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OPENING REMARKS

H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, President of ANOC welcomed all delegates to Lausanne for the Extraordinary General Assembly of ANOC. He thanked the City of Lausanne, the Mayor of Lausanne, the Swiss NOC and the IOC for making it possible for all the 204 NOCs of the world to be present in Lausanne, some of them for the first time.

He reminded the delegates that during the Moscow General Assembly, four promises were made i.e the new headquarters of ANOC, a New Constitution, the Modernization of ANOC and an increased budget for ANOC to support the NOCS. He announced that after one year all the promises made in Moscow have been delivered. The future of our organization, amendments to the Constitution and the recommendations for Modernization were on the EGA agenda for discussion.

He further stated that there had been a change in Olympic Solidarity, with a 30% increase of the budget for the NOCs. He further thanked the IOC President, the IOC EB and OS Commission Members for their support. The President of ANOC congratulated Lord Sebastian Coe, Chairman of the London Olympic Games Organizing Committee and the IOC President for the excellent Olympic Games in London and commented that the NOCs were looking forward to participating in Sochi in the Olympic Winter Games.

The President of ANOC further informed the Assembly that the IOC had taken the initiative to call for a meeting of all stakeholders of the Olympic Movement to discuss autonomy of the NOCs, illegal betting in sports, WADA and anti-doping, and the crowded calendar of events. He further informed the General Assembly that the 14th of June a meeting of the ANOC EC with the ASOIF EB had been held to discuss future cooperation and he thanked Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti for the joint meeting. He also congratulated Mr. Francisco Ricci Bitti on being elected President of ASOIF and Mr. Marius Vizer for being elected as President of SportAccord.

The President of ANOC, on behalf of all NOC:s, expressed his gratitude to Count Jacques Rogge, President of the IOC, who had led the Olympic Movement for 12 years and had always supported the NOC:s. The President of ANOC presented the ANOC Merit Award to Count Jacques Rogge, President of the IOC for his outstanding devotion and service to the Olympic Movement.

Count Jacques Rogge, President of the IOC, thanked the President of ANOC for this honour and observed this was his last address to ANOC, as in September next the leadership of the IOC was to be taken over by one of the 6 very capable candidates to the presidency. He congratulated the President of ANOC on his vision for ANOC.

He further commented that together, they had developed a partnership to fight against doping, for gender equality, education and culture, protection of the environment, good governance, autonomy of sport, and for a united Olympic Movement. He urged the NOCs to support his successor whoever he may be.

Agenda Item No. 1 Roll Call.

A total of 201 NOC:s were present at the Extraordinary General Assembly. Except the NOC:s of Tuvalu and Liberia, as well as India, suspended by the IOC, all NOCs were Present. The NOC of Macau, China was also in attendance as Observer. The Roll-Call is attached as **Annexure-I** to the minutes.

The Assembly stood up for a minute of silence in memory of all the sports leaders who had passed away over the past year around the world. The list of tribute to Sports Leaders that have passed away is attached as **Annexure-II**.

Agenda item No. 2. Approval of the Minutes of the XVIII ANOC General Assembly held in Moscow, April 13 -15th, 2012

DECISION:

The minutes as circulated were unanimously approved by the Assembly.

Agenda Item No. 3. Report by the Secretary General.

DECISION

The report by **Mrs. Gunilla Lindberg, Secretary General of ANOC**, as circulated was unanimously received and approved by the Assembly. **Annexure-III** to the minutes.

Agenda Items No. 4. & No. 5 Report by the Treasurer and Report by the Auditor

Mr. Richard Peterkin, Treasurer of ANOC presented his report and the Audit Statement of Accounts for the year 2012 was presented by **Mr. Jean-Blaise Conne**.

The representative of the NOC of Belgium observed that in the budget, expenses in relation with ANOC's Office had increased considerably and he requested more details in relation with these data.

The President of ANOC gave the floor to the **Treasurer of ANOC**, who explained that the budget allocated by the IOC had been raised to US\$ 12 million for the ANOC Activities. With the new programs to be developed, the costs were to rise substantially. However it was no yet ascertained what was preoccupying the NOCs as a priority, what they would like to have done through ANOC and what is the total number of staff needed for the Office to be run as an international headquarters. Therefore, the strategy for this year had been to assign a single global amount in connection with the running of the Office. He stated that for the next meeting, they would have the breakdown of the amounts for the 4-year cycle.

The President of ANOC added that the new structure of ANOC will be monitored by PWC Auditors, run along the same lines as the IOC, and in addition, a Finances Commission will be set up to be chaired by Mr. Richard Peterkin.

DECISION

The report by **Mr. Richard Peterkin, Treasurer of ANOC** and the Audit Statement of Accounts for the year 2012 as presented by **Mr. Jean-Blaise Conne from Pricewaterhouse Coopers** were unanimously received and approved by the Assembly. **Annexures-IV and -V** to the minutes.

Agenda Item No. 6 Amendments to the ANOC Statutes.

