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**TECHNICAL REPORT  
SUBMITTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION (IWF)**

Technical report on the activities around the organisation of the All Africa games held from 6-12 September in Brazzaville, Congo.

From the outset it needs to be declared that Weightlifting is not active in Congo. The Weightlifting Federation of Africa has no control over the allocation of games events which happen every four years, as you are aware. The total number of countries competing was nineteen of which eighteen countries competed in the Men section and fourteen countries competed in the Women section. We have missed the presence of the Technical Delegate of the IWF though.

By having a closer look at the event itself, the following aspects are important:

**Technical arrangements:**

The event was organised at the **ORNANO STADIUM**, which was the only facility available to organise the championships. The area was big enough to comfortably accommodate the Field of Play. There was enough furniture as per requirements for the Technical Officials i.e. tables and chairs.

The actual lifting was performed on a ZKC platform as per the requirements of the IWF. The equipment utilised in the championship was that of ZKC. It is important to note that there was training equipment as well as competition equipment (brand new). The equipment will go a long way towards consolidating weightlifting in Congo. In the warm-up area there were nine platforms of equal size.

Around the platform there were: powder stand for magnesium, weight racks (one on each side of the platform). The loading of the bar was facilitated by the loading sheet, so as to ensure that the weight on the bar was correct as announced.

**Technical Information System(TIS):**

The TIS of the Weightlifting Federation of Africa was used to produce the start list, competition cards, weigh-in forms, timing clock and final protocol.



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### **Accommodation:**

The accommodation of the athletes was good. The athletes' village was of high standard as well as the food provided for the athletes. The accommodation of the Technical Officials was average. Accommodation for the WFA officials was good. They were accommodated at the Elonda Hotel (four star). Food for the technical officials during the course of the event was a problem though.

### **Number of Technical Officials:**

A total number of 25 Technical officials were in attendance. Six Technical Officials were WOMEN. The allocation of Technical Officials was as follows:

1. Jury (2 groups) × three members
2. Competition Director: 1
3. Referees: 3 groups
4. Technical Controllers: 2
5. Chief Marshals: 2
6. Timekeepers: 2
7. Competition Secretary: 2
8. Speaker: 1
9. Doctor on duty: appointed by COJA

### **Compilation of referees:**

Each group included at least one female referee. The same applies to the Jury. At least one member in each group was female.

### **Doping:**

Provision was made for anti-doping. The doping was executed by COJA supervised by WADA. The anti-doping protocol was thus in accordance of the required standard. Doping samples were taken on each of the days of competition.

### **Qualifications of Technical Officials:**

The technical officials were appropriately qualified for an international event. This was confirmed by the technical official cards.

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**Standard of refereeing:**

Generally the standard of refereeing was good. Shortcomings were identified and addressed at a technical meeting mid-way through the Games.

**Announcements:**

Announcement were made in English and in French.

**General:**

The event was success despite the inexperience of Congo. The experience Technical Officials made the difference in ensuring that the rules are applied and that the event meets the required standards. Of particular relevance to WFA and the IWF is the fact that Weightlifting was included into the Games programme despite the fact that the code was not active in the country.

Other than factors beyond the control of the WFA such as the culture of the locals, we could deliver a decent event. Here I am referring to issues of time and punctuality.

Sincerely yours,

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