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ANOC Secretary General Report for XIX ANOC General

Assembly Bangkok 2014

Mr. President of ANOC,

Mr. President of IOC,

Members of the ANOC Council,

IOC Colleagues,

Friends and colleagues from 204 NOCs,

Representatives from Upcoming Organizing Committees, IFs and Candidate Cities for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, Almaty and Beijing,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to present to you my report as Secretary General of ANOC.

16 months ago ANOC organized its Extraordinary General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland where you approved the proposals from our President His Excellency Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah regarding his visions for the future and the approval of the new constitution, and establishing of 9 ANOC Commissions and Working Groups after the recommendations of the ANOC Modernization Commission.

We also organized a reception in the garden of the new headquarters of ANOC and we had no access to the house as it was going to be renovated. You will soon see what it looks like today.

Mr. President, here we are gathered in Bangkok for our XIX ANOC General Assembly. 2014 has been a fantastic year and I want to once again to reiterate how inspiring it is to work under your leadership for the benefit of all 204 NOCs in the world. Mr. President, dear Council Members and colleagues from the NOCs let me now give my report on the activities of ANOC since we met last time in Lausanne.

ANOC COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Executive Council of ANOC has met five times since our General Assembly in Lausanne 2013:

- In Buenos Aires on September 6th, 2013
- In Lausanne on December 9th, 2013
- In Kuwait on March 31st, 2014
- In Lausanne on July 18th 2014
- In Bangkok on November 5th, 2014

During the Council Meetings many important decisions has been taken. One of the most important one was to approve the composition of the commissions with one representative per continent.

During our ANOC Council Meeting in Kuwait in March 2014 all commissions met for the first time to establish their terms of reference and their working plans for the future. There have been many commission meetings since then and the last ones here in Bangkok. The Commissions will report to you this afternoon about their progress and plans for the future.

THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN SOCHI 2014

First of all ANOC wants to once again congratulate the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi 2014 for excellent organization of the Games. The venues were fantastic, the Olympic Village great and the organization for the NOCs and their athletes was working very well.

ANOC also wants to congratulate the Russian NOC and its President Mr. Zhukov for the brilliant result of the Russian Team.

ANOC had an office in the NOC hotel during the whole games which proved to be very useful for the contacts with the NOCs

After the games ANOC made a survey among all 89 participating NOCs about proposals for the future. We received answer from NOCs that covered 90% of the athletes. ANOC Technical working group studied all the recommendations and a document has been sent to IOC as well as all participating NOCs.

I also presented the proposals from the NOCs at the official debrief of Sochi which took place in PyeongChang at the beginning of July 2014.

Many thanks and congratulations Sochi 2014 and all NOCs for responding to our questionnaire and also IOC and upcoming Organizing Committees for listening to ANOC proposals for the future.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES IN NANJING 2014

The Youth Games in Nanjing which took place in Nanjing, People's Republic of China in August 2014 was also a great success. I was representing the NOCs in the IOC Coordination Commission meetings and I must confess that was an easy work as everything worked very smoothly.

ANOC has sent out a survey to the NOCs and the answers are coming in. We will make a presentation to IOC when we have all answers which is also tackling the Youth Games in General. We will of course share the final product with you.

UPCOMING OLYMPIC AND YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

ANOC is working closely with the IOC and the Upcoming Organizing Committees to have the best conditions for the athletes and the officials in the Games. You will hear short reports from the OCOGs tomorrow morning and ANOC is following up all the issues in the IOC Coordination Commissions and as always we try to get the input from the NOCs before each CoCom.

UNESCO

ANOC became a member of the Consultative Council of UNESCO in December 2012 and has been participating in its meetings in Berlin, Paris and Uruguay through the President of the ANOC International Relations Commission Mr. Julio Maglione, its Vice President Mr. Tommy Sithole and member Alejandro Blanco. ANOC work closely with IOC in all questions related to UNESCO and United Nations.

COOPERATION WITH WADA

ANOC is working closely with WADA for the contacts with the NOCs. ANOC Medical Commission as well as ANOC Juridical Commission has also worked closely to follow up that the new implementation of the WADA Code is known among the NOCs. ANOC President has appointed the following persons for the different functions in WADA:

WADA Foundation Board	Dr. Rania Elwani, Egypt
	Dr. Fabio Pigozzi, Italy
WADA Executive Committee	Dr. Emanuel de Rose, Brazil

FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL BETTING

ANOC has been represented in the IOC working group for the fight against illegal betting through its legal expert Mr. Michael Chambers, Canada. ANOC Juridical Commission is also working on proposals to involve the NOCs more and make clear recommendations for the future work.

