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APPENDIX 8

INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION

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APPLICATION TO ORGANISE EURO FLOORBALL CUP QUALIFICATIONS 2008

Dear Sir,

The Finnish Floorball Federation (SSBL) welcomes with pleasure the new qualification system for the 2<sup>nd</sup> best teams of the top 4 ranked IFF member associations. Since Finland is involved in this qualification round for the first time, and since the final round of EFC will be played in Finland as well, SSBL kindly applies for the rights to organise the qualification round in Finland, in Tampere, for both men and women. The local host of the tournament would be floorball club Classic (SC Classic).

*The date and venues of the tournament.* Tournament would be played during 31.8–2.9.2007. The venue for the event would be the same as in U19 women World Championships in 2004, Metro Auto Areena. The venue has spectator capacity of 2.372 and the playing ground fulfils the IFF venue requirements, and has very good services of food and beverages for spectators.

Practising ground would be Pirkkahalli, which also fulfils the IFF requirements for practice halls.

*Transportation.* There is an international airport in Tampere (Pirkkala, 15 km from city centre), and it takes only about two hours by car/coach from Helsinki-Vantaa international airport to Tampere. There is a ferry harbour in Helsinki and Turku. From Helsinki it takes about three hours by car/coach to Tampere, and from Turku two and half hours.

*Accommodation.* In Tampere there are variety of hotels and hostels available for EFCQ participants to choose from. During the weekend 31.8–2.9.2007 there aren't any other big events in Tampere, so there should be lots of accommodation possibilities available for every EFCQ participant.

*Spectators and media.* Tampere has proven itself to be an excellent city for international floorball events, since U19 women WFC 2004 was a huge success considering the amount of spectators and media coverage. SSBL is confident that if SC Classic of Tampere would host the qualification round, the event would be of great interest in Tampere region, and throughout Finland as well. SC Classic has a very capable organisation and their staff already has experience (WFC 2004 U19) on organising international floorball events.



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The marketing of two events. The qualification round and the final round would support each other in the field of marketing the events. SSBL feels, that it would be a benefit for international floorball and especially for Finnish floorball, if both tournaments would be organised in Finland.

SSBL kindly asks IFF to take into consideration aspects mentioned in the application above, and to grant the rights to organise the qualification round to SSBL.

With kindest regards,

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**Secretary of international committee, SSBL**