

Record of Proceedings of the 38th Session of the ISSA Council

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1. Having welcomed the members of the Council to this important meeting, during which major decisions for the future of the Association had to be taken, the **PRESIDENT** informed the delegates that the Council had a quorum in accordance with *Article 20.(3)(a)* of the ISSA Constitution.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE 38th SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

2. Upon invitation by the ISSA PRESIDENT, the Council unanimously adopted the agenda of the 38th Session of the Council as proposed by the PRESIDENT.

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

3. Upon request by the **PRESIDENT**, the **TREASURER** presented his report on the financial situation of the Association for the triennium 2017-2019 in accordance with *Article 37.(4)* of the ISSA Constitution.

4. The **TREASURER** began his presentation by pointing out that his report consisted of two parts on (a) the financial situation including earnings statement, balance sheet and extra budgetary projects and (b) the budgetary situation including income and expenditures on programmed activities included in the Programme and Budget 2017-2019.

5. The **TREASURER** informed that there were limits to his reports as the results for 2019, which was the third and last year of the triennium 2017-2019, were not available as the year had not yet ended. He explained that the final figures for the entire triennium would be available after the closure of the accounts on 31 December 2019 and be submitted to the ISSA Bureau at its first meeting in 2020 after having been audited by the Control Commission.

6. The **TREASURER** stressed that the financial situation of the ISSA had been a healthy one during the triennium 2017-2019 and that the General Secretariat had continued achieving savings and efficiency gains. He also pointed to a number of improvements to the financial management of the Association, including enhanced financial transparency through additional disclosures in the financial reports, and informed that the full audits that had been carried out for the 2017 and 2018 accounts confirmed compliance with the laws and regulations.

7. Concerning the forecasted results of the triennium, the **TREASURER** informed that if expenditures and income continued as projected, there would be a budgetary surplus at the end of the triennium. He further explained that this surplus would source the Working Capital Fund and thereby contribute to the financing of ISSA activities and new expenditures during 2020-2022.

8. The **PRESIDENT** thanked the Treasurer for his presentation and, as the two agenda items are closely linked, invited the Chairperson of the Control Commission to present the report of the Commission.

II. REPORT OF THE CONTROL COMMISSION

9. The CHAIRPERSON of the Control Commission introduced the report of the Commission by stating that in accordance with the ISSA Constitution, the Control Commission had examined the financial statements of the Association and submitted its findings to the Bureau at the end of each financial period since the last meeting of the Council in Panama three years ago.

10. He informed the Council that based on the examinations undertaken and supported by the explanations provided by the TREASURER, the Control Commission confirmed that the financial statements for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 correctly reflect the financial situation of the ISSA. He reiterated the point made by the ISSA Treasurer that the figures for the 2019 financial reporting period have not yet been audited as the ISSA annual financial reporting period does not end until 31 December 2019.

11. He further explained that the Control Commission had performed additional tasks during the triennium, namely specific audits on good governance priorities that resulted in a number of recommendations that were being implemented by the ISSA General Secretariat.

12. The CHAIRPERSON of the Control Commission also informed that the Commission had formulated a proposal to enhance the Charter of the Commission, which had been approved by the ISSA Bureau at its 119th meeting.

13. Concluding the report and on behalf of the Control Commission, he recommended that the Council gives discharge to the Treasurer in accordance with *Article 16.(2)(b)* of the ISSA Constitution.

14. Thanking the Chairperson of the Control Commission for his presentation, the PRESIDENT invited the Council to adopt the report of the Treasurer on the Financial Situation of the Association 2017-2019 and the report of the Control Commission and to give discharge to the Treasurer.

15. The Council unanimously adopted the reports and gave discharge to the Treasurer.

III. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2020-2022

16. The ISSA PRESIDENT introduced this agenda item by expressing his satisfaction with the proposals that were presented to the Council for adoption. He then invited the SECRETARY GENERAL and the TREASURER to introduce the programme and budget proposals respectively on behalf of the ISSA Bureau.

17. The SECRETARY GENERAL began his presentation by explaining the background of the proposals, including that a global member survey had been carried out and that its results showed broad support for ISSA's strategy and activities, that the level of recognition of the ISSA at the international level had been increasing and that the members demanded the ISSA to play a stronger role in supporting them in a changing context for social security.

