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## **Proposal to change article 21 of SWWAC statutes**

Dear Members,

It was noted at the Extraordinary Annual General Meeting in Bordeaux on 20 July 2016, that the non-participation of certain Members could block any attempt to change SWWAC's statutes for an indefinite period of time. More generally, the current majority rule for this type of decision no longer seems appropriate as the SWWAC now has 100 Members.

This updating of the statutes now appears to be essential, in order to guarantee the smooth legal operation of the SWWAC.

For this reason at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 12 May 2017 a change of the majority rule for changing the statutes will be proposed to you, as shown below. This must be seen as the essential first step towards subsequent adoption of updated statutes, which will be sought on 20 June, once again at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

This proposal for the change of our statutes will therefore be submitted to you on 12 May to enable you to make your decision:

Current wording:

**Article 21** – *The agreements of the General Meeting will be adopted by means of a relative majority of the votes of the persons present or represented, if the votes for exceed the votes against. However, agreements relating to the dissolution of the association, changes to the statutes, the disposal or the sale of property and the remuneration of the members of the representative body require two thirds of the votes of all the member organisations of the General Meeting of the SWWAC.*

New wording:

**Article 21** – *The agreements of the General Meeting will be adopted based on a relative majority of the votes of the persons present or represented, if the votes for the agreement exceed the votes against the agreement. However, agreements relating to changes to the statutes require at least two thirds of the votes of the Member organisations present or represented, while agreements relating to the dissolution of the association, the disposal or sale of property and the remuneration of the members of the representative body require two thirds of the votes of all the member organisations of the SWWAC General Meeting.*  
*By derogation from the provisions of article XX, in order for it to be validly constituted, at least 50% of all SWWAC's Member Organisations must be present at the General Meeting deciding on changes to the statutes.*

We are relying on your presence at this meeting

Yours faithfully

