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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ANOC XIX GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**BANGKOK, THAILAND – November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

The president of ANOC, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, opened the General Assembly and welcomed the participants. He thanked the Kingdom of Thailand and His Excellency the King for all their efforts made for the preparations of the ANOC meetings. He also thanked Dr. Bach, president of IOC, and other dignitaries for their presence.

The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, General Prayut Chan-o-cha, welcomed all the delegates to Bangkok and the General Assembly. He assured that his country was very proud to host such a big sports meeting.

The IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach, thanked H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah and all the participating NOCs for their support to the IOC, especially through their contribution to the Olympic Agenda 2020. He wished the general assembly very fruitful discussions and elections and said he looked forward to continuing the close collaboration with ANOC and its President.

H.E. Sheikh Al-Sabah informed about the progress made by ANOC in the two years since the General Assembly in Moscow such as: new Constitution, new headquarters, closer ties with the IOC and the IFs and improved autonomy for the NOCs. As for the whole Olympic Movement, he pointed out some important topics such as: autonomy, the fight against doping and illegal betting, and the sports calendar. He mentioned that two new ANOC events are also to be introduced in the near future: the Gala Awards Dinner that will take place for the first time this very evening and the Beach Games that will be introduced in the coming years. He also gave all the support to the IOC President, Dr. Thomas Bach, for the implementation of the Olympic Agenda 2020.

**ANOC AWARDS**

The President of ANOC presented the ANOC awards for 2014 to

**H.E. Lamine Diack, President of IAAF and**

**Dr. Thomas Bach, President of IOC.**

## **Agenda Item No. 1: ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Gunilla Lindberg, Secretary General of ANOC, informed the delegates that a total of 203 NOCs were present at the General Assembly which is a record number since the creation of the Association. The only missing NOC was US Virgin Islands who sent their apologies in the last moment due to illness.

A tribute was paid to 10 sports leaders from all around the world who had passed away since the last ANOC General Assembly in Lausanne, 2013, namely:

19.06 2013	Olafur E. Rafnsson, Iceland	NOC President
30.07 2013	Berthold Beitz, Germany	IOC Honorary Member
05.12 2013	Nelson Mandela, South Africa	President
01.03 2014	Gerhard van Dijk, Surinam	Former NOC President
27.05 2014	Fabrizio Stacchini, San Marino	Former NOC Secr.Gen.
01.06 2014	Feng-Shu Chang, Chinese Taipei	Former NOC President
12.09 2014	Alpha Ibrahima Diallo, Guinea	Former NOC President Former ANOC Vice-President IOC Honorary Member
20.07 2014	Justice Gino Camilleri, Malta	NOC President
14.09 2014	Predrag Manojlovic, Serbia	Former NOC Secr. Gen.
29.10 2014	Tay Wilson, New Zealand	Former NOC Secr. Gen. Former ANOC Council member IOC Honorary Member

The Assembly honored their memory with a minute of silence.

## **Agenda Item No. 2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LAUSANNE IN 2013.**

The ANOC Secretary General, Gunilla Lindberg, reported that the minutes had been sent out to all NOCs and that no written comments had been received in return.

### **DECISION:**

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly in Lausanne in 2013 were unanimously approved by the Assembly.

### **Agenda Item No. 3 : REPORT BY IOC**

After the introduction points the President of the IOC, Dr. Thomas Bach took the floor and thanked the ANOC President and the Assembly for the ANOC award he had just been presented with.

He then spoke of the importance of the Resolution that had just been adopted by the United Nations concerning the autonomy of sport and said it opens a door for NOCs to put sport at the service of society. He then referred to the Olympic Agenda 2020, saying it is preferable to address challenges with foresight rather than to regret missed opportunities on hindsight. The main justification for launching the Olympic Agenda now, he said, is the window of opportunity that opened when things started to go so well. Further proof that it is the right time to implement change is the fact that more than forty thousand submissions were received. He added that the forty recommendations drawn from all those submissions would soon be released and debated by the IOC at the IOC session in Monaco prior to their approval. If we want to have a dialogue with society, he said, we cannot be satisfied to keep up with it, we must take a leadership role in determining the role that sport should play in society. The Olympic Agenda embraces diversity to achieve unity: the unity necessary to protect and promote the Olympic values.

