**MEMO TO: Full Members, Associate Members**

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**MEMO FROM: F. Clark – APLU Executive Director**

**DATE: 21st March 2019**

**SUBJECT: Mens’ Qualification event in 2020 for World Championship in 2022**

The APLU EB is asking countries with this EOI, if they wish to qualify for the 2022 Mens’ World Championship.

The current format of the World event has been reduced to 30 teams. At the present time the APLU region has 6 qualification slots. Pre-qualified, as agreed by FIL GM in Netanya, are Australia and Japan. Therefore, all other teams will need to qualify by the end of next year.

A qualification tournament will be held in 2020 to determine the countries that will go to the Worlds in 2022.

In order to organise a tournament, the number of teams that wish to qualify needs to be known so that a format for the event can be created and countries that wish to run this tournament can have a framework to bid for the hosting. Depending on the number of teams the tournament could be only 4 days long but may extend to 7 to 10. It is expected the tournament will be held sometime in the September to November period.

The requirements for a country to compete are, as defined by FIL, that

1. There is a valid Mens competition/program in the country
2. All members of the team are eligible as per <https://filacrosse.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/FIL-Eligibility-Criteria-2018-.pdf>
The prime criteria for player eligibility is a passport being held for the country being represented and fulfilling the eligibility conditions of that country. The passport being obtained by birth, by right or by naturalisation. See document for full requirements.
3. Countries are members of and are financial with the APLU and FIL by end of 2019.

The cost of a team coming to both the qualification tournament and the worlds should be taken into account by the NGB. Plus, in fairness to the hosting company, late withdrawal from either tournament within 6 months of the event has financial penalties, so the APLU EB urges the NGB to consider carefully if they wish to participate.

**Response needed by 30th April. No response will be taken as not wishing to participate.**

Country: Date:

Participate in qualification: YES / NO

Name: Position:

Signed: