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Dear members,

On 18th November you were informed that the World Committee would, during its meeting 11th to 13th March, choose between three options for the organisation of the 29th World Conference which were:

1. Have the World Conference as planned in Madrid next August.
2. Decide a new postponement of the Conference to keep it physically.
3. Decide a Visio/virtual conference at the planned date in August 2021.

Just before its meeting the World Committee was informed by the Spanish host of the Conference that the situation would not permit convening the conference next August as initially planned. The other options, nr 2 and 3 remain. The World Committee therefore decided to organise a referendum among the membership in accordance with article 8.8 of the ISGF Constitution. The referendum proposes that you choose between these 2 options slightly amended: having a visio/virtual conference in October 2021 or to postpone the conference to February 2022 (which would be possible for the host country)

There are pros and cons to both solutions: for a postponement, the main advantages are that World Conferences are not only a “legal venue”. They are also the places where one meets former or new friends, where some practical discussions may be held (during the 28th Conference, we adopted the “Bali declaration”) and we can have exchanges on some values or topics. For a visio/virtual conference the main advantage is that we would not be dependent on the evolution of the pandemics and on the authorisation to travel linked with vaccinations. It would provide a definite date for the renewal of the mandate of the World Committee to continue its work.

If we have a physical conference it would follow mainly the programme that was prepared for last August. If it is a video/visual conference, the agenda would have to be adjusted, mainly limited to “legal” items: approval of the WCom report and of the financial report; elections of 3 new members for the World Committee; choice of the venue of the 30th conference 2024; amendments to the Constitution and bye-laws; motions; decision on the fees. Modification of the rules of procedure would be proposed.

Each member will have one vote returned on behalf of the NSGF by the president or international secretary of the NSGF. The WCom have designated as tellers Jane Wardropper and Jean-François Lévy, members of the ISGF’s legal team, and Nathalie Henrard, our Secretary General. Voting will close on 15 April 2021 at 24:00 (Brussels time) and votes received later will not be taken into account. Please return the completed ballot form by email to: isgfref2021@isgf.org.

Once we have the results of the votes, you will receive a new checklist for the paperwork and explanations on how to deal with your propositions for WCom candidates, for the venue of the 30th Conference, for the amendments to the Constitution and other motions you would like to propose.

On behalf of the ISGF World Committee,

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