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## **1. Opening of the session**

FISA President Denis Oswald declared the Congress open and greeted the delegates. President Oswald thanked the Organising Committee for their excellent preparation of the Congress and Championships.

In the memory of recently deceased rowing friends and colleagues, the President then asked the delegates to observe a moment of silence, among them:

- Jean Rod (SUI)
- Robert Walton (USA)
- Stan De Clercq (BEL)
- Brian Doyle (AUS)
- Brian Vear (AUS)
- Peter Dickson (AUS)
- Tim Willoughly (AUS)
- Pierre-Julien Muenier (FRA)
- Jean-Louis Meuret (SUI)

The President provided the general information about the programme and organisation of the Congress. He reminded the delegates that they should feel free to speak but asked that they be as concise as possible. There were no questions regarding the course of the Congress or the Agenda for the Congress.

## **2. Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority**

Matt Smith, the Executive Director, made a roll call. He then informed the delegates that, at that point, there were 56 federations represented, 42 entitled to three votes and 14 entitled to one vote making a total of 140 votes. Therefore, 71 votes would be necessary for a clear majority if all votes were utilised. A list of those present is annexed to these minutes.

## **3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of Congress**

The Congress unanimously accepted the President's proposal that the following individuals serve as scrutineers for this congress:

- Guylaine Bernier (CAN)
- Georges Lambert (BEL)
- Pat McNamara (AUS)

## **4. Approval of the minutes of the 2007 Ordinary Congress**

The President reminded the delegates that they were asked in a circular to submit comments to the above mentioned minutes in advance of this Congress in order to save time. No comments were received in advance, however, he invited the delegates to make comments if they wished.

As there were no remarks, the President considered these minutes as approved unanimously.

## **5. President's report and reports of the Executive Committee Members**

The President commented on the successful staging of the World Under 23 Championships in Brandenburg last week. He continued by mentioning the upcoming Beijing Olympic Games regatta and the fact that 100 member national rowing federations had attempted to qualify which is a new record. He thanked everyone involved for their tremendous work to make this possible. There were no questions from the delegates on the President's report.

The Vice President added that, for the Athens Games, 85 member federations had attempted to qualify so this was a significant increase and she expressed her appreciation of efforts made by the Development Programme. The Treasurer's report is a part of the financial report which comes later

in the Congress. The Executive Director had no additional comments. There were no questions and, thus, the President considered that these reports were approved unanimously.

## **6. Reports of the Chairs of the Specialist Commissions**

The Chairs of some Commissions had additions to their written reports.

- Denis Maseglia, Chair of the Rowing for All Commission, reminded delegates that the second World Rowing Coastal Championships for Clubs will take place this October in Sanremo, Italy. The 2009 Championships will take place in Plymouth, Great Britain.
- Peter Morrison, Chair of the Masters Rowing Commission, announced that the Council has attributed the 2011 World Rowing Masters Regatta to Poznan, Poland.

There were no other comments or questions and the President considered the reports approved unanimously.

## **7. Reports of the Development, Promotions and Events Departments**

There were no additional comments to these reports. As the delegates had no further questions, the President considered that the reports were approved unanimously.

## **8. Reports of the Continental Representatives**

The President announced that the Continental Representatives had no additional comments to their reports. As the delegates had no further questions, he considered that the reports were approved unanimously.

## **9. Accounts, financial report and auditors' report**

Mike Williams, the Treasurer, presented the accounts of FISA including the financial report and the report by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the independent auditors. The Treasurer directed the delegates to the detailed explanations in the Agenda Papers but repeated that the deficit of CHF 527'917 was the less than the expected deficit of 1'097'663. The less than expected shortfall was primarily due to higher than expected sponsorship results.

He thanked Emilio Pastorello, FISA Controller, for his good work in maintaining and preparing the accounts.

There were no questions.

## **10. Approval of 2007 Accounts**

The accounts as presented were approved by the delegates in a show of voting cards and they approved unanimously.

## **11. Determination of entrance fee and annual subscription**

No change had been proposed by the Council and the delegates did not disagree. The Treasurer pointed out that a proposal will be forthcoming at the Extraordinary Congress for a more equitable subscription fee.