Mr. Christophe De Kepper, General Director of IOC, outlined the key ideas that emerged from the broad consultation carried out around the Olympic Agenda. Five clusters were identified: uniqueness of Olympic Games (bidding procedure – welcoming diversity, legacy aspects and resonance with a city, cost reduction – sustainability and legacy, differentiation of Olympic Games, Olympic program); Athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement (enhanced protection for athletes, match fixing, doping, non-discrimination); Olympism in Action: how to keep Olympism alive 365 days a year (Olympic channel, youth, environmental, cultural and women strategies); the IOC's role: unity in diversity (good governance and autonomy, transparency, ethics, merchandising); IOC structure and organization (membership, interaction with society, scope and composition of IOC commissions).

He informed the General Assembly about the different proposals and the time schedule for the decisions and the work ahead.

### **Agenda Item No. 4: REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF ANOC**

The President of ANOC informed that he had covered all of his points during his opening speech and the only topic still to mention was the approval of the floor for the new ANOC logo.

#### **DECISION:**

The new ANOC logo was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

**Agenda Item No. 5: REPORTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENTS**

**5.1 Africa – Lassana Palenfo**

**5.2 America – Julio Cesar Maglione**

**5.3 Asia – Zaiqing Yu**

**5.4 Europe – Patrick Hickey**

**5.5 Oceania – Robin Mitchell**

**DECISION:**

The reports of the Vice Presidents from the 5 continents were unanimously approved by the General Assembly. The reports are included as an annex to the minutes.

**Agenda Item No. 6: REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

**DECISION:**

The report of the Secretary General, Mrs. Gunilla Lindberg, was received with appreciation and approved by the General Assembly. The report is included as an annex to the minutes.

**Agenda Items No. 7 & 8: REPORT BY THE AUDITOR & REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMISSION**

**DECISION:**

The report of the Chairperson of the Finance and Audit Commission, as circulated and presented by Mr. Richard Peterkin, and the report of the Auditor, as presented by Pricewaterhouse Coopers, were both unanimously approved by the General Assembly. The reports are attached to the minutes.

**Agenda Item No. 9: AMENDMENTS TO ANOC CONSTITUTION**

The President of ANOC Juridical Commission, Mr. Michael Chambers, informed the General Assembly about the seven different amendments to the ANOC Constitution – that had also previously been forwarded to the NOCs.

**DECISION:**

The seven amendments to the Constitution of ANOC were unanimously approved by the assembly as per attached document.

**Agenda Item No. 10: ELECTIONS ACCORDING TO THE ANOC CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 12.17**

According to ANOC Constitution the following elections should take place at this General Assembly:

- President of ANOC for 2014 – 2018
- Senior Vice President of ANOC for 2014 – 2018

ANOC President asked the ANOC Vice President for Americas, Dr. Julio Maglione, to chair the General Assembly under this point. Dr. Maglione informed the Assembly that there was only one candidate nominated for the position of President of ANOC, H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah. He also informed that only one candidate was nominated for the Senior Vice President position and that was Mr. Patrick Hickey.

The floor asked for election by acclamation.

**DECISION:**

H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah and Mr. Patrick Hickey were both unanimously elected by acclamation as President and Senior Vice-President of ANOC, respectively, for 2014-2018.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers was unanimously approved by the assembly as auditor of ANOC upon recommendation of the ANOC Executive Council.

**Agenda Item No. 11: REPORTS BY THE CHAIRPERSONS OF ANOC COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS**

**11.1 ANOC Finance and Audit Commission – Richard Peterkin**

**11.2 ANOC Juridical Commission – Michael Chambers**

**11.3 ANOC Marketing and New Sources of Finance Commission – Kevan Gosper on behalf of Larry Probst**

**11.4 ANOC Athletes Commission – Barbara Kendall**

**11.5 ANOC Youth Working Group – Lord Sebastian Coe and one Youth representative, Isabel Emma Goodall**

**11.6 ANOC International Relations Commission – Julio Cesar Maglione**

**11.7 ANOC Medical Commission – Robin Mitchell**

**11.8 ANOC Modernization Follow up Commission – Kevan Gosper**

The Chairpersons of the above commissions reported to the General Assembly about their work during 2014 and also presented their road map for 2015.

## **DECISION:**

The reports of the different commissions were approved with appreciation by the General Assembly and are attached to the minutes.

### **Agenda Item No. 12: PRESENTATION BY Mr. PHILIPPE LEUBA, SWITZERLAND**

Mr. Philippe Leuba, State Counsellor of the Canton of Vaud and Head of the Department of Economy and Sport of Switzerland addressed the General Assembly. He vowed to strengthen the ties between sports and the academic and business environments and wished ANOC a warm welcome to their new home in Lausanne. He presented H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah with a photo of the ANOC Headquarters taken at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

ANOC President thanked Counsellor Leuba for his kind words and looked forward to close cooperation for the years to come.

