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MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 4th, 1989 CONGRESS

1. WELCOME ADDRESS:

a) Mr. Gunnar Ericsson, IOC Executive Board member presented greetings on behalf of Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch and the IOC Executive Board. He told the Congress that they must do two very important things:

(i) Show the world that you can stage a first class world championships; and

(ii) Through the Congress create a base for the future of the sport, as long as you are united, you are strong.

On those two things he wished the Congress "Good Luck".

b) Mr. Jean Cote, President of CONADET, and Vice President ITU brought greetings on behalf of the hosts of the First World Triathlon Championships. He announced that 42 countries would be represented in the triathlon with a total of 605 athletes.

2. ROLL CALL

Phil Briars, chair of the Membership Criteria Committee presented the results of the review of N.G.B.'s eligibility for membership in ITU. The status of four N.G.B.'s was questioned and they were asked to state their eligibility to Congress for their decision. The four countries were: U.S.A, Hong Kong, Argentina and Columbia. Following a brief status report from each of the four nations, the following motions were presented:

BRAZIL/AUSTRALIA: THAT THE U.S.A. BE ADMITTED AS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO THE ITU CONGRESS. CARRIED

ITALY/ANTIGUA: THAT HONG KONG BE ADMITTED AS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO THE ITU CONGRESS. CARRIED

BRAZIL/CANADA: THAT ARGENTINA BE ADMITTED AS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO THE ITU CONGRESS. CARRIED

ITALY/ANTIGUA: THAT COLUMBIA BE ADMITTED AS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO THE ITU CONGRESS. CARRIED
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3. **Appointment of Tellers**

**Brazil/Argentina**: that the following Tellers be appointed for the August 1989 Congress: Miguel Cassillas, Tom O'Donnell, Svend Brettschneider. **Carried**

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

a) Rud Dulmus, Netherlands requested the following changes to the minutes of the April 1989 Congress before their approval.

   (i) Page 33/34. Eliminate one Article III as there is a duplicate.
(11) The motion and record the vote not to affiliate with U.I.P.M.B. at this time be put back in the minutes.

b) Jef Konings, Belgium requested that on page 12, Item 23 re: Motion to elect the committees for a four month period, add "The U.S.A. requested a five minute recess while tellers were counting the votes. The recess was granted."

HOLLAND/ARGENTINA: THAT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1989 CONGRESS BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) FINANCIAL: Michael Gilmore, acting Treasurer in the absence of ITU Treasurer Carl Thomas presented the following proposed budget to Congress.

I.T.U. PROPOSED BUDGET

September 1, 1989 - December 31, 1990
(per Carl Thomas, Treasurer, submitted by Michael Gilmore)

| CASH ON HAND | $30 000 |

Projected Income:
- World Championships Sanction $60 000
- N.G.B. Membership Fee 12 000

TOTAL $72 000

Projected Expenses:
- Medical Committee $1 000
- Information Committee 1 000
- Technical Committee 1 000
- Executive Board 10 000
- Travel 20 000
- Administration/Secretarial 10 000
- 1990 Congress 45 000

TOTAL $98 800

ENDING CASH BALANCE $14 000

The debate and vote on the budget was tabled until the afternoon session so delegates would have the opportunity to study a copy of the proposed budget.
b) **MEDICAL COMMITTEE:**

Dr. Luise Parsons presented the ITU Medical Report. (See Appendix B)

**CANADA/australia:** THAT THE MEDICAL REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED.

Tom O'Donnell, Ireland questioned the legal rights of athletes who test positive. Dr. Parson stated that she would seek legal advice, on behalf of Congress, before making a formal response to the question.

c) **INFORMATION COMMITTEE:**

Lew Kidder presented the ITU Information Committee report on behalf of the Information Committee. The mandate he outlined for the committee was as follows:

(i) to design a logo for ITU
(ii) the circulate a regular internal newsletter among N.G.B.'s.
(iii) to gather information from all N.G.B.'s to begin an information data base.

**WEST GERMANY/japan:** THAT THE INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED. CARRIED

Tom O'Donnell, Ireland emphasized the importance of the newsletter, but questioned if it was not in conflict with the role of the ITU secretary.