WORKING MEETINGS WITH IOC/IF

I have had many working meetings with the IOCs NOC Relations department, IOC Sports Department and IOC Olympic Games Department in order to follow up on the different proposals for the NOCs for the future.

ANOC has been involved in the qualification systems for Nanjing, the tripartite commission for Nanjing, rules for blogging and social media, the accreditation guide for Sochi and many technical questions for upcoming games in Rio 2016.

ANOC Senior Vice-President Patrick J. Hickey is together with John Coates from Australia and myself also members of a working group for proposals of rule 40 and 50 of the Olympic Charter.

Representatives from the ANOC Council and ASOIF also meet regularly to discuss common questions in the Olympic Movement.

RUSSIAN OLYMPIC UNIVERSITY

Continuing the cooperation with the scholarships for the Russian Olympic University in Sochi, ANOC has for 2014 given scholarships to Trevor Toka, Vanuatu and Natalia Brebu from Republic of Moldova.

I also visited the University during the Sochi games and met our students who were very pleased with the education.

CONTINENTAL MEETINGS

I have attended the General Assemblies of the continental associations and given an activity report of ANOC work to the NOCs in the different continents.

ANOC NEW LOGO

ANOC has a new logo since March 2014 and the logo has been welcomed with great support from all Olympic Stakeholders. It was created in cooperation with JTA and we thank them for the great work.

ANOC WEBSITE

ANOC new website is up and running since June 2014 and we thank all NOCs for providing us with information from your work in the respective countries. I ask you to be even more active and send us more news as we want our website to reach as many NOCs as possible as it's an important part of our new communication strategy.

ANOC MAGAZINE

ANOC now has its new magazine that is produced in cooperation with Inside the Games. We have launched two editions so far and you will receive a third edition after this General Assembly.

COOPERATION WITH AROUND THE RINGS

ANOC is continuing its cooperation with Around the rings and I hope you have found the Bangkok edition in your conference bag. It will also be a breakfast tomorrow morning between 8.00-9:00 in the Centara hotel with a panel discussion on NOCs in crises. ANOC is also contributing to the delivery of the web News of Around the Rings to all NOCs.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN BANGKOK

The XIX ANOC General Assembly is the biggest in our history and we have 204 NOCs, IFs and different sports organizations from all over the world attending with close to 1000 participants. We also have the honor of welcoming the President of IOC, the Honorary President of IOC as well as Special guests from all over the world. A special welcome to the State Counselor from Canton de Vaud Mr. Leuba who will address us in the afternoon. We owe the City of Lausanne and the Canton a lot of thanks for helping us hosting the ANOC Extraordinary General Assembly last year and also for the help to find our new headquarters.

In Bangkok we have also big support from the National Authorities, the Thai Olympic Committee and the Sports Authorities of Thailand. Thank you very much for the cooperation and contribution to this General Assembly.

Last but not least,

ANOC NEW HEADQUARTERS

As mentioned when I started my report the ANOC new headquarters is now ready and on 23 of August we moved into the renovated house. It is very nice and we have good working and meeting facilities. In January the EOC will have its board meeting there and we welcome of course all of you to visit the headquarters when you are in Lausanne and also if you want to come and work we have enough space to offer you.

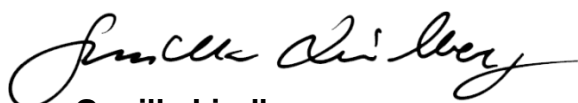
With the new headquarters, the new constitution, the commissions and all visions from our President ANOC, now has the role of an important umbrella organization in the Olympic Movement.

Let me finish my report by again telling you that standing here in front of your – 204 NOCs in the world – is an overwhelming feeling – and it once again proves that the Olympic Movement is the biggest peace movement in the world and I feel very privileged and honored to be a part of it.

I want to thank the President of ANOC, H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah as well as the ANOC Council for all their support. I also want to say a special thank you to the Continental Associations as well as to all of you the 204 NOCs and of course the President of IOC and all the IOC directors as well as all upcoming organizing committees, bid committees, IFs and special guests for very good cooperation during the past year.

My special thanks also goes to the ANOC administration both in Lausanne and Kuwait for their strong support and fantastic devoted work.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.



Gunilla Lindberg

ANOC Secretary General