ANOC applauds the great success of the Olympic Games Rio 2016. Half the world’s population watched coverage from Rio 2016, giving unparalleled visibility to all NOCs and showing the universal appeal and relevance of the Olympic Games. ANOC notes the great work of all its NOCs for demonstrating great solidarity and unity in light of the unprecedented economic and political situation in Brazil, thereby contributing to the overall success of the Games.

Building on the momentum generated from Rio 2016 allows ANOC to look ahead to the upcoming Olympic Games PyeongChang 2018, Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 with much confidence.

ANOC takes note of the IOC’s recent decision to increase its support for all NOCs, as highlighted in the announcement of USD 509,285,000 in funds for the 2017-2020 development and assistance budget plan of Olympic Solidarity. ANOC is particularly grateful for the increased funds from Olympic Solidarity, as they represent an increase of 16 per cent compared to the 2013-2016 budget, which will allow all NOCs to strengthen their support for athletes and sports in their countries.

ANOC reiterates its support for the IOC decision to allow the participation of clean Russian athletes in Rio 2016. It was the right decision that balanced the principles of individual justice and collective responsibility.

Protecting the clean athletes and the fight against doping remains a top priority for ANOC going forward. ANOC supported the declaration of the most recent Olympic Summit along with all other stakeholders of the Olympic Movement for the proposal by the IOC to reform the WADA anti-doping system. ANOC restates its support for the common goal to make the WADA anti-doping system independent from sports organizations and national interests and in that way, make it more robust, more efficient, more transparent and more harmonized.

ANOC remains committed to the reform process as outlined during the Olympic Summit and it stands ready to support this process in any way it can. This applies in particular to:
  o independent testing and sanctioning authorities;
  o a separation of power also with regard to sanctioning, that means sanctions to be imposed independently from WADA;
  o discussions between the Olympic Movement and Governments about a more transparent governance model for WADA including the joint appointment of a neutral WADA President.

ANOC reiterates its support for the principle of the autonomy of sports organizations that form the Olympic Movement and condemns all kinds of interference in the internal governance of sports organizations. ANOC supports the IOC’s position with regards to the current situation of the Olympic Movement in Kuwait, in particular the IOC’s decision not to recognize the so called “Interim Board of the Kuwait Olympic Committee”.

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