## **12. Budget for 2009**

The Treasurer presented the budget for 2009. He explained that, in the Olympic year, the Council usually presents the four-year plan for the coming quadrennium but, due to many uncertainties with delayed contract negotiations, the Council would like to present the plan at the Extraordinary Congress in February 2009. The President asked if

there were any questions and there were none. He then asked for and received unanimous approval for the 2009 budget.

### **13. Reports on future FISA Events and Olympic regattas**

The main issue for future events was the dates of the 2010 World Rowing Championships which will take place on Lake Karapiro in New Zealand. The Organising Committee proposed for several reasons to move the dates for racing to be the first week of November (29 October to 7 November 2010) which is closer to summer and warmer weather. There were several interventions on the subject and nearly all were supportive of the proposition. The President then intervened at the end and concluded that, based on the comments and discussions, we considered the date change to be approved.

### **14. Place and date of the 2009 Ordinary Congress**

The President proposed that the 2009 Ordinary Congress would take place on Monday, 31 August 2009 in Poznan, Poland during the World Rowing Championships. This was approved by the delegates.

### **15. Appointment of the federation, if any, to be responsible for inspecting the accounts for the following year**

The President reminded the Congress of Article 33 of the Statutes in which the audit of the accounts is to be performed by an independent professional firm, in our case, PriceWaterhouseCoopers. The

member federations have the right to delegate one member federation to inspect the accounts. The delegates did not propose to have an inspection next year.

### **16. Reports on applications for affiliation and voting consequent thereon**

The Council proposed new members having fulfilled FISA's membership requirements:

- Ghana
- Vanuatu

The delegates voted unanimously to support this recommendation and welcomed the new members to FISA. With these new members, FISA reached 130 member federations.

### **17. Reconsideration or Confirmation of decisions (ref. Art. 32) taken by the Council in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Art. 44 or by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of Art.50**

No requests had been received at the deadline.

### **18. Proposals from Member Federations**

No other proposals were received from national federations.

### **19. Attribution of future FISA Events in accordance with Rule 5**

Attribution of the 2012 World Rowing Senior and

Junior Championships –The Council decision was to support the sole candidate Plovdiv presented by the Bulgarian Rowing Federation. The Congress supported this decision unanimously.

Attribution of the 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships – The candidates were Amsterdam, Netherlands and Montemar-o-Velho, Portugal. Mike Tanner reported again on the reasons for the Council decision to recommend Amsterdam. The main reason was the construction which was to take place in the coming period in Portugal. The more experienced organising committee and the bid with the most complete venue was Amsterdam. The delegates voted 67 in favour of Amsterdam, the Council recommendation, and 61 in favour of Montemar-o-Velho. The 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships were attributed to Amsterdam in July 2011.

The representatives of the Bulgarian and Netherlands Rowing Federations then signed the respective Event Agreements in front of the delegates.

Lionel Girard (FRA) pointed out a mistake in the Agenda Papers on page 56. The 2010 World University Rowing Championships will take place in Szeged, Hungary from 12 to 15 August 2010. The reference to the World University Championships in 2009 is incorrect.

## **20. Council and Executive Committee Elections, if any, in accordance with Articles 39 and 48**

No elections were held.

## **21. Any other items proposed by the Council or the Executive Committee**

### **1. Proposed adoption of the revisions of the World Anti-Doping Code**

The President commented on a few of the main revisions in the World Anti-Doping Code that would take effect in 2009. These can be found on the [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) website of the World Anti-Doping Agency. He mentioned that if the delegates adopted the revisions in principle, then the FISA Council would make the relevant corrections in the FISA Anti-Doping Bye-Laws in time for the end of the year. The delegates adopted the World Anti-Doping Code unanimously.

### **2. Youth Olympic Games**

The President summarized the situation with the above mentioned new event. It was approved by the IOC Session one year ago and recently decided that it will take place in Singapore from 14 to 26 August 2010. Rowing will take place over five days but the competitors will need to stay for the whole time of the games. Rowing will have 96 participants in four boat classes: JM1x, JM2-, JW1x, JW2-. All details are found on the [www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com) website.

