



## Association of Summer Olympic International Federations 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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### Minutes

#### 1. OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1 **The ASOIF President (President)** opened the 47<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly and welcomed the delegates attending both those in person in Lausanne, Switzerland, and those by video-conference. He acknowledged the presence of **Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)** at the ASOIF General Assembly and expressed his thanks and appreciation on behalf of the members. **The President** invited **Mr Thomas Bach** to address the General Assembly.

##### 1.1. IOC President's Speech

- 2 **Mr Thomas Bach** congratulated ASOIF on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and complimented ASOIF on its achievements and contribution to the Olympic Movement over the past four decades. He highlighted the important role of the International Federations (IFs) in delivering the Olympic Games, particularly during the preparations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games which were held in 2021, under unprecedented circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also thanked the IFs for their collaboration on the topic of the potential return to participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes to international competitions but acknowledged that there was no easy solution. He stressed the importance of safeguarding the autonomy of sport organisations and of bringing the world together peacefully at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 3 **The President** thanked **Mr Thomas Bach** for addressing the ASOIF General Assembly and presented him with ASOIF's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative publication, [40 Years of ASOIF 1983-2023](#).

##### 1.2. ASOIF President's Opening Remarks

###### **Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in international competitions**

- 4 **The President** reminded the members of ASOIF's position regarding the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in international competitions. Firstly, following the Olympic Summit in December 2022, ASOIF had supported the spirit of IOC's proposal to explore the

potential participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in international competitions. Secondly, ASOIF had agreed to collaborate with the IOC and National Olympic Committees (NOCs) on clarifying a workable definition of “neutral athletes”. Thirdly, ASOIF remained ready to support and assist the concerned IFs in their implementation and harmonisation of [IOC’s recommendations](#).

- 5 **The President** stressed that ASOIF fully respected each member IF’s position on this subject and acknowledged that this had been a highly complex matter in terms of each IF’s specificity and their particular Olympic qualification process. He also reiterated the importance of resisting public authorities’ interference in sport matters.

#### **Paris 2024 Olympic Games**

- 6 **The President** acknowledged the attendance of the Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (OCOG). He said that although there was only one year to go, the Paris 2024 OCOG had been addressing various challenges related to the financial constraints under which they now operated. He suggested that the IFs should remain flexible and supportive.

#### **Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games**

- 7 **The President** reported that the Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) OCOG had been in close co-operation with the IOC to finalise the LA28 sports and disciplines programme. He said that ASOIF was ready to offer the necessary support, taking into consideration the total athletes’ quota.

#### **Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games**

- 8 **The President** reported that Brisbane 2032 had recently secured a funding deal with local governments. He added that Queensland already had approximately 80% of the venues in place for the Olympic Games. He said that this was an assurance that Brisbane 2032 would be able to deliver a sustainable Olympic Games.
- 9 **The President** also reported that, as a member of the IOC Future Host Commission, there had already been positive initial discussions regarding the potential hosts for the Olympic Games after Brisbane 2032.

#### **IOC Safeguarding Working Group**

- 10 **The President** said that he had sent formal correspondence to the IOC requesting a collective approach on safeguarding issues for the Olympic Movement. He reported that the IOC had created a safeguarding working group, chaired by IOC Member HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein, to consider the best approach to putting in place independent safeguarding systems within the Olympic Movement. He expressed his gratitude to the IOC for establishing such an initiative.

#### **Global Association of International Sports Federations and SportAccord**

- 11 **The President** reported that, following the dissolution of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) in November 2022, the SportAccord Executive Committee had been reviewing the statutes for the subsequent restructured SportAccord. He said that although the SportAccord Convention would not be organised this year, the IF Forum would be held in mid-November 2023. He revealed that during the IF Forum, the new SportAccord Statutes would be presented for approval and its new Executive Committee would be in place, which would consist of all IF umbrella associations, following the liquidation of GAISF’s remaining assets.

## 2. ROLL CALL

- 12 **The ASOIF Deputy Executive Director (Deputy Executive Director)** conducted the Roll Call and confirmed that all 28 ASOIF Full Members and four Associate Members were present. Therefore, the 47<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly's quorum had been met in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes [Article 4.3](#).

## 3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

- 13 **The President proposed**, on behalf of the ASOIF Council (Council), to appoint two scrutineers for the 47<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly: **Ms Hilary Atkinson (International Hockey Federation)** and **Mrs Christine Hauselmann (ASOIF Secretariat)**.
- 14 **The General Assembly approved the appointment of the scrutineers** ([voting results](#)).  
*Yes: 23 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 4.*

## 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 46<sup>TH</sup> ASOIF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 15 **The General Assembly approved the minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
*Yes: 24 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.*

## 5. REPORT OF THE ASOIF COUNCIL

- 16 **The President** congratulated the IF Presidents who had been elected or re-elected and the IF Secretaries General who had been elected or appointed since the 46<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly as follows (in alphabetical order of surname):
- **Mr Fernando Aguerre** re-elected President of the International Surfing Association
  - **Mr Ingmar De Vos** re-elected President of the International Equestrian Federation
  - **Mr Riccardo Fraccari** re-elected President of the World Baseball Softball Confederation
  - **Mr Tayyab Ikram** elected President of the International Hockey Federation
  - **Mr Gianni Infantino** re-elected President of the International Federation of Football Association
  - **Mr Mohammed Jalood** elected President of the International Weightlifting Federation
  - **Mr Luciano Rossi** elected President of the International Shooting Sport Federation
  - **Dr Lisa Allan** elected General Secretary of the International Judo Federation
  - **Mr Willi Grill** appointed Secretary General of the International Shooting Sport Federations
  - **Mr Richard Pettit** appointed Secretary General of the International Canoe Federation
  - **Mr Jeongkang Seo** appointed Secretary General of World Taekwondo
  - **Mr Antonio Urso** elected General Secretary of the International Weightlifting Federation
  - **Mr Andreas Zagklis** re-appointed Secretary General of the International Basketball Federation
- 17 **The President** invited the Deputy Executive Director to present the report of the Council including an update of ASOIF's main activities since the 46<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly.