### **Agenda Item No. 13: REPORT BY OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY**

Mr. Pere Miro, Director of Olympic Solidarity, reported to the General Assembly about the four year plan for its work that had been adopted by the Olympic Solidarity Commission.

The Commission had also had its meeting in Bangkok on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The power point presentation by Mr. Miro can be found on the ANOC website.

## **DECISION**

The report from the IOC Olympic Solidarity Commission was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

### **Agenda Item No. 14: REPORTS BY THE CANDIDATE CITIES FOR THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2022**

#### **14.1 Almaty, Kazakhstan**

#### **14.2. Beijing, Peoples Republic of China**

The presentations from the Candidate Cities for the Olympic winter Games 2022 were received with appreciation by the General Assembly.

ANOC President wished the two candidate cities best of luck for the election in 2015 at the IOC session in Kuala Lumpur.

**Agenda Item No. 15: REPORT BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD IN RIO DE JANEIRO 2016**

The Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 made a report to the General Assembly about the preparations for the Games.

After one logistical question was clarified, the report by the Organizing Committee of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro 2016 was approved and appreciated by the General Assembly.

**Agenda Item No. 16: REPORT BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN PYEONGCHANG 2018**

The Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang in 2018 made a presentation to the General Assembly about the progress of the preparations for the Winter Games.

The report by the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang 2018 was received with appreciation by the delegates.

**Agenda Item No. 17: REPORT BY IOC's NOC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

The IOC/NOC relations department made a presentation about their work for the NOCs and updated the General Assembly about important decisions taken.

The report on the IOC/NOC relations department was received with appreciation by the General Assembly.

Mr. Patrick Hickey, ANOC senior vice president spoke about his role as representative of ANOC in the IOC EB and informed the General Assembly also about his role as Delegate Member for Autonomy in IOC.

**Agenda Item No. 18: REPORT BY WADA**

The President of WADA, Sir Craig Reedie, informed the **General Assembly about the latest updates from WADA and the cooperation with the NOC:s**. The report of WADA was received with appreciation by the General Assembly.

**Agenda Item No. 19: REPORT BY CAS**

The President of CAS, Mr. John Coates, reported to the General Assembly about the activities of CAS. The report was received with appreciation by the delegates and is attached to the minutes.

**Agenda Item No. 20: REPORT BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE 2nd YOUTH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN LILLEHAMMER 2016**

The Organizing Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer 2016 made a progress report about the preparations for the games.

The report was received with appreciation by the delegates.

**Agenda Item No. 21: REPORT BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE 3rd YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES IN BUENOS AIRES 2018**

The Organizing Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in 2018 made a report about the preparations for their Games.

The report by the Organizing Committee of the 3rd Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires 2018 was received with appreciation by the General Assembly.

**Agenda Item No. 22: REPORT BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE XXII OLYMPIAD IN TOKYO**

The Organizing Committee of the XXII Olympiad in Tokyo made a progress report about their preparations for the Games.

The report was well received and appreciated by the General Assembly.

**Agenda Item No. 23: REPORT FROM JAPANESE PROJECT "SPORT FOR TOMORROW"**

The President of the Japanese NOC, Mr. Tsunekazu Takeda reported on the project "Sport for tomorrow".

The report was well received by the General Assembly.

**Agenda Item No. 24: BAKU 2015 - REPORT BY SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT PATRICK J. HICKEY**

ANOC Senior Vice President and President of the European NOC:s, Mr. Patrick J. Hickey reported on the preparations for the Inaugural European Games which will take place in Baku on June 12-28<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**Agenda Item No. 25: KAZAN 2015 – REPORT BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

ANOC Vice President and FINA President Dr. Julio Maglione introduced Mr. Azat Kadyrov, Director General of the FINA World Championships in Kazan 2015 who made a presentation about the preparations for the upcoming competitions.



**Agenda Item No. 26: WEBSITE PRESENTATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NOC, LUIS MEJIA OVIEDO**

ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah explained that the following two items were meant to share exemplary practices put in place by the NOCs of the Dominican Republic and the Czech Republic.

Mr. Luis Mejia Oviedo presented the project with establishing a website and also benefit from this for the marketing of an NOC.

The German NOC delegate asked a question concerning the financing of the NOC website project. Mr. Mejia Oviedo replied that part of the funds came from Olympic Solidarity. The rest was generated by the project itself, through publicity contracts. That income in turn helped to buy broadcasting rights for regional sports events which would then be viewed by users through the NOC website.