## **22. Any other business**

Hans-Rudolf Schueter (SUI) made three comments. 1.) The costs of accommodation at the Rowing World Cups have been increasing over the past several years which affects participation negatively. 2.) He noted the low participation of rowers at the final World Cup regatta in Poznan and the low number of spectators. 3.) He discussed the Olympic qualification system and feels that the

smaller nations of Europe are at a disadvantage with the current system. He promised to present a proposal for the Extraordinary Congress in February 2009 for discussion.

## **Closing**

The President thanked the delegates for their excellent co-operation. He also expressed his gratitude to the Austrian Rowing Association and the Linz/Ottensheim Organising Committee for their excellent organisation of the Congress as well as to the FISA staff for their preparation of the Agenda Papers. He also thanked the interpreters for their excellent work.

He declared the 2008 FISA Ordinary Congress closed at 17:15 hrs.

## **President**

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**Denis OSWALD**

## **Executive Director**

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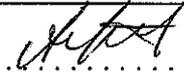
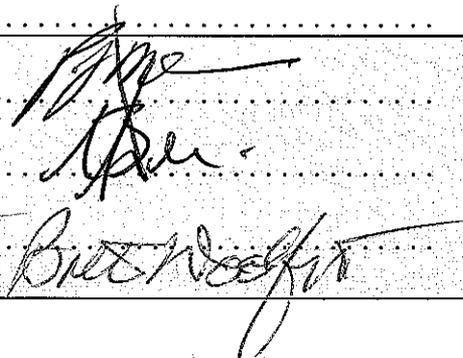
