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18th World Military Women's Volleyball Championship 2017



2-11 June 2017, Naval Station Mayport, Florida USA

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Subject: 18th WORLD MILITARY WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

2017 Date: 15 December 2017

On behalf of the U.S. Armed Forces Sports Council and the U.S. Department of Defense, it is with great pleasure that the United States of America is hereby inviting your Nation to participate in the 18th World Military Women's Volleyball Championship 2017 which will be held at Naval Station Mayport, Florida, USA, from 2-11 June 2017.

This invitation includes all necessary administrative details, schedules and deadlines.

It is our sincere wish that your delegation will be able to participate in this exciting event.

FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SPORT

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Dinote", written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Steven DINOTE
United States Chief of Delegation to CISM

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1. DISTRIBUTION LIST

CISM governing bodies

- *President of CISM*
- *Official CISM Representative*
- *The concerned Continental Vice-President*
- *CISM Secretary General*
- *The concerned Chief(s) of Liaison Office(s)*
- *President and Members of CISM Sport Committee*
- *Representatives of the CISM Partners and Sponsors*

To the Chiefs of Delegation of the following CISM Members Countries:

01	Afghanistan	35	D.P.R. Korea	69	Kuwait, State	103	Central African R.
02	South Africa	36	Ivory Coast, R.	70	Lesotho	104	Dominican R.
03	Albania, R.	37	Croatia, R.	71	Latvia	105	Czech R.
04	Algeria, R.P.D.	38	Denmark, Kingdom	72	Lebanon, R.	106	Romania
05	Germany, F.R.	39	Djibouti, R.	73	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	107	Russia, F.
06	Angola, R.	40	Egypt, Arabic R.	74	Lithuania, R.	108	Rwanda, R.
07	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom	41	United Arab Emirates	75	Luxembourg, G.D. Former Yugoslav	109	Senegal, R.
08	Argentina, R.	42	Ecuador	76	Republic of Macedonia	110	Serbia
09	Armenia	43	Eritrea	77	Madagascar, R.	111	Sierra Leone, R.
10	Austria, R.	44	Spain, Kingdom	78	Malawi	112	Slovakia, R.
11	Azerbaijan	45	Estonia, R.	79	Mali, R.	113	Slovenia, R.
12	Bahrain, Kingdom	46	Finland, R.	80	Malta	114	Sudan, R.
13	Bangladesh	47	France, R.	81	Morocco, Kingdom	115	Sri Lanka, R.
14	Barbados	48	Gabon, R.	82	Mauritania, Islamic R.	116	Sweden, Kingdom
15	Belarus	49	Gambia, R.	83	Monaco, Principality	117	Switzerland, C.
16	Belgium, Kingdom	50	Georgia, R.	84	Mongolia, State	118	Suriname, R.
17	Benin, R.	51	Ghana, R.	85	Montenegro	119	Swaziland, Kingdom
18	Bolivia, R.	52	Greece, R.	86	Myanmar	120	Syrian Arab R.
19	Bosnia Herzegovina	53	Guatemala, R.	87	Namibia	121	Tanzania, United R.
20	Botswana, R.	54	Guinea, R.	88	Niger, R.	122	Chad, R.
21	Brazil, F.R.	55	Guinea-Bissau, R.	89	Nigeria, F.R.	123	Thailand, Kingdom
22	Bulgaria, R.	56	Equatorial Guinea, R.	90	Norway, Kingdom	124	Togo, R.
23	Burkina Faso	57	Hungary, R.	91	Oman, Sultanate	125	Trinidad & Tobago
24	Burundi, R.	58	India, R.	92	Uganda, R.	126	Tunisia, R.
25	Cameroon, R.	59	Indonesia	93	Uzbekistan	127	Turkey, R.
26	Canada	60	Iran, Islamic R.	94	Palestine	128	Ukraine
27	Cape Verde, R.	61	Iraq	95	Pakistan, Islamic R.	129	Uruguay, Eastern R.
28	Chile, R.	62	Ireland, R.	96	Paraguay, R.	130	Venezuela, B.R.
29	China, P.R.	63	Italy, R.	97	Netherlands, Kingdom	131	Vietnam, R.
30	Cyprus, R.	64	Jamaica	98	Peru, R.	132	Yemen, R.
31	Colombia, R.	65	Jordan, H. Kingdom	99	Philippines	133	Zambia, R.
32	Congo, R.	66	Kazakhstan, R.	100	Poland, R.	134	Zimbabwe, R.
33	Korea, R.	67	Kenya	101	Portugal, R.		
34	D.R. of Congo	68	Kyrgyzstan	102	Qatar, State		



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2. GENERAL PROGRAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE	ACTIVITY
Friday, 2 June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival of Delegations
Saturday, 3 June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preliminary Inquiry• Preliminary Meeting• Training• Opening Ceremony
Sunday, 4 June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of the Competitions
Friday, 9 June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of Competitions• Closing Ceremony and Banquet
Saturday, 10 June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Day
Sunday, 11 June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departures of all delegations.

3. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

Each nation may enter one team into the competition. The maximum size of the mission is:

Representative/Participants

Chief of Mission	1
Team Manager (Team Captain)	1
Coach	1
Assistant Coach	1
Doctor, Athletic Trainer or Physiotherapist	1
Referee ¹	1
Players	12
Total	18

¹ Referee accompanying a mission must be FIVB qualified (International) as per the latest edition of CISM Volleyball Regulation. In case a nation is not able to provide an International Referee, the nation may request assistance from another nation to obtain them, or pay a fixed price of \$350 USD per referee to the host nation obtaining the complementary referees.

No additional member(s) may be included in the mission without prior approval of the Organizing Committee.

CISM Volleyball Sports Committee members are authorized to participate and will not count against their nation's composition of the mission.

Only military personnel in active duty may participate in the competitions (CISM Regulations, Art. 7.21, item A).

4. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

a. The competition format (CISM Volleyball Regulation 2017- Annex 2) will be used based upon the number of participating teams.



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b. For participation at a World Military Women's Volleyball Championship 2017, the CISM Volleyball Committee will follow a participation ranking list for selecting nations (available on www.milsport.one/sports/volleyball).

5. ACCESS TO THE LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION

a. The competition will take place aboard Naval Station Mayport, located in the state of Florida, USA, which is 30 minutes away from the metropolitan city of Jacksonville, Florida.

b. The cost of travel to the host country and respective return will be the responsibility of the participating missions/country.

c. Teams shall arrive at the Jacksonville International Airport (JAX). Airport information can be found at www.flyjacksonville.com. Delegations will be welcomed at the Jacksonville International Airport by the host site coordinators and be transported to Naval Station Mayport, the site of the competition and accommodations.

6. CONDITIONS OF STAY

a. Board and lodging will be provided for all participants, as well as local transport for all CISM related events.

b. Participants will be required to pay extra expenses such as telephone calls, travel to non-event related locations, and additional food and beverages.

c. Nations arriving before 2 June 2017 and departing after 11 June 2017 will be responsible for all expenses incurred during the period outside the official competition dates. CISM Officials such as the Official CISM Representative (OCR), Volleyball Sports Committee and other authorized representatives are authorized to arrive on 31 May 2017.

d. In accordance with the Statutes and traditions of CISM, any political or and religious action during the competition, in particular the dissemination of propaganda documents, pictures, clothing, brochures, reviews etc, is strictly forbidden. Any contravention will result in immediate exclusion and deportation of such nation.

e. Additional persons will not be accepted without official written permission of the Organizers.

f. Medical support for the duration of the event will be provided by the host. The Organizers will cover costs for basic emergency treatment only. In case of additional treatment, hospitalization and or routine medical care, participating nations will be responsible for the payment thereof.

7. REGULATIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

a. Rules. The CISM Volleyball Regulations, Edition 2017, in conjunction with the latest edition of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Rules and Sports Regulations, the



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CISM Regulations-2011, CISM Anti- Doping Regulations, as well as local rules as discussed in the Preliminary Meeting will apply throughout.

b. Eligibility. All athletes must be military personnel on full active duty in the Armed Forces of their respective nations (art. 7.21 of the CISM Regulations). Participation of inactive member nations is not authorized (art.7.24 of the CISM Regulations). All of the participants are asked to present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:

- a valid military identity card for those who are authorized to present their military identity cards abroad;
- a form of verification (in English and/or French) of military status; and
- Passport.

8. ANTI-DOPING

a. Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the CISM Regulations – Chapter IX, CISM Anti-Doping Rules, the CISM Volleyball Regulations, FIVB Regulations, and all WADA rules, mainly the World Anti-Doping Code, and the International Standard for Testing.

b. The number and type of tests, as well the athletes to be tested shall be determined by the CISM Anti-Doping Commission. These procedures will follow the concerned CISM Test Distribution Plain (TDP).

c. In case an athlete has a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), the Chief of Delegation should send this TUE to the CISM GS until 30 days before the Opening Ceremony. This TUE will be submitted to the TUE Commission to analysis and further approval. Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Application Form can be found on CISM website www.milспорт.one/programs/anti-doping.

d. All athletes have to fill out the Athlete Consent Form by themselves (template in www.milспорт.one/programs/anti-doping) and the Team Manager has to deliver it to CISM Volleyball Committee during the Preliminary Inquiry.

