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TO THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

Lausanne, 10 August 2016

Re: 2016 Changes to the ANOC Constitution

Dear NOC Members,

At this year's ANOC General Assembly to be held in Doha, Qatar, there will be a few changes to the ANOC Constitution to be presented to the NOCs for adoption. Most are changes of an administrative nature; one is substantive. The proposed changes, all of which have received ANOC Executive Council approval, are detailed below.

1. Addition of Continental Associations as ANOC Members

This amendment adds Continental Associations as members of ANOC. They have no vote (only NOCs have a vote at ANOC General Assemblies) and have no right to appoint delegates. They are represented at ANOC General Assemblies by their respective Continental Vice-Presidents (and other Continental Association Executive Council Members). The new title to Article 7 and added subparagraph 7.2 are set out below:

7. *Members (NOCs and Continental Associations)*

7.1 Every NOC recognised by the IOC is a Member of the Association, subject to this Constitution.

7.2 Every Continental Association recognized by the IOC is a Member of the Association, subject to this Constitution. Continental Associations do not have a right to vote. They are represented at General Assemblies by their respective ANOC Continental Vice Presidents or in the case of the absence of an ANOC Continental Vice-President by such other member of the Executive Council from his or her Continent as he or she may designate.

2. Removal of Constitutional Requirement for Continental Associations Reports on General Assembly Agenda and addition of Secretary General's Report

This constitutional amendment removes "Continental Associations' reports", Article 12.6c, from the list of required agenda items for ANOC General Assemblies and adds the ANOC Secretary General's Report as a required agenda item.

12.6 Agenda to include: The agenda for an Ordinary General Assembly shall include the following items:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly;
- b) President's report;
- c) **Secretary General's report;**
- d) Any appointments of persons to Honorary Positions upon the recommendation of the Executive Council
- e) ...

3. Addition of notice of Meeting Provisions for Executive Council Meetings

Inadvertently, the new ANOC Constitution that was adopted in June, 2013, did not have any provisions dealing with notice that was to be given for Executive Council meetings. Below are the new articles, Articles 13.17 and 13.18, which are to be added to the Constitution to fill this gap.

13.17 Notice of Meetings: Notice of the date, time and venue for the holding of a meeting of the Executive Council shall be given in the manner provided in the Notices Rule of this Constitution to every member of the Executive Council not less than 10 days before the date when the meeting is to be held.



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Notice of the meeting shall not be necessary if all of the Executive Council members are present and none object to the holding of the meeting, or if those absent have waived notice of or have otherwise signified their consent to the holding of the meeting. Notice of an adjourned meeting is not required if the date, time and venue of the adjourned meeting is announced at the original meeting.

13.18 Meetings without Notice: A meeting of the Executive Council may be held on any date and at any time and venue without notice or shorter notice than is provided in Rule 13.17, and proceedings thereat shall not be invalidated if all the Executive Council members are present in person (other than expressly to object that the meeting is not lawfully called) or if not so present have received notice, and before or after the meeting or the time prescribed for the notice thereof, in writing waive notice of or accept short notice of the meeting.

4. Simple wording additions to Article 13.20h (will become 13.22h after the above Articles 13.17 and 13.18 are added)

The purpose of this amendment is to make it clear that all ANOC Commissions' Terms of Reference are to be decided by the Executive Council. The additional wording is identified below (you will also note the change to the names of the Finance Commission and to the Juridical Commission):

13.20 Powers and Responsibilities: The powers and Responsibilities of the Executive Council are to:

- ...
- h. Appoint a Finance and Audit Commission, a Legal Commission, and such other Commissions, Working Groups, and other advisory bodies as it sees fit, all subject to such Terms of Reference as shall be decided by the Executive Council.
- ...

5. Commissions' name changes

As just mentioned above, this last amendment simply changes the names of the formerly titled Finance and Juridical Commissions to their currently used names, Finance and Audit Commission and Legal Commission. Therefore Articles 13.1l/m and 13.20h (to become 13.22h) are to be amended accordingly as set out below:

13.1 Composition: The Executive Council shall be comprised of:

- ...
- l. the Chair of the ANOC Finance and Audit Commission, ex officio, as a non-voting member;
- m. the Chair of the ANOC Legal Commission, ex officio, as a non-voting member; and
- ...

Article 13.20h see above under point 4.

I'm available to answer any questions that any NOC Member may have in advance of the XXI ANOC General Assembly or of course at the General Assembly itself.

With my best regards,

Michael Chambers
Chair
ANOC Legal Commission

