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TO: Lausanne Leadership
FROM: Lawrence Russell, Chief Operating Officer Lausanne Movement
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RE: Covid Policy 2.0 for Lausanne Movement Face-to-Face Meetings and Events

Since March of 2020, the appearance of the Covid-19 virus (and variants) has, by necessity, required the Lausanne Movement to alter in major ways our policies and procedures for holding face-to-face meetings and events. For over a year from March of 2020, all face-to-face Lausanne meetings and events were cancelled, and as an organisation we only allowed virtual gatherings of any size. Major meetings and events were cancelled on the global level (Mauritius 2020), regional gatherings were postponed, and all Lausanne meetings were moved to virtual.

Fortunately, some progress has been made worldwide in dealing with the virus and its variants. Vaccinations have been developed and, especially in some parts of the world, have helped to reduce the negative impacts (hospitalizations and death) caused by the virus. However, worldwide vaccinations have lagged in availability and impact. Ultimately Covid-19 is still a threat and will continue to be a threat for some time to come.

The Lausanne board of directors has reviewed the Covid policy and has indicated they support going forward with the guidance below. Although we are happy that progress has been made in combating the virus, we believe that it is still prudent for Lausanne to have a conservative policy regarding face-to-face meetings and events, given the varying degrees of the virus' continuing impact around the world. As a Movement, we are no longer required to be in 'lockdown', but we will function with the following policy:

1. All participants will be required to have Covid vaccination(s) to attend face-to-face Lausanne meetings and events. The particular 'brand' may vary from country to country. Participants at Lausanne meetings and events will be required to have their vaccination cards available to show as necessary to government entities, commercial businesses, and other establishments that require proof of vaccination. You will not need your vaccination card for entry into the Lausanne meeting or event facilities.
2. At Lausanne-organised meetings and events, participants will be required to have a (negative) Covid test 48 hours prior to the start of the event. A PCR or rapid at-home test is sufficient. Negative test results will be assumed through an honour system for those present at the gathering (no documentation or



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proof of testing is required from Lausanne). However, those travelling internationally to a Lausanne event will need to meet the requirements for testing as per the specific country.

3. Participants will be required to wear face masks during face-to-face Lausanne meetings and events.

We know that these policies can be somewhat inconvenient and burdensome. As an organisation, we will continue to do our best to provide virtual options for gatherings and events for those who are unable to attend in person. We are hopeful at some point that we will be able to modify the policy and be less stringent in requirements. However, for now, this policy will need to be in place. Because our meetings often include participants from various countries with differing requirements, we have chosen to operate with this policy so that everyone who attends is on even ground. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we coordinate with the many regions of the world.

This Covid Policy 2.0 will be reviewed again in May 2022 and could be adjusted based on new information.

Questions about this policy can be directed to Lawrence Russell, Chief Operating Officer, Lausanne Movement (lrussell@lausanne.org).