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## **MINUTES**

### **of the EFTA Founding Meeting in Marseille, France**

**Date:** April 24<sup>th</sup>,  
**Time:** 14:30 – 17:30  
**Place:** Marseille  
„Hotel Marseille IBIS Gare Saint Charles“

#### **Participants –**

**Candidates/Members:** France (A. Abour, JB. Gaudino), Czech Republic (K. Kleník), Romania (G. Gradinaru), Slovakia (Z. Vinanská), Catalonia (A. Pastor), Switzerland (M. Nobile, JP Berger), Basque Country (JJ. Bernal)

**Special guests:** Dubravko A.Lipnjak (FIFTA President), Frederico Sabino Da Luz Tavares (FIFTA Technical Committee – Chief of Referees)

**Agenda:**

1. EFTA Foundation Charter approval.
2. EFTA Statutes approval
3. EFTA Executive Board election
4. Authorization and management of the following administrative tasks of the members appointed by the EFTA Executive Board:
  - a. EFTA registration in Barcelona,
  - b. Opening EFTA bank account in Barcelona,
  - c. Developing the EFTA Strategic Plan 2011-2017 (including future official competitions, EFTA Permanent Headquarters, etc.),
  - d. Presidential Mandate and carrying the draft contract with *Proximma Sports & Marketing*
5. EFTA Members Proposals to vote
6. Official EFTA position to the FIFTA Strategic Plan 2010-2016.
7. Election date and place for the realization of the first EFTA Ordinary Congress.

**Enclosures:**

1. EFTA Foundation Charter
2. EFTA Statutes
3. EFTA Mandate (Proximma)
4. Catalonia Proposal
5. France Proposal
6. Switzerland Proposal
7. Slovakia Proposal
8. FIFTA Strategic Plan 2010-2016

## CONCLUSIONS & DECISIONS:

### 1. Welcome and introduction

Opening speech of the meeting did the Chairman of the Founding Meeting, Jean Bernard Gaudino (France), and Mr. Dubravko A. Lipnjak, FIFTA President. They welcomes all delegates of the candidates/member nations, wishing to the Founding Meeting a big success.

Seven (7) Member/Candidates nations sent their delegates to represents their interests: Basque Country, Catalonia, Czech Republic, France, Romania, Slovakia and Switzerland (in alphabetical order) have right to vote.

Alberto Pastor (Catalonia) addressed the Founding Meeting, while acting as Secretary of the same.

### 2. The EFTA Foundation Charter **is approved unanimously**

### 3. The EFTA Statutes **are approved unanimously**, including therein the proposal made by Catalonia (Article 34 – Point 1 amendment)

### 4. EFTA Executive Board election:

**a. President:** Proposals according to Switzerland and France, and upon acceptance has to ben chosen for that position, **Kamil Klenik (Czech Republic)** is elected first EFTA President.

**Approved by 5 yes votes with 2 abstentions (Czech Republic and Romania)**

**b. Vice-President:** Proposal according to Switzerland, and upon acceptance has to ben chosen for that position, **Jean-Philippe Berger (Switzerland)** **is elected unanimously** first EFTA Vice-President.

**c. Administrative Secretary:** Proposal according to Catalonia, and upon acceptance has to ben chosen for that position, **Alberto Pastor (Catalonia)** is elected first EFTA Administrative Secretary.

**Approved by 6 yes votes with 1 abstention (Catalonia)**

**d. Treasurer:** Proposal according to France, and upon acceptance has to ben chosen for that position, **Abdelkrim Abour (France)** **is elected unanimously** first EFTA Treasurer.

**e. Member:** Proposal according to Slovakia, and upon acceptance has to ben chosen for that position, **Zuzana Vinanská (Slovakia)** is elected as Member of the first EFTA Executive Board.

**Approved by 6 yes votes with 1 abstention (Slovakia)**

**f. Member:** Proposal according to Romania, and upon acceptance has to ben chosen for that position, **Gradinaru Gheorghe (Romania)** **is elected unanimously** as Member of the first EFTA Executive Board.

**g. Member:** Proposal according to Basque Country, and upon acceptance has to be chosen for that position, **Juan José Bernal (Basque Country)** is elected as Member of the first EFTA Executive Board.

