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## XX ANOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### REPORT BY THE ANOC VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE AMERICAS

Since the last ANOC General Assembly held in Bangkok on November 2014, the Pan American Sports Organization has carried out important activities, among which I would like to highlight the following:

#### 1. XVII Pan American Games "Toronto 2015"

The Toronto Pan American Games were evaluated as excellent due to their high organizational level, venues, services, attention to athletes, coaches and officials and the great sport, cultural and social legacy they left to the city.

The 41 NOCs members of PASO participated in competitions of 36 sports (28 Olympic sports and 8 Pan American sports) and 52 disciplines. The Games counted with the participation of 6,131 athletes, 1,278 officials and 4,300 volunteers.

It is important to highlight it was a great honor for PASO to have the President of the International Olympic Committee, Dr. Thomas Bach, present for various days and at the Toronto Pan American Games' Opening Ceremony. This was a great encouragement for the NOCs of the Americas, after a long absence of the IOC at PASO's events.

A very important activity was the meeting held last September at the city of Lima, Peru, with the presence of PASO, at which the Toronto Organizing Committee transferred knowledge to the "Lima 2019" Organizing Committee, whose Commissions are working at a very good rhythm. The expertise provided by Canada will certainly be very useful for them.

## 2. Programs to Support the NOCs

Providing support to the NOCs, their athletes and their activities has been a priority for the PASO Executive Committee.

The PASO Office maintains close relationships with the NOCs, following up the Pan American Olympic Solidarity Programs that had been coordinated and executed, in a great measure, by Reynaldo Gonzalez, PASO Executive Secretary, to whom we owe a deserved recognition for the many years he devoted to PASO.

The programs applied have been adjusted to the NOCs' specific needs. We have continued working towards securing support for the preparation of athletes, duly fulfilling one of the main objectives we set ourselves for the current quadrennial.

The assistance provided in this period has been much higher than in previous stages, not only due to the number of executed programs, but also due to their quality and diversity. Financial resources have been used with great responsibility, transparency and a rigorous and consistent control.

The participation of all NOCs of the Americas and the results of their athletes in the XVII Pan American Games "Toronto 2015", confirm the efficiency of the strategy applied by PASO through the IOC Olympic Solidarity and Pan American Olympic Solidarity.

### - High Level Technical Courses Program

The High Level Technical Courses Program that was approved and is being executed in the 2013 – 2016 quadrennial, is being fulfilled with excellent results.

Until now, a total of 45 courses on 31 sports have been held at 9 countries, with the participation of 1,731 participants; of them, 1,512 coaches and 219 experts.

The average attendance per course has been higher than in previous stages. The participation of Pan American Sports Confederations and International Federations has been key to achieve further quality and a higher technical level in the courses' development.

Evaluations carried out show that the results of this Program, with respect to quality and technical level, have been better than in previous quadrennials.

- **Continental Scholarships for Athletes Program**

PASO gives further priority to the Continental Scholarships for Athletes Program, which began on January 2014. After more than a year, we may assert its results have been very favorable. 235 athletes from 35 NOCs have taken advantage of this Program, on 18 sports.

The Chile Olympic Center has welcomed 59 athletes of 9 Olympic Committees for the sports of Boxing, Judo, Gymnastics, Shooting, Table Tennis, Fencing, Tennis and Archery.

The United States Olympic Center has welcomed 56 athletes of 11 Olympic Committees for the sports of Weightlifting, Wrestling, Modern Pentathlon, Cycling and Triathlon.

Scholarships granted at the Mexican Olympic Sport Center have been used by 120 athletes from 15 Olympic Committees for the sports of Taekwondo, Archery, Athletics, Swimming, Boxing, Cycling, Weightlifting, Table Tennis and Rowing.

- **Preparation of Athletes Plan**

The Special Program for the Preparation of Athletes to support the NOCs in 2015 has been consistently applied and under this concept, each NOC member of PASO has received an important amount of funds, much higher than the amount received in previous quadrennials, to be used towards their athletes' preparation for the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games and the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

This additional financial support to the NOCs is an important contribution to the efforts to endorse their plans and objectives foreseen for the current Olympic cycle. It should be highlighted that each Olympic Committee has acted with due responsibility and transparency for the presentation of each financial report related to funds received under this concept.

**3. Activities**

- The IOC Olympic Solidarity Office and PASO carried out jointly the Regional Forums for the Americas corresponding to 2015, with the theme "Preparation for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games". The Seminar for Spanish speaking NOCs was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina and the one for English speaking NOCs was held in Suriname. The results were considered very useful for the NOCs' work towards Games.
- Next October the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, we will hold here in Washington a Workshop, with the participation of all NOCs members of PASO. The main goal is reaching consensus towards our regional organization's repositioning. To this end, we have worked on the organization of this event and have informed the NOCs the

themes that will be discussed. Opinions and proposals from the NOCs have been received as well.

- The Commission in charge of preparing the PASO Statute Amendments continues working on this. A Draft was circulated to the NOCs; a feedback process is ongoing and once the ideas that come up from the Workshop we will hold here in Washington are included in it, the Draft will be circulated once again to the NOCs for their study and subsequently, it will be submitted to the General Assembly's approval. The new Statute should be in line with the Olympic Charter and the IOC's and ANOC's guidelines and to this end, it will have to be submitted to their approval. Afterwards, in a framework of a fully modernized organization, we will proceed to elect the new PASO Executive Committee and President.
- With the Executive Committee's authorization, the PASO Office's work has been restructured towards carrying out its activities more professionally and to improve the Programs implemented by PASO, to achieve further efficiency in the daily activities of our Office in Mexico City.

The general evaluation of PASO's operation and activities carried out in the last year may be considered favorable and allows us to assert the objectives of this stage have been fulfilled; nevertheless, we are certain it is still possible to attain higher efficiency levels. This is what PASO and its members strive for; that is the reason why we will hold the Workshop, to allow us to find solutions and formulas that lead our collective efforts towards improving our methods and working styles.

*Next, I am pleased to present a brief video of the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games' highlights.*

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