



In case of being approved by the IHF Congress, the following motions shall come into force with immediate effect:

Current Version	Proposal
<p>Article 11.1 – Continental Confederations - Definition</p> <p>A Continental Confederation is a group of National Federations that belong to the same continent or same geographic region and which is recognised by the IHF.</p> <p>Article 11.2 – Continental Confederations - General Conditions</p> <p>1. Continental Confederations shall be recognised when they have at least ten Member Federations.</p> <p>2. The IHF shall recognise only the following five confederations which shall decide on their corporate denomination and inform the IHF thereupon:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. African Handball Confederation b. Asian Handball Confederation c. European Handball Confederation d. Oceania Handball Confederation e. Pan-American Team Handball Confederation¹ <p>3. Whenever possible, Continental Confederation elections shall be scheduled to precede IHF elections.</p> <p>3.1. In order to ensure a smooth articulation between Continental</p>	<p>Article 11.1 – Continental Confederations - Definition</p> <p>A Continental Confederation is a group of National Federations that belong to the same continent or same geographic region, which includes at least ten Member Federations and is recognised by the IHF.</p> <p>Article 11.2 – Continental Confederations - General Conditions</p> <p>1. Continental Confederations shall be recognised when they have at least ten Member Federations.</p> <p>1. The IHF shall recognises only the following five Continental Confederations which shall decide on their corporate denomination and inform the IHF thereupon:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. African Handball Confederation b. Asian Handball Confederation c. European Handball Confederation d. Oceania Handball Confederation e. North America and Caribbean Handball Confederation f. South and Central America Handball Confederation <p>To add:</p> <p>2. The IHF Council may grant provisional recognition to groups of National Federations that belong to the same continent or to the same geographic region which are not listed in Article 11.2.1 above; definite recognition requires an amendment to such Article 11.2.1.</p> <p>3. Whenever possible, Continental Confederation elections shall be scheduled to precede IHF elections.</p> <p>3.1. In order to ensure a smooth articulation between Continental</p>

¹ Suspended as per IHF Council decision dated 14 January 2018



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3.2. The IHF can suspend its recognition of a Continental Confederation in case the said confederation does not respect the normal democratic procedures and/or acts in contradiction with IHF fundamental law on the occasion of its continental congresses.

Suspension will be decided by the IHF Council on the recommendation of the IHF Executive Committee after consultation of the Arbitration Commission.

Suspension entails no direct consequence for the National Federations of the said continent.

During the suspension period

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- Continental competitions will not be taken into account for qualification to IHF competitions,
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3.2. The IHF can suspend its recognition of a Continental Confederation **for just cause, in particular** in case the said confederation **does not respect the normal democratic procedures and/or** acts in contradiction with IHF **fundamental law Statutes and Regulations on the occasion of its continental congresses.**

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5. With the mutual cooperation and support of the IHF, the Continental Confederations have to take any action considered necessary to develop the game of handball in its continent, such as set up development programmes, courses, conferences, etc.

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To add:

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<p>Justification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of Continental Confederations should be unlimited to give space for any future changes. - The new point 2 of Article 11.2 will give the Continental Confederation the possibility to start its activities until the next Congress. - As for point 3.1 of Article 11.2, if the President of the IHF cannot attend the congress of a Continental Confederation, he/she shall have the possibility to authorise his/her representative to attend the congress. - As for point 3.2 of Article 11.2, "IHF fundamental law" is a general term; to be more specific and handball-related, the IHF Statutes and Regulations shall be the applicable provisions. - As for the new point 7 of Article 11.2, the IHF shall have the possibility to ensure that the changes proposed by the Continental Confederations to their statutes and regulations are in compliance with the IHF Statutes and Regulations as well as the Olympic Charter provisions. 	