The presentation concerning IT given by the delegate from Dominican Republic NOC was received with appreciation by the delegates.

**Agenda Item No. 27: MARKETING PROGRAM – REPORT BY CZECH NOC**

The President of the Czech NOC, Mr. Jiri Kejval, made a presentation called “Bringing the Games to Prague” which described a project on how the NOC had created an Olympic Park in downtown Prague where the competitions from the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi was sent live and various demonstrations of winter sports took place. It was also a fan zone for supporting the athletes and cultural events.

The concept was a follow up of the successful Czech House in London 2012 which attracted 80,000 visitors during 17 days.

**Agenda Item No. 28: MISCELLANEOUS**

The representative from Djibouti NOC expressed gratitude to Dr. Bach for the resolution on the autonomy of NOCs and for moving the Agenda 2020 forwards.

The representative from Sri Lanka NOC requested that, in the future, the documents pertaining to the General Assembly be distributed two weeks before the event as per article 12.5 of the ANOC Constitution. Furthermore Sri Lanka requested that representation of small developing countries in the IOC membership be increased. If that were not possible, they suggested a rotary system whereby these countries could be represented on the IOC commissions in turns. Sri Lanka has been part of the Olympic Movement for 75 years but has never had the privilege of being represented on the IOC board or on any of its commissions.

The representative from the Samoa NOC requested an intercession from ANOC before the International Rugby Federation on behalf of its nation.

## **DECISION:**

ANOC President answered to the NOC of Sri Lanka that he will do everything possible to have documents ready as early as possible before the next General Assembly. He also explained that NOCs are increasingly well represented in the different IOC commissions.

He informed the delegate from Samoa that ANOC will try to collaborate as closely as possible with the newly appointed President of the Rugby Federation.

## **Agenda Item No. 29: RESOLUTIONS OF THE XIX ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The XIX ANOC General Assembly held in Bangkok, Thailand on November 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 decided to adopt the following resolutions:

1. The ANOC General Assembly supports procedures, criteria and proposals of IOC formulated in Olympic Agenda 2020, including the Olympic Channel.
2. The ANOC General Assembly thanks the United Nations and its Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki Moon, as well IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach, for the recently issued resolution concerning the autonomy of sports and the leadership of the IOC in matters of international sports movement.
3. The ANOC General Assembly approves the new logo of the organization.
4. The ANOC General Assembly approves all seven amendments to the ANOC Constitution.
5. The ANOC General Assembly supports the Youth Working Group of ANOC and will look into the possibility of having a representative of the Group as member of the ANOC Council.
6. The ANOC General Assembly approves the Gala Awards Dinner and its continuation in the future as well as the organization of World Beach Games.
7. The ANOC General Assembly supports the establishment of marketing and management seminars organized by the Marketing Commission as well as any other initiatives aimed at the diversification of sources of income for the NOCs.
8. The ANOC General Assembly approves its new President, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, its new Senior Vice-President, Mr. Patrick Hickey, its Secretary General, Mrs. Gunilla Lindberg, as well as the Vice-Presidents and the EC members from each of the continental associations for the term 2014 – 2018 (enclosed to the minutes).

## **Agenda Item No. 30: NEXT ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLIES**

The hosting of the next two ANOC General Assemblies in the appointed cities, Washington on 28-31<sup>st</sup> of October 2015 and Rio de Janeiro in 2016 (4-10<sup>th</sup> of April) was approved by the General Assembly.

Scott Blackmun, Secretary General of USOC, extended a warm invitation to everyone for the ANOC General Assembly in Washington which his NOC will host.

Dr. Thomas Bach, President of IOC, made a closing statement to the General Assembly. He pointed out that the record number of NOCs present reflected the unity and determination of the Olympic Movement. He praised the Gala Awards Dinner and encouraged Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al Sabah to continue the organization of this event. He also encouraged the pursuit of the World Beach Games project in a manner that does not jeopardize the uniqueness of the Olympic Games, on whose success the NOCs depend. He congratulated the Dominican Republic and Czech NOCs for their projects which are so much in line with the spirit of the Olympic Agenda 2020. He welcomed the NOCs to the IOC in Lausanne, reminding them that the stronger they are, the stronger the Movement is. He congratulated ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah on his re-election and offered to continue to cooperate with him as closely as before.

ANOC President H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah thanked the IOC President for his intervention. He also thanked the hosts of the General Assembly as well as all participating NOCs and invited guests for making the Assembly a very successful event.

With these words he declared the XIX General Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand, closed.

**Lausanne, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.**



**Gunilla Lindberg**

**ANOC Secretary General**