toward advancing wrestling within African federations anticipating the successful organization of this year's African championship in Egypt.

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