Mr. Michael Chambers, Chairman of the Working Commission for the Amendments to the Statutes presented a detailed report on the amendments proposed in the Statutes, which had been previously circulated to all the NOC:s

The representative for the NOC of Benin congratulated the Working Commission for an excellent work and stated there was a slight typing error in the French version, under rule 13.4, line 5, where it should read “CNO” (NOC).

The representative for the NOC of Belgium thanked the Working Commission for their detailed efforts. He stated that the NOC of Belgium has belatedly sent some more comments, especially concerning the powers and roles for the President of ANOC.

The President of ANOC in reply to the representative of Belgium stated that NOCs had been provided with ample opportunity to send in their comments earlier and the comments which were sent in time had been duly incorporated in the Constitution. Therefore the Assembly should adopt the Statutes now. Any new amendments proposed should be submitted to the Working Commission for study and possible inclusion in the future edition of the Statutes.

The representative for the NOC of Lebanon congratulated the Working Commission for their excellent work and stated that the Assembly already had amended the draft Statutes in the presence of everyone and they should now adopt it, while any further amendments could be considered later on by the Working Commission. He seconded the proposal of the President of ANOC to have the Statutes adopted.

The President of ANOC nominated 5 delegates, from the NOCs of Singapore, Grenada, Australia, Botswana and Slovenia, to count the votes.

DECISION:

The amendments to the ANOC Statutes were unanimously approved and adopted by the Assembly. The NOC of Belgium abstained from voting. **Annexure-VI** to the minutes.

Agenda Item No. 7: Proposal for the modernization of ANOC.
Report from the Chairperson of the Working Commission

DECISION

The recommendations presented by **Mr. Kevan Gosper, Chairman of the Modernization Commission** and as circulated to the members were unanimously approved and adopted by ANOC. **Annexure-VII** to the minutes.

Agenda Item No. 8 **Report by the Organizing Committee, Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012.**

The Assembly received the report on the Games of the XXX Olympiad, presented by **Lord Sebastian Coe, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games of London 2012**. The NOC:s unanimously congratulated Lord Coe on excellent Games. **The President of ANOC** presented a souvenir to Lord Coe for staging excellent Olympic Games in London.

Agenda Item No. 9. **Report by the Organizing Committee, XXII Olympic Winter Games, Sochi 2014.**

The report on the XXII Olympic Winter Games as presented by **Mr. Dmitry Chernyshenko, President of Sochi 2014** was received with appreciation by the Assembly.

Agenda Item No. 10 **Report by the Organizing Committee, 2nd Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing 2014**

The report on the 2nd Youth Olympic Games (YOG) as presented by **Mr. Cao Weixing, Vice Governor of the Jiangsu Province and Vice President of the YOG 2014 Organizing Committee** was received with appreciation by the Assembly.

Agenda Item No. 11 **Report by the Organizing Committee, Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio de Janeiro 2016**

The report on the Games of the XXXI Olympiad, as presented by **Mr. Carlos Nuzman, Chairman of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Organizing Committee** was received with appreciation by the Assembly.

Agenda Item No. 12 **Report by the Organizing Committee, XXIII Olympic Winter Games, PyeongChang 2018**

The report on the XXIII Olympic Winter Games, PyeongChang 2018 as presented by **Mr. Moon Donghoo, Vice President and Secretary General of the Organizing Committee** was received with appreciation by the Assembly.

Agenda Item No. 13 **Report by the Organizing Committee, 2nd Winter Youth Olympic Games, Lillehammer 2016**

The report of the 2nd Winter Youth Olympic Games, presented by **Mr. Inge Andersen, Secretary General of the NOC of Norway** was received with appreciation by the Assembly.

Agenda Item No. 14 **Reports by the candidate cities for the Olympic Games 2020:**
14.1 Istanbul
14.2 Tokyo
14.3 Madrid

The presentations by the Candidates cities bidding for the Olympic Games 2020 were received by the Assembly and the NOC:s wished them the best of luck at the IOC Session in Buenos Aires where the decision about the host city for 2020 Olympic Games will be taken.

Agenda Item No. 15 **Report by Olympic Solidarity**

Mr Pere Miró, Director of Olympic Solidarity presented his report.

The representative for the NOC of Sudan observed that the money they received from Olympic Solidarity came from TV rights and he asked whether OS also distributed the money raised through marketing rights.

Besides, concerning the NFs' autonomy and the lack of support received from the IFs, he asked whether the IFs were conducting any actions in order to protect the NFs from their government's intervention.

Mr. Pere Miró answered the first question from a technical point of view, explaining that the IOC's strategy was to allocate the TV rights money through OS, based on the principles of solidarity, that is to say those who received more were those most in need, while marketing rights money was allocated through the TOP Program.

Concerning the second question, he said he agreed on the necessity to work on this issue in cooperation with the IFs. He commented he was convinced that under ASOIF President Mr. Ricci Bitti's impulse, the IFs would be facilitating contacts with the NFs experiencing problems.

The Representative for the NOC of Sri Lanka informed that they were also experiencing the same problems as the NOC of Sudan concerning the NFs and the lack of concern from the IFs, and he urged the President of ANOC to initiate a dialogue with the IFs.