18. The SECRETARY GENERAL highlighted that the member survey had also demonstrated the importance for the ISSA to adapt to better meet evolving member expectations. He explained that this related in particular to increasing the responsiveness and flexibility of ISSA's products and services; broadening access to, and the impact of, ISSA knowledge; complementing ISSA Guidelines and related services by a strong social security development perspective in a changing world; and diversifying ISSA's income sources.

19. The SECRETARY GENERAL then introduced the concrete programme proposals by describing the strategic framework of the Association, the priorities and institutional development objectives for 2020-2022 and the activity areas and expected outputs. Concerning the ISSA institutional development, he informed that in line with the findings of the member survey, two important priorities would be to strengthen responsiveness and impact and to focus on the key topical priorities voiced by member institutions. He explained that in particular the topics of management, ageing, coverage as well as inclusive growth would be tackled as part of the ISSA activities during the triennium.

20. Concerning the activity areas and expected outputs, the SECRETARY GENERAL highlighted that the ISSA Guidelines and services of the Centre for Excellence, the ISSA Social Security Development programme, the ISSA Country Profiles, the ISSA Platforms and Conferences and the ISSA International Promotion of Social Security activities would constitute the core of ISSA's products and services for members. He emphasized the important role that the 13 Technical Commissions and 17 regional structures would once again play in the implementation of the ISSA programme of activities.

21. The SECRETARY GENERAL concluded his presentation by expressing his objective that ISSA members would, during the new triennium, receive a higher value from their membership through more responsive and tailored services, better access to the unique ISSA global network and a more active international promotion of social security by the ISSA.

22. Introducing the budget proposals for 2020-2022, the TREASURER recalled the concerns regarding the ISSA's financial situation that had been raised by the ISSA Council and the ISSA Bureau in view of the long-term gap between contribution income and expenditures. He indicated that a number of new costs must also be integrated into the budget for the new triennium, including due to the end of the extra budgetary support to the country profiles programme, the full implementation of the ISSA contribution to the health insurance for retirees and rental costs.

23. The TREASURER explained that these concerns and cost developments had been analysed in detail by a dedicated Bureau Committee during the triennium 2017-2019. He informed that the conclusions of this Committee were presented to the ISSA Bureau at its 117th meeting and included recommendations both concerning the budget parameters for the triennium 2020-2022 and the longer-term financing of the Association.

24. The TREASURER expressed his satisfaction that the Bureau had accepted the recommendations of the Committee and explained that three measures would ensure a balanced budget for the next triennium, including a 10 per cent decrease in non-staff expenditures, the return of the point value for affiliate members to the 2010 level of CHF 1,568 and a continued transfer from the Working Capital Fund.

25. Outlining the income and expenditure budgets for the triennium 2020-2022, the Treasurer informed that the projected staff and non-staff expenditures would amount to CHF 32.400.750 and that the projected income to finance these expenditures would consist of member contributions and an annual transfer from the Working Capital Fund. He confirmed that the value of the contribution point for affiliate members would be CHF 1,568 in 2020 (same level as in 2010), CHF 1,580 in 2021 and CHF 1,592 in 2022, and that the adjustments for 2021 and 2022 would be subject to the confirmation by the ISSA Bureau.

26. Thanking the SECRETARY GENERAL and the TREASURER for their respective presentations, the PRESIDENT invited the Council to adopt the ISSA Programme of activities and budget for the triennium 2020-2022.

27. The Council unanimously adopted the ISSA Programme of activities and budget for 2020-2022.

IV. ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ISSA BUREAU

28. The PRESIDENT informed the Council that after consultation with the respective regional membership and in accordance with Chapter 5, *Article 23.(2)* of the ISSA Constitution, he had reached a proposal for the Bureau membership for the triennium 2020-2022. He explained that whenever possible he had followed the advice received but, as there were more candidates than Bureau seats, not all interested institutions could be proposed for membership in the Bureau.