Lew Kidder responded that there was in fact no conflict. A newsletter was the task of the Information Committee, whereas a secretary is responsible for Congress and Executive Board minutes plus correspondence from the executive.

d) **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:**

Lyn Brooks, chairperson of the technical committee outlined the tasks the committee will pursue before the next Congress:

(i) The work on the Rules and Regulations will continue. Timelines call for their completion by August, 1990.

(ii) An Operations Manual will be drafted.

(iii) A budget report will be prepared for the executive.

She also reported on the Technical Committee's work with CONADET and COMCCT, and the technical status of the 1989 World Championships.

Jose Wemeck, Brazil inquired as to who actually controls the race.
Ms. Brooks replied that ITU does.

**President's Report**

I.T.U. President Les McDonald outlined the work of the executive in the period since the last Congress. The reported on the following meetings:

(i) Executive Board - Japan (not funded by I.T.U.)

(ii) U.I.P.M.B./ITU President and Secretary - Stockholm

He also appealed for unity in Congress to move forward independently as the World Governing Body for Triathlon to the Olympic Games.

**Questions Arising from the President's Report:**

Matti Holopainen, Finland inquired about other regional organizations such as the European Triathlon Union, and whether or not Regional Representative had been appointed. Les McDonald, President of I.T.U. replied that no, they do not exist, and infact that is the mandate of I.T.U. Regional Representatives. He also stated that Regions should name their representatives before Congress ends, and move to develop their regions on the E.T.U. model.

6. **Resolutions:**

a) **Resolution 1.** Resolved that Triathlon N.G.B.'s be advised not to apply for affiliation to U.I.P.M.B. at this time.

**U.S.A./Australia:** That the following amendment be added to the resolution: "and that N.G.B. affiliation with U.I.P.M.B. shall preclude membership in ITU."

Marc Sisson, USA withdrew the amendment after several speakers pointed out that due to historical development of the sport in many countries, several N.G.B.'s already belonged to the national U.I.P.M.B. or Modern Pentathlon organization.

Jochen Schafer, West Germany re-stated the need for unity. We all thought that U.I.P.M.B. was the way to the Olympics. If we decide to proceed alone, we must be united.

**The Resolution Carried Unanimously**

b) **Resolution 2.** Resolved that the world governing body (WGB) for triathlon be "The International Union" (I.T.U.)

**Holland/Belgium:** That the following amendment be made to the resolution: delete the word "the". Carried.
Discussion points centred around changing "international" to "world", and "union" to "federation".

Joop VanZanten, Netherlands stated that the use of these other words would not be acceptable to the I.O.C. or G.A.I.S.F. because the organization's initials would conflict with existing international organizations affiliated to those bodies.

THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) RESOLUTION 3. Resolved that I.T.U. supports the aims, ideals and principles of the Olympic movement and is in favour of inclusion on the programme of the modern Olympiad at the earliest possible time.

CAMILLO CAMMETTI, ITALY/ UZI RON, ISRAEL, THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE ADDED TO THE END OF RESOLUTION 3: "AND FURTHER SUPPORTS THE PRESENT STANDING OF THE I.O.C. ON QUESTION OF APARTHEID, ANTI-DOPING AND MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY.

Camillo Cammetti, Italy supported the amendment by stating that this amendment would expand the content of the resolution and eliminate the need for Resolutions #9 and #10.

Mr. Gunnar Ericsson, I.O.C. Executive stated that he will be meeting with the organizers of the Barcelona Games at the end of the month, and that he would like to leave the Triathlon Congress with information of the status of such questions.

THE AMENDMENT CARRIED, THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d) RESOLUTION 4. Resolved that ITU claims all multi-sports as part of its jurisdiction, i.e., those multi-sports which have developed with triathlon, e.g., winter triathlons, run-bike-run/cytruthons, etc and excluding the traditional multi-sports presently on the Olympic Programme and in CISM.

Lew Kidder, U.S.A. expressed concern that the resolution did not go far enough to identify those multi-sports which might develop in the future, and which came about as a result of an inspiration from triathlon.

