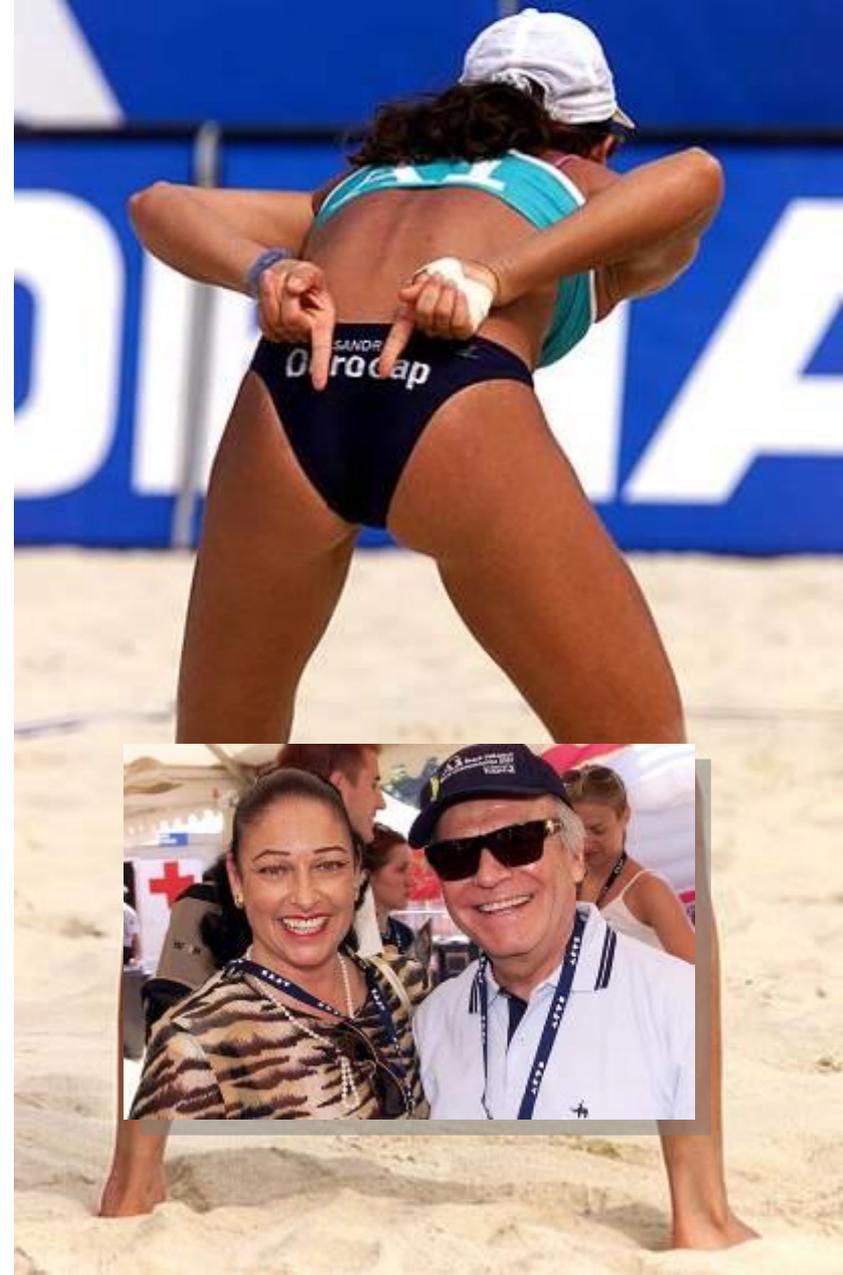


# The past is still alive: The Acosta royalty

- Rubén Acosta FIVB President 1984-2008
- 10% for FIVB-representatives signing contracts
- The president signs them all
- Code of Conduct: Criticism not allowed
- Falsified accounts in 2000, but acquitted in 2006
- Pushed out of IOC 2004
- Got away with \$40 mio
- Still claim \$4-5 mio



# Volleyball: Unbearable waiting in Buenos Aires

- Mario Goijman guaranteed personally for bank loans to finance the 2002 World Championships
- FIVB denies liabilities of 750,000 USD
- Evicted from his house in 2012, compulsory auction of belongings in 2013
- Desperate and suicidal
- No support from the IOC, PASO, Argentine sports



*Photo: WDR*

# 2016: First official response from the FIVB

- 2009: FIVB pays \$250,000 to MG
- October 2016: Goijman and FIVB General Director Azevedo meets in Buenos Aires
- 30 November: Legal note from FIVB
- Refutes all responsibility and minimizes amount of any claim



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## REPORT

**To:** Fabio Azevedo – General Director  
**From:** Christian Keidel, Stephen Bock and Yann Hafner  
**Date:** 30 November 2016  
**Re:** Goijman case

### Introduction

The following report has been prepared by Mr. Yann Hafner, Mr. Stephen Bock and Mr. Christian Keidel (together the "FIVB Legal Team") upon request from the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball ("FIVB") General Director, Mr. Fabio Azevedo. The FIVB General Director held a meeting with Mr. Mario Goijman, former President of the Federación Argentina de Volleyball ("FAV"), on 6 October 2016 during the 35<sup>th</sup> FIVB World Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

During this meeting, Mr. Goijman discussed alleged outstanding financial debts that were allegedly owed to him by the FIVB based on the FAV's organisation of the 2002 World Championships. Said debts were allegedly underwritten by Mr. Goijman personally. Mr. Goijman subsequently provided information to the FIVB General Director via email supporting his claims.

This report has been commissioned in order to analyse the validity of Mr. Goijman's claims against the FIVB related to the FAV's organisation of the 2002 World Championships. The FIVB administration currently agreed to provide Mr. Goijman with this report by no later than 30 November 2016.

The present document is established for the benefit of Mr. Goijman only and does not bind the FIVB institutions and persons under the jurisdiction of the FIVB.

### Reviewing entity

This report was created based on a review conducted by the FIVB Legal Team. None of the undersigned have previously been involved in an assessment of this case or were affiliated with the FIVB at the time that the events surrounding the 2002 World Championships or Mr. Goijman's subsequent expulsion from the FIVB.

Consequently, the present report and recommendation are drafted based on a review of the documentation provided by Mr. Goijman as well as the case file of documentation available at the FIVB Headquarters. For the sake of transparency, this included notably the internal proceedings (e.g. exclusion of Mr. Goijman from the FIVB), the civil and



## FIVB vs. Goijman



- 12,000\$
- Authors of FIVB note never involved in case
- Goijmans's ESPN contract not valid
- Goijman received 250,000\$ in 2010 and renounced from future claims
- In 2010, the FIVB congress banned commissions retroactively
- 2002 accounts were signed 7 Nov 2002
- Claims are old and payment would be illegal under Swiss law
- 750,000\$
- Goijman never had neutral arbitration
- New ESPN contract signed by Acosta was corrupt set-up
- The renounced claims did not regard claims of the FAV
- Retroactive legislation is unfair and was in this case aimed at blocking Acosta's payments
- Signatures were made by Acosta's marionets
- FIVB has dragged out answers and why would payments be illegal

