



2012 WDSF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BERLIN, JUNE 2012

Motion of the German DanceSport Federation to amend the WDSF Statutes

**MOVED, that the WDSF Statutes be amended with the new Article 5
as shown below:**

New **Article 5**

Associations of Members

- 5.1. The WDSF acknowledges the right of its Full Members to form Associations.
- 5.2. Subject to the prior approval of the WDSF Annual General Meeting, Full Members may form organizations called Continental Associations which are consistent with the purposes of WDSF. Continental Associations shall be formed on a geographical basis.
- 5.3. Subject to the prior approval of the WDSF Annual General Meeting Continental Associations may be known as:
 - a) DanceSport Europe
 - b) DanceSport Americas
 - c) DanceSport Africa
 - d) DanceSport Asia
 - e) DanceSport Oceania
- 5.4. The purpose of Continental Associations shall be to develop and strengthen DanceSport in the corresponding Continent or area in accordance with the strategy, policies, statutes and other rules and regulations of the WDSF.
- 5.5. The administrative activities of each Continental Association shall be directed by a Managing Committee elected by the members of that Continental Association. The Managing Committee of each Continental Association shall coordinate its activities and closely cooperate with WDSF Presidium.
- 5.6. The Managing Committee of each Continental Association shall report semi-annually to the WDSF Presidium and annually to the WDSF Annual General Meeting.

[Articles presently subsequent to Article 4 shall be renumbered accordingly.]



REASONS:

- The idea of creating Continental Federations is in full harmony with WDSF Vision 2012.
- The World DanceSport Federation will focus on the further development of DanceSport worldwide. Continental Associations will take over a reasonable part of day-to-day business related to regionally based international competitions, education programs etc. by taking into account specificity and degree of development of DanceSport on specific continent.
- Continental Association opens the way for much more closer effective and productive cooperation of Members with respect to more balanced calendar and on other practical sport matters. It will open new opportunities to assist athletes in respect of reducing their expenses associated with their participation in international events.
- The European Union and Council of Europe do cooperate only with European bodies. The formation of the Continental Association 'DanceSport Europe' in particular will give the opportunity to get access to different EU and CE sports, youth and social care departments, organizations and personalities, to their programs and foundations. The similar opportunities of cooperation with regional political and economic organizations will be available on other continents.
- It will prevent cooperation between the EU/CE sports and youth organizations with existing alternative continental DanceSport federations like European Dance Sport Association (Mr. S. Wlokh) as well as creation of new alternative continental bodies like European section of WDC Amateur League.
- This will allow benefiting from effective cooperation with Continental Olympic bodies like Asian Olympic Committee, Association of European Olympic Committees et al.
- Almost each International Sport Federation (e.g. athletics, gymnastics, football and many others) has continental associations what favored intensive development of particular sports on different continents.
- It will give the opportunity for Asian DanceSport Federation which is successfully acting for more than one decade outside WDSF to receive legal status within WDSF.