9. UNIFORMS

Service Summer Dress Uniforms are mandatory for the opening and closing ceremonies.

10. CUSTOMS AND VISA PROCEDURES

It is highly recommended that each participating nation contacts the United States Embassy in their respective country for specific information regarding to entry procedures and VISA information into the United States of America. Failure to do so may cause refused entry into the United States.



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11. WEATHER

The anticipated weather for June at Naval Base Mayport, Florida is sunny and warm.

Highest daily temperature	34° C/ 93° F
Normal daily temperature	29° C/ 85° F
Lowest daily temperature	21° C/ 70° F

12. CURRENCY

The local currency is the United States Dollar.

13. DEADLINES FOR AGREEMENTS

Please note and comply with the following deadlines:

- a. Preliminary agreement of participation. Annex 1 to be submitted before 20 March 2017.
- b. Final agreement of participation. Annex 2a-c to be submitted not later than 1 May 2017. Late submissions may result in denied participation.
- c. Any nation withdrawing from participation after submitting Annex B and fails to notify the Organizing Committee accordingly will be held responsible for all related costs incurred by the Organizers.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Any correspondence can be forwarded to the following address

- a. U.S. CISM Chief of Delegation:

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Armed Forces Sports
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Ph: +1- 210-466-1335
steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil
cismusa@gmail.com

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ANNEX-1

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

To be returned by: 20 March 2017

To: Armed Forces Sports
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www.armedforcessports.com

Copy to: CISM Secretary General
Rue Jacques Jordaens 26
B-1000 Brussels
BELGIUM

NATION :

Will Participate

☐

Will NOT Participate

☐

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

	Officials	Athletes	CSC members	Referees	Total
Men					
Women					
Total					

MEANS OF TRANSPORT : _____

DATE: _____ : _____

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME : _____

Your Contact	Rank/Name	
	Phone	
	Fax	
	E-Mail	



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ANNEX 2a

FINAL ENTRY

To be returned by: 1 May 2017

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San Antonio, TX 78234 USA
ph: +1 (210) 466-1321
steven.a.dinote.naf@mail.mil
cismusa@gmail.com
www.armedforcessports.com

Copy to: CISM Secretary General
Rue Jacques Jordaens 26
B-1000 Brussels
BELGIUM

NATION :

	<i>PLACE/ AIRPORT</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>FLIGHT Nr TRAIN Nr BUS Nr</i>	<i>TIME</i>
<i>ARRIVAL</i>				
<i>DEPARTURE</i>				

DATE: _____ : _____

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME : _____

Your Contact	Rank/Name	
	Phone	
	Fax	
	E-Mail	



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ANNEX 2b

FINAL ENTRY - COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

To be returned by: 1 May 2017

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cismusa@gmail.com
www.armedforcessports.com

Copy to: CISM Secretary General
Rue Jacques Jordaens 26
B-1000 Brussels
BELGIUM

NATION :

#	Function	Rank	Surname	Given Name	Visa Number	Passport Number	Date of Birth
1.	Chief of Mission						
2.	Team Captain						
3.	Coach						
4.	Assistant Coach						
5.	Medical Doctor						
6.	Referee						
7.	Players (12)						
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In strict compliance with applicable **CISM Regulations – Chapter VII, Art. 7.22**, I, the undersigned Chief of Delegation, hereby officially confirm that all athletes representing my nation in the CISM event are on active duty in my nation's Armed Forces. I understand that sanctions may be imposed against my nation, my mission, my team, individual athletes, or myself for violation of this provision (**CISM Regulations Chapter I, Art. 1.12**).



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FINAL ENTRY - COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

NATION :

ADDITIONAL PLAYER INFORMATION

#	Rank	Surname	Given Name	Jersey Number	Height (cm)
1.					
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3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					

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DATE: _____ : _____

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME : _____

Your Contact	Rank/Name	
	Phone	
	Fax	
	E-Mail	



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ANNEX 2c

FINAL ENTRY - COMMITMENT BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION

To be returned by: 1 May 2017

NATION :

The undersigned, Chief of Mission declare that he has read the **CISM Regulations** and moreover understood the following prescriptions:

Article 7.21. PARTICIPATION - MILITARY STATUS

A. Only military personnel on active duty in Armed Forces may take part in competitions organized by CISM.

B. No one may be recalled to active duty in the Armed Forces for the purpose of participating in a CISM competition. In the case of an intermittent military service, the athletes regularly recalled may not take part in CISM competitions, under any circumstances, if more than 18 months have elapsed between this recall and the end of their last call to arms.

