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## **AIDEF General Assembly Batumi 29th September 2018**

AIDEF General Assembly took place in September 29th 2018, at the Sheraton Hôtel, Batumi (Georgia) during the 43nd Chess Olympiads and FIDE 89th Congress.

It started at 9.15 am. Of the 38 voting members, 28 attended.

President Patrick Van Hoolandt read his 2016/2018 Report. Then, each member of the Executive Committee did the same.

Financial accounts were approved with suggestions from the General Assembly, for better understanding, to integrate in it some additional information.

The report of the last General Assembly held in Baku on September 7th, 2016 was approved unanimously.

In the debates that followed the reports, it is important to note the congratulations to the President for the excellent work he continues to accomplish at the head of the Association.

Otherwise, the General Assembly requested and obtained from the resigned Secretary-General to return to his post.

And so there is no change in the Executive Committee which will continue to work with the following members :

President: Patrick VAN HOOLANDT (Monaco)  
Vice-president : Mohamed ZOUAOUI (Tunisia)  
Vice-president : Yves RAKOTOMAHARO (Madagascar)  
Vice-president : Ahmed TALEB MOHAMED (Mauritania)  
Vice-president : Guy Botetsi, ESUNGI (DR Congo)  
Treasurer : Roland AKHRASS (Lebanon)  
General Secretary : Frédéric KOUEVI (Togo)  
Technical Director : Gilles MIRALLES (France)  
AIDEF Ambassador : Slim BOUAZIZ (Tunisia)  
Président Advisor: Bernard LABADIE (Québec – Canada)  
International Relations : Ibrahima CISSE (Senegal)  
Financial Partners : Damir LEVACIC (Monaco)  
Translations : Bernard SOJKA (France)  
Pedagogical Development: Kim LEQUANG (Belgium)

As regards the new membership requests, accepted by the Executive Committee, the General Assembly approved them by majority of votes. These new members are: Qatar, Greece, Kosovo and Cabo Verde.

Regarding the 2019-2020 competitions, the discussions focused on their financing and the possible hosting countries.

These Competitions include the 7th francophone international chess encounters (RIDEF) and the Blitz and Rapid francophone Championships. Candidacy for hosting these events have been mentioned but it is planned to continue the discussion.

Questions regarding the enlargement of the AIDEF with members of OIF were debated.

The idea of organizing competitions involving African only countries has been discussed but needs to be clarified.

The General secretary will send a final Report of the General Assembly to all members as soon as possible.

Batumi, September 30th, 2018

Patrick VAN HOOLANDT, President