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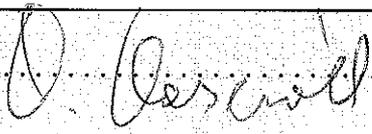
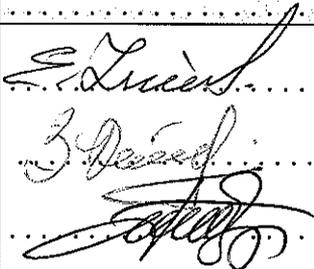
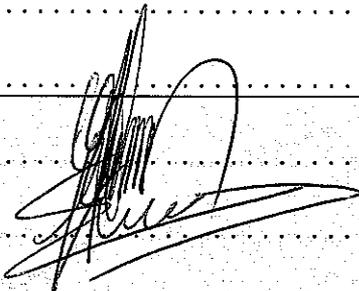
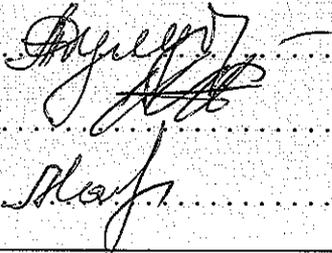
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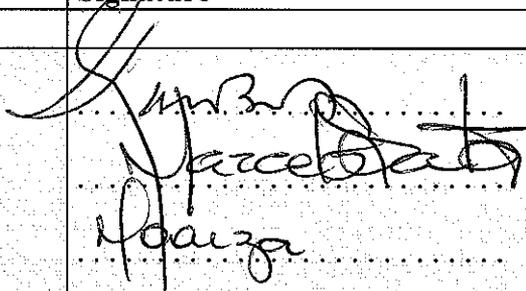
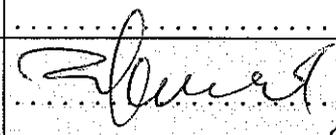
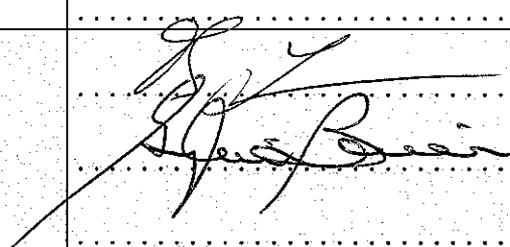
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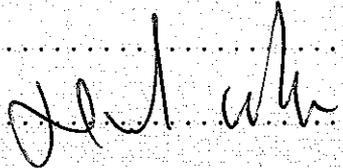
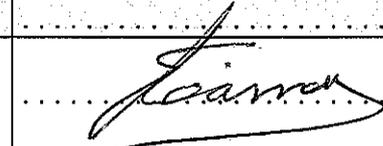
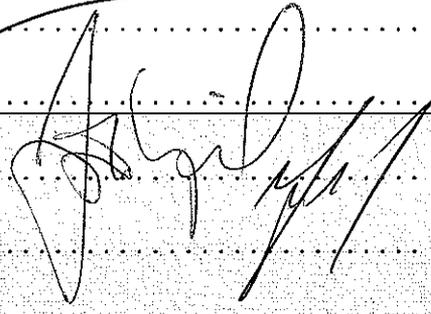
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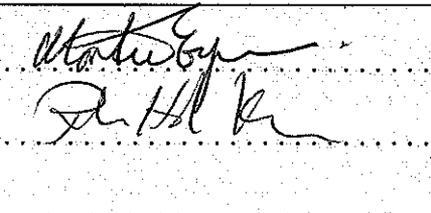
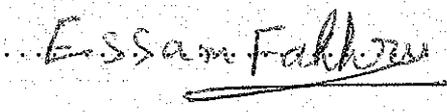
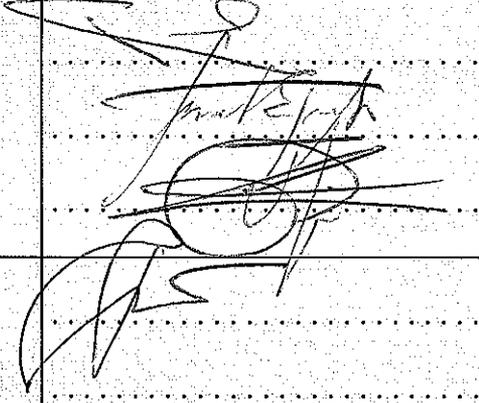
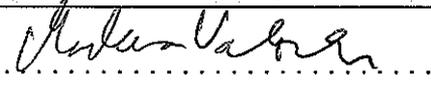
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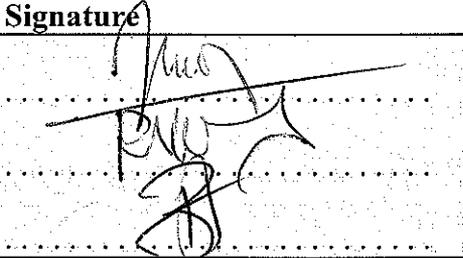
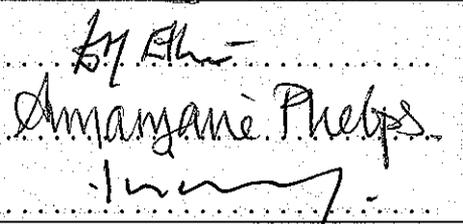
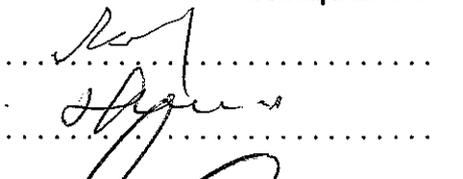
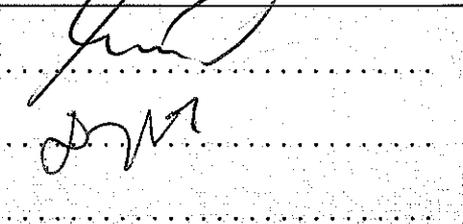
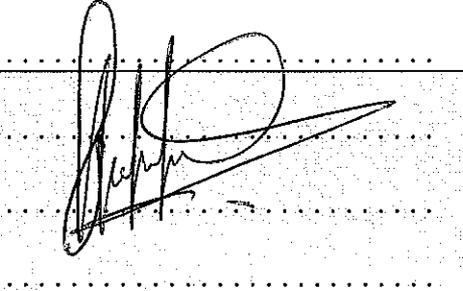
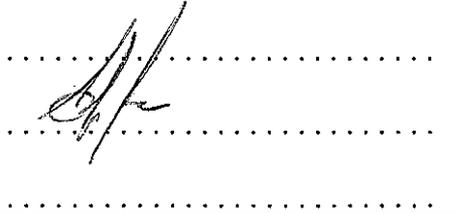
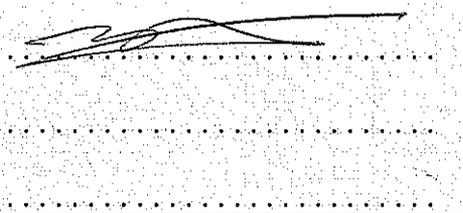
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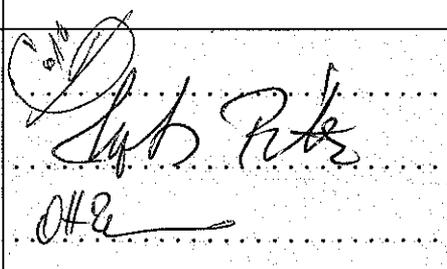
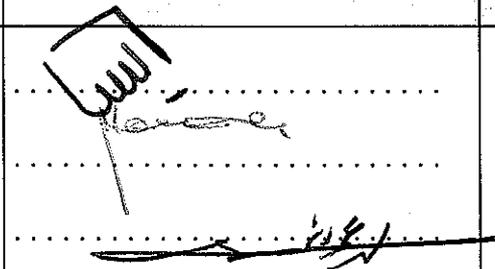
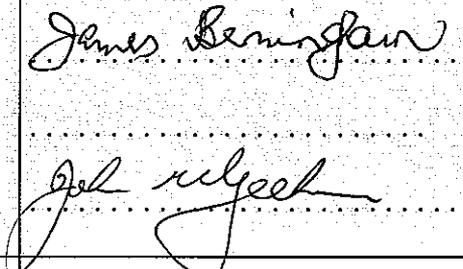
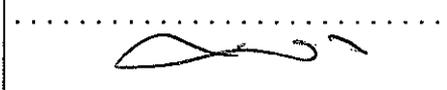
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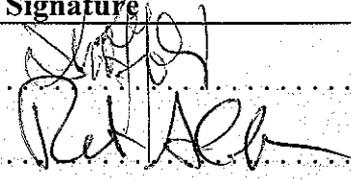
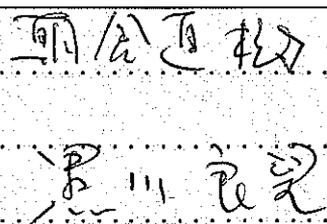
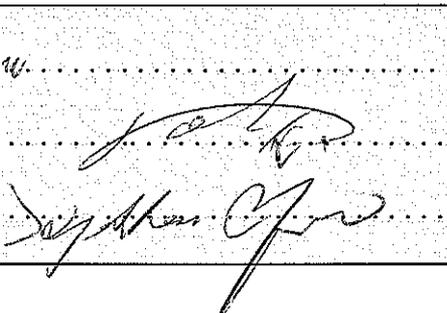
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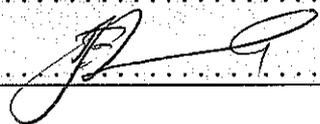
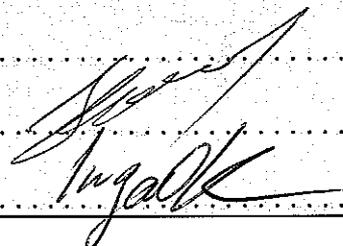
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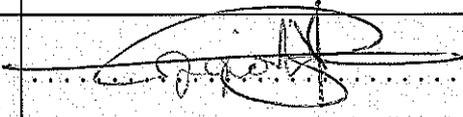
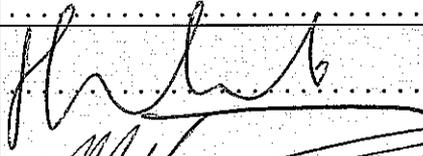
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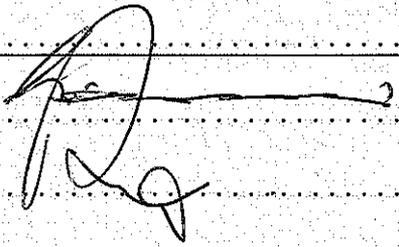
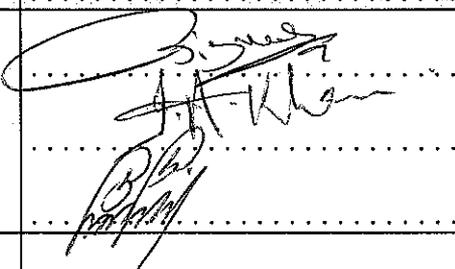
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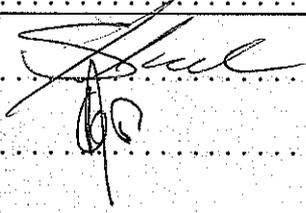
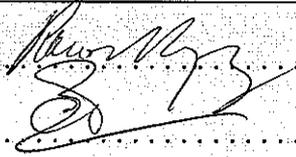
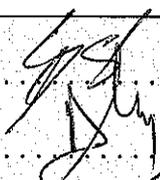
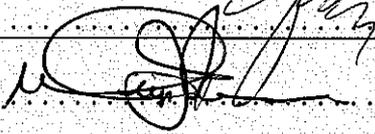
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<b>IND</b>	<b>Inde/India</b>			3
<b>IRI</b>	<b>Iran</b>	Ahmad Donyamali Morteza Hojjat Shamami Amran Poorraskariparast		1
<b>IRL</b>	<b>Irlande/ Ireland</b>	Bermingham James Corcoran Martin Mc Geehan John		3
<b>IRQ</b>	<b>Iraq</b>			1
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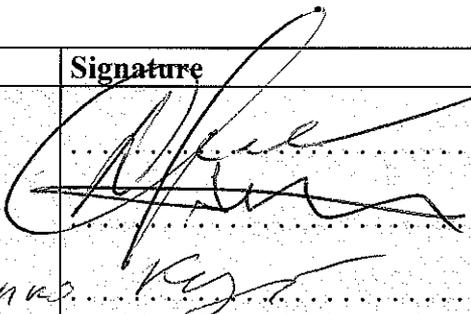
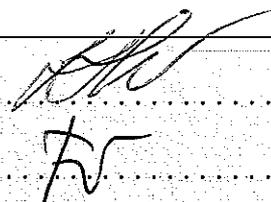
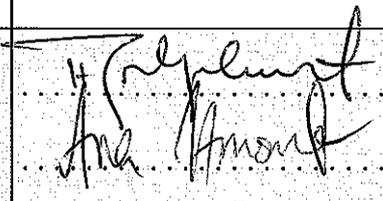