C. Exceptions to the above may be authorized by the General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

D. All military participants in a CISM event shall be in possession of proper documentation which signifies active military service of the member nation he represents. The documentation can be:

1. A valid military identity card for those athletes who are authorized to present their military identity cards abroad,
2. A form of verification (in English and/or French) of military status accompanied by a passport.

E. **By signing the final entry, the Chief of Delegation confirms the military status of the participating athletes.** If there are last minute changes in the participation of the athletes, the verification file may be signed by the Chief of Mission, but shall be confirmed by the Chief of Delegation by official letter.

F. If one of these documents is not available, participation is refused.

Article 7.30. CHIEF OF MISSION

A. Chief of Mission

1. Chiefs of Mission shall be familiar with CISM regulations.
2. Chiefs of Mission must not only participate or be present at sports events, they are also required to participate in information conferences on CISM, study days, commemorative and cultural events and ceremonies organized by the host nation.



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B. Conduct of a mission

1. The Chief of Mission is responsible for the behavior of his team in sports and general discipline. He shall ensure that members of his mission respect the rules and directives prescribed by CISM and organizers of the championship. The respect of schedules is particularly important as they form the basis for the effective conduct of competitions and ceremonies. Instances of indiscipline or poor sportsmanship will be handled by Championship officials and may result in the disqualification of individual athletes or teams.

2. The Chief of Mission shall also enforce the rules concerning behavior and dress during the ceremonies. He plays an important role in promoting the CISM spirit among his mission, a spirit represented by friendly attitude towards other missions, courtesy towards organizers and fair-play in competition. The mission, who does not wear military uniforms during the opening ceremony of a Championship, will not be authorised to take part in the Championship. The Official CISM Representative will communicate this decision.

Article 8.6. ABSENCE OF A MISSION WITHOUT NOTIFICATION

If a mission which submits a preliminary agreement and/or final entry is absent without notifying the host nation in time, a sanction will be imposed (Regulations Art. 1.12).

Article 8.17. RULES OF STAY

A. General

1. The Chiefs of Mission are responsible for the discipline of their mission. The missions fall under the jurisdiction of the organizing nation. During events, all athletes present on the playing fields are equal before the jury, the referees and to themselves. No one may use his rank to impose his views on sports matters.

2. Civilian members of the missions shall conform to the discipline accepted by all other participants.

B. Military uniforms

1. Unless otherwise approved by the Official CISM Representative, all participants shall wear military uniform during official ceremonies such as the opening and closing ceremonies and medal-awarding ceremonies. **Individuals without proper uniform will not be allowed to participate in the championship.**

2. The presentation of medals takes place, in principle, during the closing ceremony. The presentation of medals may be done in sports uniform, if for organizational reasons it is not possible to wear military uniforms. This is the case e.g. when the presentation immediately follows a championship sports event. Sports uniforms shall respect the corresponding national criteria (training suit, sports shoes, etc.) Displaying the national flag on the podium by the recipient (athlete or team) at a medal awarding ceremony is forbidden. Individuals failing to respect these prescriptions shall not receive their medal(s) during the official ceremonies.



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C. Forbidden actions

1. In conformity with the statutes and traditions of CISM, any political or religious propaganda during a CISM event, in particular the dissemination of documents, pictures, brochures, reviews, etc. is strictly forbidden.

2. Any contravention shall result in the exclusion of the mission from further competition and may result in additional sanctions (Regulations Art. 1.12).

Article 8.19. ACCOMODATIONS

E. All missions, including those of the host nation, shall be accommodated under the same conditions. If the conditions are in accordance with the CISM norms and standards, the missions are expected to accept the accommodation provided by the organizing nation. Any mission that does not accept the accommodations provided by the organizing nation and judged as adequate by the Official CISM Representative will not be allowed to participate in the championship.

Additional Provision.

Chiefs of Mission are required to stay at the host site for the duration of the competition. Early departures where the delegation is left without their Chief of Mission may result in their team's forfeiture of all games and dismissal from the Championship. Chiefs of Mission must coordinate with the Official CISM Representative if they are required to leave early due to emergency circumstances.

DATE: _____ : _____
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

RANK/NAME : _____