The resolution was tabled until after the lunch break to enable Lew Kidder to prepare accurate wording to cover his concerns.

e) RESOLUTION 5: Resolved that the logo of the ITU be accepted as presented.

Phil Briars, New Zealand asked that if this is to be the logo that an artist find a way to include New Zealand on the globe.

Uzi Ron, Israel asked that because one of our major goals is to
gain Olympic status, the artist who designs the logo should find a way of including the five Olympic colours into the design.

Peter Boll, Switzerland, criticised the quality of the design in that the elements of the design were rather "old fashioned"

SWITZERLAND/ISRAEL: THAT WE ACCEPT THIS LOGO AD HOC UNTIL THE NEXT CONGRESS, AT WHICH TIME SAMPLES OF LOGOS WILL BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL. CARRIED

7. CONGRESS RECESSED FOR 1-1/2 HOURS FOR LUNCH HOSTED BY THE CITY OF AVIGNON.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT (Tabled from the morning session).

Several delegates expressed concern over the small budgets allocated to the standing committees.

President Les McDonald responded that the committees will be submitting their actual budgets for consideration and approval or revision by the executive.

BRAZIL/CANADA: THAT THE PROPOSED 1998-90 BUDGET BE ACCEPTED. CARRIED

9. RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:

a) Debate on Resolution 4. (jurisdiction) continued with Lew Kidder presenting his proposed revision to the original motion:

Resolved that ITU may claim jurisdiction over all multi-sports which are in the spirit of triathlon, whether or not presently in existence, unless said multi-sport is currently under the jurisdiction of an international governing body that is now recognized by the I.O.C., C.I.S.M. or G.A.I.S.F. CARRIED

b) RESOLUTION 6. Resolved that the I.T.U. Secretariat is the headquarters of the I.T.U., and the location of the I.T.U. Secretariat is decided by the Executive Board. CARRIED

c) RESOLUTION 7. Resolved that all N.G.B.'s begin immediately to lobby their National Olympic Committee to have triathlon included on the Olympic programme. Furthermore, that all positive responses of support from National Olympic Committee's (N.O.C.') be sent to the I.T.U. secretary for compilation.

CANADA/USA: THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE ADDED TO THE END OF THE RESOLUTION: "AND CIRCULATION" CARRIED

Mr. Gunnar Ericsson, IOC Executive commented that this is a good
paragraph. Everyone should approach their national Olympic Committees and ask them to support triathlon, and to express same to I.O.C. Executive Members. They should also be asked to approach Mr. Ericsson at the upcoming meeting of the I.O.C. and confirm their support.

THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) RESOLUTION 8. Resolved that ITU supports the principle of equality between the sexes. ITU will work to ensure complete equality in competitions within its jurisdiction. Where there is prize money or awards of financial or substantial worth, ITU will ensure that it will be shared equally.

Phil Briars, ITU Executive member stated that the original prize money for the 1989 World Championships was misunderstood. The prize money of $100 000 was equal where it was shared, but the depth of the money was unequal. He presented a revised allocation of prize money to enable the prize money to be equal in value as well as depth. He then proposed the following amendment to the resolution to rectify the situation.

PHIL BRIARS, NEW ZEALAND/DENIS LABELLE, CANADA, THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE ADDED TO THE END OF THE RESOLUTION: "IN TERMS OF DEPTH AND AMOUNT."

JEFF KONTOS, BELGIUM/MARISOL CASADA, SPAIN: THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE ADDED TO THE END OF THE BRIARS/LABELLE AMENDMENT: "WHERE NUMBERS ARE EQUAL."

Les McDonald, President, I.T.U. asked the vote on the resolution be postponed until after a planned visit to Congress by a number of athletes who had requested permission to speak on the issue of sexual equality in triathlon. Congress consented. Resolution 8 was tabled until after the athletes' visit at 2:30.

e) RESOLUTION 9. Resolved that ITU adopts the position paper presented by the Executive Board on Apartheid and South Africa as ITU official policy on the question. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f) RESOLUTION 10: Resolved that ITU adopts the "Anti-Doping regulations" as submitted by the ITU Medical Committee as the official regulations of the ITU on the question. TABLED UNTIL MEDICAL REPORT LATER IN SESSION

g) RESOLUTION 11: Resolved that ITU consider the possibilities of organizing a World Cup series of Triathlon.