29. He further explained that the process to nominate Bureau members was specified in detail in the ISSA Constitution and that the number of seats per region was dependent on a number of parameters including membership and contribution points of all affiliate members in the region. He then expressed his view that for the future the ISSA needed to look into the process of consultation on nominations in view of ISSA's growth and the importance of Bureau membership for many member institutions.

30. The PRESIDENT then proposed to the Council to elect the following Bureau members for the triennium 2020-2022:

Members:

EUROPE – EUROPA

Mr Mehmet Selim BAĞLI, President and Chairperson of the Executive Board, Social Security Institution, (*Sosyal Güvenlik Kurumu*), Turkey

M. Alain COHEUR, Directeur, Direction des Affaires européennes et internationales, Union nationale des mutualités socialistes, Belgique

Mr Massimo DE FELICE, President, National Employment Accident Insurance, Institute (*Istituto Nazionale per l'Assicurazione contro gli Infortuni sul Lavoro – INAIL*), Italy

Mr Anton Viktorovich DROZDOV, Chairman of the Board, Pension Fund of the Russian Federation, Russian Federation

Herr Alexander GUNKEL, Alternierender Vorsitzender des Bundesvorstands, Deutsche Rentenversicherung Bund, Deutschland

Mr Almas Muhametkarimovich KURMANOV, President, State Social Insurance Fund, Kazakhstan

Mme Claudina MASCETTA, Chef, Secteur des organisations internationales, Office fédéral des assurances sociales, Suisse

Mr Kari-Pekka MÄKI-LOHILUOMA, Deputy Director General, Social Insurance Institution (*Kansaneläkelaitos*), Finland

Mr John MCKEON, Secretary General, Department of Social Protection, Ireland

M. Yves LAQUEILLE, Vice-président du Conseil d'administration, Caisse nationale de l'assurance maladie, France

Sra. Maria Gloria REDONDO RICÓN, Directora General, Instituto Nacional de la Seguridad Social, Federación de Entidades Gestoras de la Administración de la Seguridad Social Española, España

Mme Isabelle SANCERNI, Présidente du Conseil d'administration, Caisse nationale des allocations familiales, France

Herr Manfred SCHOCH, Mitglied des Verwaltungsrates, GKV-Spitzenverband, Deutschland

Herr Volker SCHÖRGHOFER, Generaldirektor-Stellvertreter, Hauptverband der österreichischen Sozialversicherungsträger, Österreich

Ms Gertruda UŚCIŃSKA, President, Social Insurance Institution, (*Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych*), Poland

AFRICA – AFRIQUE – AFRIKA

M. Akilou Ahmet BARINGAYE, Directeur général, Caisse nationale de sécurité sociale, Niger

M. Idris H. ELMABRUK, Chairman, Social Security Fund, Libya

Mr Hosea Kimutai KILI, Managing Director, Group Managing Director and Trustee, Local Authorities Pension Trust, Kenya

M. Richard KWANGBO-GUDA, Directeur général, Caisse nationale de la sécurité sociale, République centrafricaine

M. Abderrahame LAHFAYA, Directeur général, Caisse nationale des assurances sociales, des travailleurs salariés, Algérie

Mr Mohamadou MANJANG, Managing Director, Social Security and Housing Finance Corporation, Gambia

M. Noël Alain Olivier MEKULU MVONDO AKAME, Directeur général, Caisse nationale de prévoyance sociale, Cameroun

Général Major Emmanuel MIBURO, Directeur général, Institut national de sécurité sociale, Burundi

Ms Milka MUNGUNDA, Executive Officer, Social Security Commission, Namibia

M. Malick SANKHON, Directeur général, Caisse nationale de sécurité sociale, Guinée

AMERICAS – AMERIQUES – AMERIKA

Sr. Alejandro CHITI, Secretario de Seguridad Social, Ministerio de Salud y Desarrollo Social, Argentina

Sr. Carlos Francisco Antonio CONTRERAS SOLÓRZANO, Presidente de la Junta Directiva, Instituto Guatemalteco de Seguridad Social, Guatemala

Mr Stewart HAYNES, Director, National Insurance Services, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Sr. Enrique LAU CORTÉS, Director General, Caja de Seguro Social, Panamá