Answering the NOC of Sri Lanka, **the President of ANOC** confirmed that ANOC would always be working together with the Continental Associations, in cooperation with OS under the IOC's guidance, in order to find a solution for the countries in which the government was interfering. He further explained that during the meeting held with ASOIF on the previous day, both parties had expressed their interest to have the IFs as well as the NOCs intervening in such cases. He added that he was also awaiting the final document from the meeting convened by the IOC between the various stakeholders of the Olympic Movement, during which the Autonomy of sport had been dealt with among other issues.

Concerning funding, **the President of ANOC** stated he was confident in the IOC's ability to share up the funds between the NOCs and added that maybe in the future, following the approval of the document on the modernization of ANOC and the approval of the new Constitution, a new source of incomes might come in addition to the IOC, through some sort of event to be launched by ANOC.

The report on Olympic Solidarity as presented by **Mr. Pere Miró, Director of Olympic Solidarity** was received with appreciation by the Assembly.

Agenda Item No. 16 **Report by WADA**

The NOC:s received the brief overview of the new WADA Code as presented by **Mr. Rob Koehler, Director of Program Development of WADA**.

Agenda Item No. 17 **Miscellaneous**

17.1 REPORT FROM IOC MEMBERS

The President of ANOC asked **Mr. Patrick Hickey, Senior Vice-President of ANOC** to present a brief report on the deliberations and decisions taken during the IOC Executive Board meeting in St. Petersburg, and the President informed that it will become a tradition in all future General Assemblies.

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Senior Vice-President of ANOC presented a brief report on the deliberations and decisions taken during the IOC Executive Board meeting in St. Petersburg. He informed the Council on the major issues discussed by the EB:

- i) The proposal for additional sports on 2020 Olympic Programme – Baseball/Softball, Wrestling, Squash – to be forwarded to the IOC Session in Buenos Aires for a final decision.
- ii) To further monitor the situation within the NOCs of India, Pakistan, Ecuador and Sierra Leone.
- iii) To hold the 2015 World Conference on Sports for All in Durban, South Africa.
- iv) To grant provisional recognition to WFDF (World Flying Disc Federation.)

- v) The EB was of the opinion that the calendar of events is quite congested. There are too many meetings and sporting events and athletes are under stress. The IFs have also proposed that the Organizing Committee should pay for the officials who officiate at the continental games.
- vi) The EB decided to form a tripartite group consisting of IOC/IFs and ANOC to look into the calendar.

17.2. SITUATION OF THE NOC OF ECUADOR

The representative for the NOC of Ecuador informed on how things had developed as well as on the relations with the Government since the previous year when the Ministry of Sport had interfered in the affairs of 40 NFs. He explained that during a meeting held on May 25th of this year, the President of the Republic recognized the autonomy of the Federations. Following this, on June 8th of the current year, the Minister of Sport, the IOC Representative Mr. Alejandro Blanco and himself, as President in function, Mr. Marcelo Delgado Alvear, signed an agreement which he hoped would re-establish the Autonomy within about two and a half months after signing the agreement, according to the set calendar of activities.

The President of ANOC expressed thanks for the report and for the efforts made to recover autonomy. He commented that this issue would be taken up later by Olympic Solidarity and the Department of Relations with the NOCs, under Pere Miró's direction.

17.3 OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Alexander Zhukov, President of the Russian Olympic Committee congratulated the President of ANOC on successfully completing one year as ANOC President and stated that all decisions taken at the GA in Moscow have been fulfilled. ANOC now had a new Constitution, a new modernization document and the organization was becoming more energetic.

The ANOC President congratulated the European Olympic Committees for starting the European Games, the first edition of which should be held in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2015.

The representative for the NOC of Ghana commended the President of ANOC and the ANOC EC for significant achievement and further stated that:

- i) Racism in sports should not be tolerated
- ii) The Coordination Commission for the Olympic Games should look into the visa issuance for Olympic Games.

The representative for the NOC of Benin congratulated the President of ANOC for excellent work in such a short time. On a query from this NOC, **the President of ANOC** stated that the modernization document was not part of the Constitution but a road map for future activities and relations between the different stakeholders in the Olympic Movement. It was just a start and ANOC should keep developing the document as per its requirements.

The President of ANOC also informed that Ms. Barbara Kendall would be the representative of the Athletes' Commission on the ANOC EC. He further stated that a few more working commissions would be established and ANOC hopes to include female members from each continent in the commissions.

Agenda Item No. 18 Next ANOC General Assemblies

DECISION

On the recommendation of the President of ANOC, it was unanimously decided to hold the next ANOC General Assembly for the forthcoming years in the following cities:

- i) 2014 : Chiangmai, Thailand.
- ii) 2015 : Washington DC, USA
- iii) 2016 : Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The President of ANOC thanked all the IOC Members and IF Presidents whose presence was an added value to the ANOC Extraordinary General Assembly. He also thanked the hosting cities of the various Olympic Games and the candidate cities for their updates on their preparations.

The meeting was closed at 5 p.m.



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