**Approved by 6 yes votes with 1 abstention (Basque Country)**

It is noted that even missing two posts to be filled to complete the EFTA Executive Board, and discussed at the first EFTA Ordinary Congress, to facilitate this preference for **Macedonia and Denmark**, as are the other two countries that have responded positively from the start has been integrated in EFTA, but economic problems have not been able to attend Marseille.

5. The EFTA registration in Barcelona **is approved by 6 yes votes with 1 abstention (Catalonia)**

6. The opening EFTA bank account in Barcelona **is approved by 6 yes votes with 1 abstention (Catalonia)**

7. The developing of the **EFTA Strategic Plan 2011-2017** is adopted to realize it in the next few months for presentation and approval at the first EFTA Ordinary Congress. Be responsible for carrying out the EFTA Executive Board elected.

8. The **Presidential Mandate** and carrying the draft contract with *Proximma Sports & Marketing* **is approved unanimously**

9. EFTA Committees election

**a. Club Competitions Committee:** Proposal according to Catalonia, and upon acceptance has to be chosen for that position, **Alberto Pastor (Catalonia)** is elected first President of this Committee.

**Approved by 6 yes votes with 1 abstention (Catalonia)**

Proposal according to Slovakia, and upon acceptance has to be chosen for that position, **Zuzana Vinanská (Slovakia)** is elected Member of this Committee.

**Approved by 6 yes votes with 1 abstention (Slovakia)**

**b. Funding and Investment Committee:** Proposal according to France, and upon acceptance has to be chosen for that position, **Jean Bernard Gaudino (France)** is elected first President of this Committee.

**Approved by 6 yes votes with 1 abstention (Catalonia)**

**c. Legal Committee:** Proposal according to France, and upon acceptance has to be chosen for that position, **Laurent Baup (France)** **is elected unanimously** Member of this Committee.

## 10. Members Proposals to vote

### Catalonia Proposals

a. **Barcelona (Catalonia) is chosen unanimously** to host the EFTA Ordinary Congress in May/June 2012

b. The shipment of the **EFTA Presentation Letter to UEFA is approved unanimously**

c. It is noted that that if approved the creation of the Competition European Club Cup, **Barcelona (Catalonia)** will have preference in the voting of venue to host the Final Fase in 2013 of this competition

### France Proposals

a. agreement for the introduction of the establishment of an **Ethical Charter** for any candidature of adhesion in EFTA, within the draft EFTA Strategic Plan 2011-2017 has been submitted for approval at the first EFTA Ordinary Congress.

This point also is reflected in the **official proposals of Switzerland**

b. agreement for the introduction of **operating rules of the EFTA Treasurer** and the attribution of the powers of the people concerned at this management, within the draft EFTA Strategic Plan 2011-2017 has been submitted for approval at the first EFTA Ordinary Congress

### Switzerland Proposals

a. agreement for the introduction of the **V (or VI) Nations European Tour** as an official EFTA Competition, within the draft EFTA Strategic Plan 2011-2017 has been submitted for approval at the first EFTA Ordinary Congress.

11. Agreement to discuss internally before the FIFTA Congress 2010, of the **Official EFTA Position to the FIFTA Strategic Plan 2010-2016**. Alberto Pastor (Catalonia) is responsible for sending at first discussion draft of the preferred point of this Strategic Plan

## 12. The venue of the first EFTA Ordinary Congress

Our idea is to hold the first EFTA Ordinary Congress taking advantage of the dispute of the World Championships by Disciplines, Senior Male Category, in Turkey, on Saturday 20th November.

Frederico Tavares (Footballtennis Romania / FIFTA Chief of Referees) told us that in the coming days he confirm with the Turkish organizers the definitive dates of this World Championship, so we can properly prepare this Congress in a timely manner.

13. At the end of the Congress Mr. Dubravko A. Lipnjak (FIFTA President) and Mr. Jean Bernard Gaudino (Chairman EFTA Founding Meeting) expressed his satisfaction with the discussions and decisions of the Founding Meeting, and with the perfect organization of this event.

The Minutes prepared by:

**European Footballtennis Association (EFTA)**  
**Alberto Pastor, *Administrative Secretary***