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JOR	Jordan/Jordanie			1
JPN	Japon/Japan	Mr Asakura Naoki <del>Tate Jiro</del> Yoshi KUROKAWA		3
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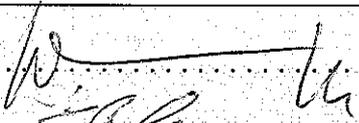
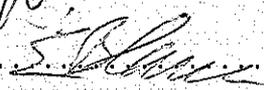
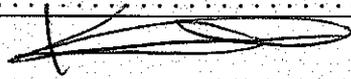
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LBA	Libya / Libye			1
LIB	Liban/ Lebanon			1
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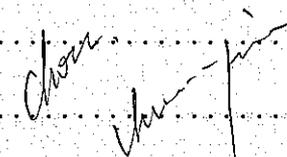
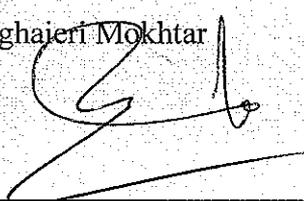
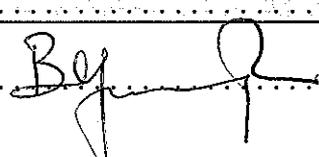
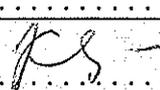
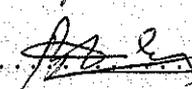
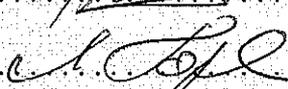
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MKD	Macédoine/ Macedonia		..... .....	1
MON	Monaco		..... .....	1
MOZ	Mozambique		..... .....	1
MYA	Myanmar		..... .....	1
NCA	Nicaragua		..... ..... .....	1
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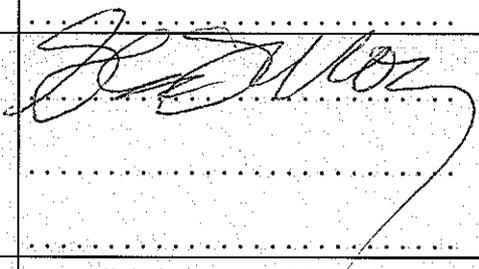
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NOR	Norvège/ Norway	Verbung Esther		3
NZL	Nouvelle-Zélande/ New Zealand	Falconer Bill Mayo Thomas		3
PAK	Pakistan	Ul Haq Rizwan Shamshar Mohammad MUTIAZ KHAN.		1
PAN	Panama			1
PAR	Paraguay			1
PER	Pérou/Peru			1
PHI	Philippines			1

