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Dear President,
Dear Colleagues and Distinguished Guests,
Dear Friends,

The roadmap that the EOC set itself at the start of this quadrennial hinges upon promoting the Olympic values in Europe and beyond, and ensuring alignment with Olympic Agenda 2020.

Today I would like to share with you our results and show you how we continue to translate our objectives into real and meaningful achievements for our Members, the most important of which I shall now very briefly list.

Athletes

Our athletes are gravely concerned and shaken by the events that have surrounded sport in recent times. Our key objective is now be to restore their trust in the Olympic Movement by taking measure to ensure that clean athletes are protected and that a level playing field is ensured.

Good governance

We strongly believe that good governance is a cornerstone of the Olympic Movement, without which there can be no true dialogue with the world of politics and there can be no serious dialogue with sponsors.

For us good governance has eight major characteristics. It is participatory; consensus oriented; accountable; transparent; responsive; effective and efficient; equitable and inclusive; and follows the rule of law. You will note how all this dovetails perfectly with the principles and ideals of the Olympic Movement.

We continue to promote good governance across the whole of our Organisation and its Members.

Autonomy

The autonomy and the specific nature of sport are being challenged more and more and we must redouble our efforts to defend these fundamental values.

This issue presents complex legal aspects and also goes to touch some of the EU's most treasured



principles, principles that we share but that cannot and must not be applied to sport. The key here is “responsible autonomy”, which brings us right back to good governance.

As you all know, the IOC has succeeded in getting the UN to recognise that sport is an important enabler for global social and economic progress, and this gives us a golden opportunity to reach out to our governments, an opportunity we must not miss, and for which the IOC have provided us the tools.

European Youth Olympic Festivals

The EYOFs, Europe’s major multisport event for junior athletes, take place every two years, with a winter and a summer edition. The next Winter EYOF will be in Erzurum in February 2017, whilst the summer EYOF will be in Győr, in Hungary, in June 2017.

At our General Assembly this year we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the EYOFs, launched by the then President of the EOC Jacques Rogge in 1991.

Games of the Small States of Europe

The Games of the Small States of Europe bring together almost 1,000 athletes from the nine smallest states in our continent, each with less than a million inhabitants. It is a hugely successful event that is highly regarded by the countries concerned, with each taking a turn to host them.

The next GSSE will be held in San Marino in 2017.

Gender Equality

The IOC is quite rightly pressing the whole of the Olympic Movement to improve gender balance, particularly at the decision making level. Our Gender Equality in Sport Commission - a very talented group - are very active, and pushing hard on this front.

Olympic Agenda 2020

Olympic Agenda 2020 is at the forefront of our thinking, and guides our activities in all areas. President Bach’s 40 resolutions are a roadmap for the EOC, which influences and supports our strategic planning.

He was absolutely right when, despite the misgivings of many, he saw the need to change the Olympic Movement, and he has our full and continued support.

Anti-doping and the fight against the manipulation of sports competitions

On the subject of anti-doping, I want to reiterate that the EOC and its members fully and actively support WADA and its Code, which is implemented at the European Games.

As recent events have clearly shown, we consider doping a menace to the Olympic Movement and will do everything in our power to block it.

But let’s not forget that another threat to the integrity of sport is the manipulation of sports competitions. This is on the increase due to the relatively new trend of ‘in-play’ betting, which has



grown in popularity as mobile technology and social media have advanced. The EOC is ready to play its part in a global crackdown.

European Games

The 2019 European Games have been assigned to Minsk, Belarus, a city with impressive facilities and good track record in terms of organising major events. The exact dates are yet to be defined but will be the second half of June. The sports programme is currently being agreed with the host city and Federations, and is expected to include 12/14 sports.

Conclusion

In conclusion, these are our main goals and achievements. For all our activities we are progressively implementing Olympic Agenda 2020 and its guiding principles.

And I must add here that none of what we have achieved would have been possible without the strong and excellent relationships we have with all our different partners and stakeholders.

Lastly, I want to close by thanking IOC President Bach once again for his vision and his determination in bringing such positive and momentous change to the Olympic Movement through Olympic Agenda 2020, and to thank ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Sabah for having embraced renewal at ANOC. The EOC welcomes, and strongly supports, this evolution.

It is thanks to the vision of these two extraordinary men that the Olympic Movement can look forward to a truly bright future.

Thank you all for your attention.