Barrie Vovoedin, Australia expressed concern that the prize money offered at the 1989 World Championships is much greater then that offered at most races today.
Tom O'Donnell, Ireland stated that a World Cup series might foster elitism with a strong focus on the prize money. We are walking a fine line between the interest of the athletes and the money question. He also stated that the Information Committee must keep the N.G.B.'s up to date on all developments on this question.

Henry Amstelveen, Surinam, stated that ITU has a responsibility to assist smaller countries to enable them to set up Regional Championships and series, i.e., a South American Cup Series or an African Cup Series.

THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

h) TRIATHLETE VISIT TO CONGRESS:

(i) Scott Zagarino, I.F.E.T., announced to Congress that 200 athletes, from both the national teams and the age groups had come to Congress. Three athletes were designated to speak on the issue of sexual equality in the sport. They were: Mark Allan, U.S.A., Erin Baker, New Zealand, and Simone Mortier, Fed. Republic of Germany.

He also prefaced the athlete's comments by stating that this was the first official world championships. The selection process for athletes to represent their countries had been a fair process with equal opportunities for men and women. He also stated that this was a new beginning for triathlon, and that the task of promoting sexual equality should begin in those countries where women did not have a fair opportunity to develop in the sport. He concluded his remarks by stating that the athletes wanted a voice in the decision making process of their sport.

(ii) Mark Allan, U.S.A.: He began by thanking Congress for the tremendous amount of work they had put into staging the first official world championships. He referred to it as "as a land breaking event" and "a topic of great discussion among men." He asked Congress to do two things:

- make sure there is no drafting of motor vehicles on the course; and
- ensure that all prizes money is shared equally between men and women.

(iii) Erin Baker, New Zealand: She thanked Congress for the work they had done to form a world governing body and in staging the world championships. In light of that newness, she asked the delegates to seriously consider awarding the prize money equally between men and women. She also stated that the quality of the women's field in the race was greater then the men's and that it would be more difficult to place in the top 10 in the women's event.
Simone Mortier, F.G.R.: She also thanked Congress for their work, with particular reference to her own N.G.B., the German Triathlon Union for their support to triathletes and the work they had undertaken to develop the sport. She felt that more work should be done to educate European athletes about the issue of sexual equality in the sport, and about many of the other rules.

Marisol Casado, Spain spoke against equality in depth until there are an equal number of women in races as men.

Lyn Brooks, Technical Committee, stated that the numbers issue was not relevant, and that the main issue was that we send a strong message to not only the triathlon community, but to all sports that in triathlon men and women compete equally in all respects.

Mark Sisson, U.S.A., asked of the athletes assembled in the Congress, if there was any of them who disagreed with the concept of equal prize money in amount and depth. There were none.

Jose Wemeck, Brazil stated that he personally supported the issue of sexual equality in sport, but that his delegation was split so he wanted it recorded that Brazil was going to abstain from the vote because of the split in his N.G.B.

THE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 8 TO THE END OF "SHARED EQUALLY PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE VOTE ON PHIL BRIARS AMENDMENT, ADDITION OF "IN AMOUNT AND DEPTH", PASSED, WITH 1 VOTE AGAINST.

THE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 8 AS AMENDED BY BRIARS/LABELLE: "IN TERMS OF DEPTH AND AMOUNT." PASSED WITH 1 VOTE AGAINST.

THE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 8 AS AMENDED BY KONINGS/CASADA: "WHERE NUMBERS ARE EQUAL." DEFEATED.

PHIL BRIARS, ITU EXECUTIVE/LABELLE, CANADA: THAT I.T.U. PAY THE FF10 000 TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE IN PRIZE MONEY FOR THE 1989 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. CARRIED.

1) RESOLUTION 10: Resolved that ITU adopts the "Anti-Doping regulations" as submitted by the ITU Medical Committee as the official regulations of the ITU on the question. RE-INTRODUCED
FROM EARLIER ITEM: Dr. Doug Hiller, USA chaired session. Dr. Luise Parson, ITU Medical Committee reported.

