

The Secretary General
Le Secrétaire Général

TO CISM AUTHORITIES/ MEMBER NATIONS

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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL CISM AUTHORITIES/ MEMBER NATIONS

Subject: 78th CISM General Assembly & Congress - 2023

Dear CISM Authorities, dear CISM Family Members,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As Secretary-General of the International Military Sports Council (CISM), I have the honor of greeting you and pleased to address a few information about the upcoming General Assembly, presenting you with some particularities of our biggest statutory event of the next year.

As you may remember, in the month of May was launched a survey for the Chiefs of Delegation, regarding the possibility to participate in the General Assembly 2023 in Moscow. The results were, unfortunately, not exhaustive but have however given indication on the high risk of not reaching the minimum quorum, according to the CISM Statute.

Due to this risk, the CISM Headquarters requested an analysis of the lawyer regarding the possibility to carry out the General Assembly and Congress in two different locations at the same time.

In this way, the CISM authorities and the Chiefs of Delegation of the Member Nations who will not be allowed to travel to Russia will have the chance to attended the event in an alternative place. The two events would be connected by video teleconferencing following almost the same GA agenda.

This proposal, also analyzed and supported by the CISM Regulations Commission, will permit a higher number of participants increasing the possibility to achieve the minimum quorum and the representativeness of all continents, besides granting all CISM active Member Countries their right to take part in the voting sessions.

Discussed during the extraordinary meeting of the Board of Directors, held on July 5th of this year, the proposal was finally voted and approved.

As a result of the BoD approval, it was decided that the additional venue will be Brussels/Belgium, in relation to the location of the CISM Headquarters and in consideration of the need to record the General Assembly amendments to some articles of the CISM Statutes –to update it, in accordance with the Belgian law, to the new Companies and Associations Code – in an authenticated deed, by a notary.

Furthermore, the CISM HQ was tasked to organize, asking for the support of the Belgian Armed Forces, the alternative reunion in Brussels for the reception of the CISM authorities and Chiefs of Delegation with travel restrictions to Russia.

Consequently, as you can easily imagine, the organization of the event becomes more complex, requiring a high level of coordination between the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of Russia and the Coordinating Committee (CC) of Brussels.

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In view of these clarifications and taking into account the huge efforts, in both venues, to organize this event with the highest quality, please be informed that CISM authorities and Chiefs of Delegation participating to the event in Brussels, will be requested to submit, together with the **Preliminary Agreement (annex 1)** by January 16, 2023, also an **official document issued by the National Military authorities, stating the restriction to travel to Russia**. The **Final Entry (annex 2)** will have to be completed and forwarded by March 1st, 2023 (instructions for sending in the document).


Furthermore, please consider that Delegations that will participate in Brussels will be limited to two individuals, normally the Chief of Delegation and only 1 Delegate, due to local/hotel constraints related to the availability of hotels with values and conditions in line (or compatible) with the CISM Regulations. Delegations wishing to participate with additional components could be asked to take care of them for what concerning logistic arrangements (hotel & local transportation). Additional information on the event in the Brussels venue will be provided in due course. This limitation will not apply for attendance in Moscow.

The invitation to the official event (Moscow) will be sent in a few days, through 2 channels: via diplomatic, by Russia, and by email, by CISM Headquarters.

For any clarification you may need, please feel free to contact Lt-Col Guilherme Bottrel Carvalho, CISM Protocol & Events Manager (email: cism@milспорт.one and gca@milспорт.one.)

Sincerely yours,

“Friendship through Sport!”



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APPENDIX:

OVERALL PROGRAM

Date	VENUE: MOSCOW/ RUSSIA (April 23 rd to 30 th)	VENUE: BRUSSELS/ BELGIUM (April 23-24 to 27-28)
	Activity	Activity
April 21 Friday	Arrival of CISM Secretariat (S&GA Department)	-
April 22 Saturday)	Preparatory meetings	
April 23 Sunday	Arrival of CISM Secretariat + BoD members, Delegations, PCSC	Arrival of BoD members
April 24 Monday	BoD Meeting (1 st Session)	BoD Meeting (1 st Session)
	Arrival of Delegations + PCSC members	Arrival of Delegations + PCSC members
April 25 Tuesday	Opening Ceremony / Welcome reception	Welcome speech by the CISM Acting President - VTC
	Homage rendered by CISM	-
	Commissions Meetings (morning)	Commissions Meetings (morning)
	PCSC Meeting (morning)	PCSC Meeting (morning)
	Continental Meetings (afternoon)	Continental Meetings (afternoon)
	Press Conference	Press Conference (VTC)
April 26 Wednesday	Congress (all day)	Congress (all day)
April 27 Thursday	General Assembly	General Assembly
	Closing Ceremony	-
	Gift Exchange	Closing Reception
	Gala Dinner	Delegations/ PCSC Departure
April 28 Friday	BoD meeting (2 nd Session)	BoD meeting (2 nd Session)
	Cultural events	Departure of BoD members
April 29 Saturday	Cultural events + Visit to CSKA sports infrastructure / Celebrations of the 100th anniversary of CSKA	-
April 30 Sunday	Delegations Departure	-