Sr. Román MACAYA HAYES, Presidente Ejecutivo, Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social, Costa Rica

Ms Nancy MILROY-SWAINSON, Director General, Seniors and Pensions Policy Secretariat, Income Security and Social Development Branch, Employment and Social Development Canada, Government of Canada, Canada

Sra. María del Rosario OIZ MÁRQUEZ, Directora, Banco de Previsión Social, Uruguay

Sr. Fernando Oscar PAZOS CHERRES, Gerente de Administración y Finanzas, Derrama Magisterial, Perú

Sr Renato RODRIGUES VIEIRA, Presidente, Instituto Nacional de Seguridad Social (Instituto Nacional do Seguro Social), Brasil

Sr. Alvaro VELARCA HERNÁNDEZ, Coordinador de Seguimiento Institucional e Internacional, Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social, México

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC – ASIE ET PACIFIQUE – ASIA Y EL PACIFICO – ASIEN UND PAZIFIK

Mr Shabib AL-DARMAKI, Director General, Civil Service Employees Pension Fund, Oman

Mr Suliman AL-GWAIZ, Governor, General Organization for Social Insurance, Saudi Arabia

Mr Turki Mohammed AL-KHATER, President, General Retirement and Social Insurance, Authority, Qatar

Mr Mohammed AZMAN BIN AZIZ MOHAMMED, Chief Executive Officer and Director General, Social Security Organisation, (*Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial, PERKESO*), Malaysia

Ms Aurora CRUZ IGNACIO, President and Chief Executive Officer, Social Security System, The Philippines

Mr Huaibin JIA, Director General, Social Insurance Administration, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, China

M. Mohammed KARAKI, Directeur général, Caisse nationale de sécurité sociale, Liban

Mr Yong-ik KIM, President, National Health Insurance Service, Republic of Korea

Mr Jaoji KOROI, Chief Executive Officer, Fiji National Provident Fund, Fiji

Mr Raj KUMAR, Director General, Employees' State Insurance Corporation, India

Mr Toichiro MIZUSHIMA, President, Japan Pension Service, (*Nippon Nenkin Kiko*), Japan

Mr Mostafa SALARI, Managing Director, Iranian Social Security Organization, Islamic Republic of Iran

31. The Council elected these proposed Bureau members for the triennium 2020-2022 by acclamation.

V. ELECTION OF ISSA OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONTROL COMMISSION

(a) Reports of the Nominations Committee

32. The PRESIDENT informed the Council that he was passing the Chairpersonship of the Council Session to the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME and invited him to present the reports of the Nominations Committee.

33. Introducing the first report of the Nominations Committee concerning the elections for the positions of members of the Control Commission, Treasurer and President, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME explained that one candidature was received for the position of President and three candidatures for the position of Treasurer, one of which was later withdrawn. Further, five candidatures were received for the positions of Titular Auditors of the Control Commission and one candidature for the position of Deputy Auditor of the Control Commission. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME confirmed that all candidatures were valid as they fulfilled the requirements stipulated in the ISSA Constitution.

34. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME then requested the ISSA General Secretariat to introduce the second report of the Nominations Committee on the Procedure for the conduct of the elections for the positions of members of the Control Commission, Treasurer and President.

35. In view of the fact that the Council members did not raise any questions concerning the reports of the Nominations Committee, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME announced that the Council could proceed with the elections.

36. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME informed the Council members that out of 146 countries that had the right to vote, 92 ballot envelopes were collected by the persons entitled to vote.

37. Responding to three delegates who raised concerns that they had not received their ballot papers due to late arrival, the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee recalled that the rules of procedures for the election that had been approved by the Bureau and distributed to all delegates clearly stated the relevant deadlines.

(b) Election of the members of the Control Commission and designation of its Chairperson

38. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME proceeded by informing that there was only one candidate for the position of Substitute Auditor of the Control Commission, Mr Fabian PILZECKER.

39. Upon proposal by Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME, the Council elected Mr PILZECKER for the position of Substitute Auditor of the Control Commission by acclamation.

40. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME continued by introducing the five candidates for the three positions of Titular Auditor of the Control Commission:

- Mr Ahmad AL-THUNAYAN;
- Mr Pawel JAROSZEK;
- Ms Patricia KOIZAN;
- Mr Cornelius Nzioki NDUMAI;
- Mr Jean-Marc VANDENBERGH.

41. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME invited each of the candidates to address the Council. After the speeches, he explained the voting process and invited the members of the Council to cast their votes.

42. After the counting of the votes by the members of the Nominations Committee, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME informed that the candidates had received the following number of votes:

Candidate	Number of votes
Mr Ahmad AL-THUNAYAN	33
Mr Pawel JAROSZEK	37
Ms Patricia KOIZAN	73
Mr Cornelius Nzioki NDUMAI	42
Mr Jean-Marc VANDENBERGH	85
Invalid	2
Abstentions	0

43. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME confirmed that since the requirement to be elected was to have at least half of the valid votes cast, the Council had elected Mr VANDENBERGH and Ms KOIZAN as Titular members of the Control Commission.

44. Since there was still one more position to be filled, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME informed that there would be a second round of voting with the remaining three candidates. He indicated the names of the remaining candidates, the bulletin to be used and the procedure to follow and then invited the Council to proceed to vote.

45. After the counting of the votes by the members of the Nominations Committee, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME informed that the candidates had received the following number of votes:

Candidate	Number of votes
Mr Ahmad AL-THUNAYAN	26
Mr Pawel JAROSZEK	35
Mr Cornelius Nzioki NDUMAI	24
Invalid	4
Abstentions	3

46. As no candidate had received more than half of the valid votes cast, the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee informed that in line with *Article 46.(2)* of the ISSA Constitution, the candidature of Mr NDUMAI, who had the least number of votes, was to be withdrawn and a new vote had to take place. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME indicated the names of the remaining two candidates, the bulletin to be used and the procedure to follow and then invited the Council to proceed to vote.

47. After the counting of the votes by the members of the Nominations Committee, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME informed that the candidates had received the following number of votes:

Candidate	Number of votes
Mr Ahmad AL-THUNAYAN	38
Mr Pawel JAROSZEK	46
Invalid	2
Abstentions	6

48. **As he had obtained more than half of the valid votes cast, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME confirmed that the Council had elected Mr Pawel JAROSZEK as a Titular Member of the Control Commission.**

49. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME then requested the Council to approve the proposal of the elected members of the Control Commission to designate Mr Jean-Marc VANDENBERGH as the Chairperson of the Commission.

50. **The Council designated Mr VANDENBERGH as the Chairperson of the Control Commission.**

(c) Election of the Treasurer

51. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME informed that three valid candidatures for the position of Treasurer had been received. As one of the candidatures had been withdrawn before the Council meeting, he confirmed that there are two candidates for the election:

- Mr Nikolay KOZLOV;
- Mr Mohammad AL TAANI.

52. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME invited each of the candidates to address the Council. After the speeches, he explained the voting process and invited the members of the Council to cast their votes.

53. After the counting of the votes by the members of the Nominations Committee, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME informed that the candidates had received the following number of votes:

Candidate	Number of votes
Mr Mohammad AL TAANI	20
Mr Nikolay KOZLOV	67
Invalid	2
Abstentions	3

54. **Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME confirmed that the Council had elected Mr KOZLOV for the position of Treasurer.**

(d) Election of the President

55. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME informed that one candidature for the position of President had been received by Prof. Dr Joachim Breuer, Germany, and he invited Prof. Dr Breuer to address the Council.

56. **Upon proposal by Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME, the Council elected Dr Joachim BREUER for the position of President by acclamation.**

57. Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME thanked the members of the Nominations Committee for their hard work during the two election processes that took place during the triennium and the Council for the trust vested in them.

58. Having completed the elections of ISSA Officers and members of the Control Commission, Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME passed the Chairpersonship of the Council meeting back to the ISSA President.

59. Thanking Mr MEKULU MVONDO AKAME and the Nominations Committee for the work undertaken in the preparation of the elections, and as there were no other items to be discussed, the PRESIDENT declared the 38th Session of the ISSA Council, held in Brussels on 18 October 2019, closed.

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