(i) Paragraph items 2.3 to 10 of the Anti-Doping Control Rules were reviewed. Comments and suggestions from the floor were:

- 1990-91 was too early for everyone to be involved in "out-of-competition testing. The will was there, but many felt that the resources would not be in place in many countries.

- Jean Cote, ITU Vice President stated that he felt that each country should have the possibility of expanding the penalties for positive drug tests.

- There was a consensus that all ITU members should be forced to recognize penalties for drug infractions assessed by ITU sanctioned events.

- The penalties as outlined in the letter from Prince Alexandre de Merode, March 1988 was endorsed with the exception that there should be a 3 month ban for first offense of minor trace elements on banned list.

- Congress agreed that the ITU Medical Commission should review the usefulness of a test of gender verification, and that this review should include a discussion with the I.O.C. Medical Committee.

(ii) Congress agreed to the objective of the ITU Medical Committee as outlined by Dr. Doug Hiller. They included the following objectives:

- The ITU Medical Commission should identify and implement medical practices at events;

(ii) medically identification of those athletes who should not be participating; and

(iii) high performance strategies, which requires collaboration between ITU members on a regular and on-going basis.

AUSTRALIA/ISRAEL: THAT THE CONGRESS ENDORSE RESOLUTION 10. CARRIED.

j) RESOLUTION 12: Resolved that unless an N.G.B. has been accepted as an affiliated member of I.T.U. and has paid the 500 Swiss Francs membership fee:

(i) they will not be granted delegate status in the ITU Congress;
(ii) if they are elected Board or Committee members of I.T.U. they will forfeit their positions.

(iii) their athletes will not be allowed to participate in the I.T.U. World Championships. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT DISCUSSION

k) RESOLUTION 13: Resolved that observer status be defined as "no right to vote", and seated in a separate section of Congress, and "right to speak only when granted by the Congress." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT DISCUSSION

l) RESOLUTION 14: Resolved that the application of N.G.B. status for Estonia be denied by I.T.U. WITHDRAWN UPON THE REQUEST OF ESTONIA AND THE SOVIET UNION.

m) RESOLUTION 15: Resolved that Estonia be granted observer status in I.T.U. WITHDRAWN UPON THE REQUEST OF ESTONIA AND THE SOVIET UNION.

n) RESOLUTION 16: Resolved that the I.T.U. By-Laws article V.D 1&2 the sentence in brackets (D.1 Shall also apply to the election of the Technical Committee.) shall be eliminated. THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

o) RESOLUTION 17: Resolved that N.G.B.'s inform triathlon organizers that the term "World" is reserved exclusively for official World Championships - Series - Cups - by I.T.U. in whatever category, i.e., Open, Veterans, Youth, it may from time to time determine.

Barrie Woevodin, Australia pointed out that until a World Triathlon Cup Series exists, that the use of the term with some events should be negotiable with I.T.U.

THE RESOLUTION CARRIED.


Mark Sisson, U.S.A. and Jean Cote, Vice President, I.T.U. pointed out that there were many problems with recognizing with N.G.B.'s licenses because of the insurance issue in many countries.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE EXECUTIVE FOR FURTHER STUDY.

q) RESOLUTION 19: Resolved that N.G.B.'s be urged to use the I.T.U. logo with their official letterhead and the words "Affiliated with I.T.U."
Lew Kidder, U.S.A/Rud Dulmus, Netherlands: That the following amendment be made to Resolution 19: The words "it is recommended to N.G.B.'s" after "Resolved that", and delete the words "be urged"

Rationale for the amendment centred on the ad hoc state of the I.T.U. logo, and the expense for N.G.B.'s to change their letterhead now and again when an official logo was accepted at the next Congress.

**The resolution carries as amended**

10. Resolutions from the Floor:

a) Tom O'Donnell, Ireland. Rud Dulmus, Netherlands: That Regional Reps should be named immediately. **Carried**

b) Mark Sisson, U.S.A/Martin Engehart, West Germany: That a Constitution Commission of three (3) be appointed. **Carried**

Les McDonald, President of I.T.U. asked for nominations to the Constitution Commission, and received the following:

(i) Lew Kidder U.S.A.
(ii) Peter Boll Switzerland
(iii) Jochen Schaefer West Germany

Congress agreed to accept the three named as the Constitution Commission.

c) Phil Briars, New Zealand/Jose Wensch, Brazil: That I.T.U. support the inclusion of the Triathlon in the World Veteran Games.

