Meeting agenda

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

4th Meeting

Date: 27.10.15
Time: 14:00 – 17:30
Place: WASHINGTON, DC
Organizer: ANOC

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CHAIRMAN MAGLIONE Julio César (Uruguay)
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SUBJECT

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1. Welcome by the ANOC President
2. Welcome by the Chairman

3. Strengthen Role of ANOC at the world governmental – nongovernmental and sport system.
   • ANOC – UNESCO MEORANDUM OF UNDERTANDING
   • ANOC - CIGEPS/UNESCO
     ➢ MINEPS V - Implementation of Berlin Declaration
     ➢ International Chart of Physical Education and Sport
   • ANOC - IOC collaboration and coordination

4. Miscellaneous
5. Next Meeting
According to the guidelines set by our President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah when he assumed, a series of actions and activities for the progress and development of sport in order to modernize our organization where established, it was created, among others, the International Relations Committee of ANOC.

Since then, our Committee has held three plenary meetings: March 2014 in Kuwait, November 2014 in Bangkok and in June 2015 in Lausanne, concurring to the same all its members, representing the five continents.

The central objective of the work entrusted to our Commission, is to strengthen the position and role of ANOC in world sports movement. This requires a coordinated action with government and non-governmental organizations in cooperation with the IOC and its partners. It’s necessary to work in harmony and mutual respect, in order to obtain better results in order to achieve progress and social development, through the sport’s benefits.

Step by step we have tried to fulfil the action plans, which include activating and strengthening the role of ANOC at UNESCO and the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), in close collaboration and coordination with the International Olympic Committee.

Since the beginning of our work, we have been and we are working with UNESCO to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). At our last meeting, in June of this year in Lausanne, we report in detail on the measures taken and results achieved in this regard.

At that time, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) draft between UNESCO and ANOC was already prepared and we were looking for a date and a place to be signed by our President and the Secretary General of UNESCO Dr Irina Bokova, having foreseen the possibility that this event will be here in Washington, in the framework of the General Assembly of ANOC.

Section of Sport and Youth of UNESCO informs us on September 4, the procedures for signing this type of agreement changed and that the steps are:

1. ANOC submits to the Director-General of a formal request for partnership along with the required documentation
2. The Director-General formally confirms the admission of ANOC as official partner (consultative status with UNESCO) – this reply will be provided swiftly (two weeks after receipt of the request)
3. Between 2015 and 2017, ANOC and UNESCO conclude one or several agreements on specific projects.
4. In 2017, ANOC requests admission to associate status. At its 2018 spring session, UNESCO’s Executive Board admits ANOC.
5. ANOC and UNESCO conclude a partnership agreement in 2018.

ANOC Office immediately sent to UNESCO all the requested documentation and the process is now underway.

On this, Mr Philipp Müller-Wirth (Executive Director of Sport and Youth Section of UNESCO) will inform us, who honours us with his presence on behalf of our friend, a great supporter and member of the Commission, Mr. Alexander Schischlik, Head of Sport and Youth Section of UNESCO, who was unable to accompany us.
We have also worked with the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sports CIGEPS which is the organization where the senior officials and sports ministers of all countries are, therefore, as everyone knows, we have incorporated into our committee to its President, Prof. Arnaldo Rivero Fuxa, current President of CIGEPS - UNESCO, who is here with us today and who will be requested to inform us about the action taken, particularly in relation to MINEPS V and the update of the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport. It should be noted that our Vice President, Tommy Sithole and I, have participated representing ANOC, in meetings held on these topics. Looking back on, CIGEPS in these documents, promotes principles similar to ours such as: gender equality has to be promoted, people with disabilities have to be acknowledged as equal partners, relations between sport and government has evolved, responsible autonomy is now acknowledged by the United Nations itself, the integrity of sport, prevention of illegal betting and ensuring clean sport is the responsibility of all and physical education must be a part of normal education in all schools.

In addition to UNESCO and CIGEPS, we are trying to coordinate with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Fund for Children UNICEF.

All this work, all our initiatives go hand in hand and are coordinated with the successful work the International Olympic Committee is conducting, led by its President Dr Thomas Bach.

As Permanent Observer to the United Nations, the IOC actively supported the process of the post-2015 Development Agenda. The new agenda is a comprehensive set of universal and transformative goals and targets that build on the Millennium Development Goals.

In a speech to the United Nations in New York on September 26, attended by some 160 Heads of State and Government and other world leaders, including Pope Francis, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach praised the inclusion of sport in the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), calling it a historic moment that recognizes the important role that sport plays in promoting healthy lifestyles, education, peace and social inclusion.

“Sport is natural partner when it comes to realizing the ambitious agenda that will guide global development over the next 15 years,” “The IOC shares the ambitious goals of peaceful development of humanity – and based on our shared values of tolerance, solidarity and peace, we are committed to continued cooperation with the United Nations and its Member States to make the Sustainable Development Goals a reality. Let us continue to strengthen our partnership so that we can work together for a better world.” said Bach.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in this occasion: “Olympic Principles are United Nations Principles”.

Paragraph 37 “Transforming Our World: Agenda 2030 for sustainable development” of the UN declaration states:

“Sport is Also an Important enabler of sustainable development. We Recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of peace in ITS development and promotion of tolerance and respect and the It Makes Contributions to the to the empowerment of women and young people, Individuals and Communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives”.
As expressed by the President Bach, "this success to the sport also means a great responsibility for the sport."

For us, members of this commission and all sport movement, this achievement opens up new doors and also forces us to work harder to achieve, with the IOC, the objectives that contribute to place sport at the service of humanity.

In this sense, we must highlight the very important work being conducted by our President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, who has established partnerships between ANOC and ASOIF, ASWOIF and SPORTACORD because for activities for sport development and progress is required to have perfect relations with all members of the Olympic Movement.

This year, as usual since 1993, a new United Nations resolution on the Olympic Truce during the Olympic Games Rio 2016 will be approved.


We must continue working to ensure the participation of all National Olympic Committees in these activities and thus strengthen the role of our organization in the political context - global sport side by side with the IOC and in compliance with Agenda 2020 nominations, with the objective that the sport remains as an instrument of peace and understanding among nations.