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PLE	Palestine			1
POL	Pologne/ Poland	Ryszard Stadniuk Daniel Alexander		3
POR	Portugal	Marques Antonio Bispo Carlos		3
PRK	R.P.D. de Corée/DPR of Korea			1
PUR	Porto Rico/ Puerto Rico			1
QAT	Qatar	Al-Sewaidi Khalifa Mohammed Al- Sulaiti Rashid Majid Mohsin Hassan Abdulla		1
ROU	Roumanie/ Romania	Pop Sandu Petrescu Roxana Alupu' Dorina		3
RSA	Afrique du Sud/South Africa	W. van Plesis		3

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RUS	Russie/Russia	Leonid Drachevsky Alexander Bazhilin Igor Zotov <i>Kuzchenko</i>		3
SAM	Samoa			1
SEN	Sénégal/ Senegal			1
SIN	Singapour/ Singapour	Ee Nicholas		1
SLO	Slovénie/ Slovenia	Tomislav Levovnik Peter Fajfar		3
SOM	Somalia / Somalie	Ahmed Farah Duran Abdo Haji Mohamed Mohamed Mohamed Mohamud Ahmed		1
SRB	Serbia/ Serbie	Jevremovic Nebojsa <del>Vlahovic Christina</del> <i>AHA Hikaic</i>		3
SRI	Sri Lanka			1

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<b>SUD</b>	<b>Sudan</b>			1
<b>SUI</b>	<b>Suisse/ Switzerland</b>	Schurter Hans-Rudolf  Edouard Blaise	 	3
<b>SVK</b>	<b>Slovaquie/ Slovakia</b>			3
<b>SWE</b>	<b>Suède/Sweden</b>	Nordh Kenth		3
<b>SWZ</b>	<b>Swaziland</b>			1
<b>SYR</b>	<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>			1
<b>TGA</b>	<b>Tonga</b>			1
<b>THA</b>	<b>Thaïlande/ Thailand</b>			1

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<b>TOG</b>	<b>Togo</b>		..... ..... .....	1
<b>TPE</b>	<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	Chou Chun-yin		3
<b>TUN</b>	<b>Tunisie/ Tunisia</b>	Sghajeri Mokhtar 	..... ..... .....	3
<b>TUR</b>	<b>Turquie/ Turkey</b>	Yavasoglu Burak		1
<b>UAE</b>	<b>United Arab Emirates/ Emirats Arabes Unis</b>		..... ..... .....	1
<b>UGA</b>	<b>Ouganda/ Uganda</b>		..... ..... .....	1
<b>UKR</b>	<b>Ukraine</b>	Kandyrska Vira  Dovgodro Viktor  Gorovoi Aleksandr	  	3

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USA	Etats-Unis/ United States	Merry Glenn		3
UZB	Ouzbekistan/ Uzbekistan			3
VEN	Vénézuela/ Venezuela			1
VIE	Viet-Nam/ Vietnam			1
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