Several delegates expressed concern about the expectations that would be placed on I.T.U. if such an agreement were to be made.

**The motion was referred to the Technical Committee for further study**

d) Jochen Schaefer, West Germany/Joop Vanzantten, Netherlands: Resolved that the dates of all as specified under Resolution 12 above should be fixed by Congress at least three years in advance, and ITU should coordinate this with the N.G.B.'s and Regional Representatives of the I.T.U.

**Carried**

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11. **ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

a) Lyn Brooks, Chairperson of the Technical Committee, stated that the work of the committee required that a full committee of eleven active people serve to accomplish all that was expected of the committee. She therefore asked Congress to hold an election to fill the three spots which were not filled at the April Congress.

b) Nominations opened with the following accepting nominations:

(i) Miguel Casillas  
Mexico

(ii) Gosta Mittag-Leffler  
Sweden

(iii) Uzi Ron  
Israel

(iv) Scott Zagarino  
U.S.A.

c) Voting by secret ballot produced the election of Miguel Casillas, Scott Zagarino and Gosta Mittag-Leffler.

12. **BIDS FOR ITU SANCTIONED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**:

a) The following bids were received for the 1990 Olympic Distance World Championships:

(i) Israel

(ii) Japan

(iii) U.S.A.

b) The Japan Triathlon Committee subsequently withdrew its bid.

c) **JOCHEN SCHARFER, GERMANY, JOOP VAN ZANTEN, NETHERLAND: THAT THERE BE ONLY ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 1990 AND THAT EVENT BE AT THE OLYMPIC DISTANCE. CARRIED**

d) The following bids were received for the 1991 Olympic Distance World Championships:

(i) Japan

(ii) Spain

e) The following bids were received for the 1991 Long Course World Championships:

(i) Sweden

(ii) Holland
f) Jef Konings, Belgium stated that Congress should decide now which of these events would be the World Championships for 1990 and 1991.

Les McDonald, President of I.T.U. stated that because of the need to inspect bids more closely and to ensure that N.G.B's understood the criteria for selection that it should be referred to a Selection Committee, the composition of which had been proposed in the Congress documents. Congress agreed that a World Championships Selection Committee would undertake the selection task and that committee would be based on:

(i) two members from the executive;
(ii) three members from the technical committee;
(iii) one member from the information committee; and
(iv) one members named from (i) and (iii) above.

13. APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDIT COMMISSION:

a) Les McDonald, President of I.T.U. stated that it was necessary for Congress to appoint a 3 person Audit Commission to Audit the financial statement for the period from April 1989 Congress to the August Congress. The following persons were nominated and agreed to by Congress:

(i) Yola Konings Belgium
(ii) Barrie Vovoedin Australia
(iii) Rafael Quiroga Chile

14. ADJOURNMENT:

a) Les McDonald, President of I.T.U before calling for the adjournment of the Congress asked delegates to return to the countries and begin a campaign to lobby their Olympic Committees on behalf of triathlon. He also stated that we should always refer to this Congress as: The Avignon Unity Congress

He also asked Mr. Gunnar Ericsson, I.O.C. Executive Board Member to say the last words before adjournment.

b) Mr. Ericsson stated that he noted with pleasure the difference in atmosphere in this Congress and the one held in April. He urged everyone to remember that first and last, our role is always for the athletes. Congress adjourned with a standing ovation for Mr.
the athletes. Congress adjourned with a standing ovation for Mr. Ericsson as he departed.

c) Congress adjourned at 6:30pm

15. **VERIFICATION OF MINUTES BY CONGRESS SCRUTINEERS:**

a) **Svend Brettschneider**, Svend Brettschneider, Denmark

b) **Not Available**, Miguel Cassillas, Mexico

c) **Tom O'Donnell**, Tom O'Donnell, Ireland
**Licensed triathletes 1989**

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