## **Governance Task Force**

- 18 **The Deputy Executive Director** stated that the Fourth Review of IF Governance report had been published in June 2022, which had revealed significant progress made by the IFs. He said that the target of Full Members reaching an overall score of 130, with a reduced target score of 120 for the Associate Members, had almost been met.
- 19 **The Deputy Executive Director** also reported that the revision of the methodology for the fifth governance assessment was underway and was scheduled for launch in October 2023. He said that the IFs had been provided with these updates during the ASOIF Governance Workshop that had taken place in April 2023.

## **Consultative and Advisory Groups**

- 20 On behalf of the Council, the **Deputy Executive Director** expressed his gratitude to ASOIF's eight consultative and advisory groups, which comprised approximately 65 senior IF representatives contributing their expertise to the groups' respective areas of focus. He highlighted some of the outcomes from the eight groups' projects and initiatives which had been well received by the ASOIF members.
- 21 **The ASOIF Olympic and Multi-Sport Games Consultative Group (AOMSG), chaired by Mr Kelly Fairweather (Chief Executive Officer (CEO), International Tennis Federation (ITF))**, had been working in close collaboration with the IOC and the OCOGs. The AOMSG regularly reviewed the Games-related policies and had been defending the collective interests of the ASOIF member IFs at the Olympic Games.
- 22 **The ASOIF Diversity and Gender Equality Consultative Group (ADGEG), chaired by Ms Sabrina Ibáñez (Secretary General, International Equestrian Federation (FEI))**, had recently concluded the third edition of the "Women Lead Sports" online masterclass. The online course aimed to empower potential female leaders to serve in the elective positions of their respective federations, thereby increasing the number of women in leadership positions across the Olympic Movement. The programme had provided more than 35 women representing over 20 sports with customised training to advance their leadership skills. Following the training, many participants had been promoted or elected as Presidents and board members of their respective federations.
- 23 **The ASOIF Legal Consultative Group (ALCG), chaired by Mr Antonio Arimany (Secretary General, World Triathlon)**, regularly monitored the legal issues that might affect the IFs and had recently engaged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport on a variety of topics collectively on behalf of ASOIF's membership. The ALCG had been following the development of the European Union (EU) competition law cases related to the IFs, particularly the Super League case in football and that of the International Skating Union case. The EU Advocate General had issued non-binding opinions in December 2022, which recognised the IF as a sport regulator and event organiser without breaching EU competition law. The European Court of Justice would issue its decisions soon, which was expected to align with the Advocate General's opinions.
- 24 **The ASOIF Sustainability Consultative Group (ASCG), chaired by Mr David Graham (CEO, World Sailing)**, had been established by the Council in November 2022. The ASCG had held its first meeting in March 2023 and would continue its collaboration with the IOC and the IF experts to explore a collective initiative on sustainability.
- 25 **The ASOIF Technology and Innovation Consultative Group (TICG), chaired by Mr Nicolas Chapart (Head of Digital, International Basketball Federation (FIBA))**, had been leading a pilot project on IFs' innovation strategy involving the International Canoe Federation and World Rowing, in collaboration with ThinkSport (a Swiss sports innovation company).

- 26 **The ASOIF Commercial Advisory Group (CAG), chaired by Mr Antony Scanlon (Executive Director, International Golf Federation (IGF))**, had been monitoring the delivery of IOC's various initiatives, such as the Olympic Urban Series and the Olympic Virtual Series. The CAG had hosted the third ASOIF Commercial Workshop in April 2023 which had gathered 30 commercial and marketing experts from the IFs. The CAG would once again commission a study on the viewership demographics of all sports at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, which would be complementary to the data collection of the IOC and would be distributed to the ASOIF members on an individual basis.
- 27 **The ASOIF Sport Development and Education Group (ASDEG), chaired by Ms Deqa Niamkey (Development Director, United World Wrestling)**, had held its annual ASOIF Development and Education Workshop in May 2023, bringing together 50 experts from 29 IFs to discuss common challenges and opportunities related to digitalisation, evaluation of return on investment of IF development programmes and sport initiations at multi-sport events.
- 28 **The Deputy Executive Director** invited the **Chair of the ASOIF Medical and Science Consultative Group (AMSCG), Dr Margo Mountjoy (Medical Committee Member, IGF)** to provide an update of the group's activities.
- 29 **Dr Margo Mountjoy** reported that the AMSCG had published the [ASOIF Health Care Guidelines for IF Events](#) (Guidelines) in March 2020. She expressed her gratitude to the IFs for their contribution to this publication, which had been adopted by many IFs as a base guideline for their respective events. She also reported that the AMSCG had hosted the ASOIF Medical Workshop in November 2022, where the IFs' medical chairs had exchanged views on important topics, such as the athletes' mental health, safeguarding, technology relating to health and well-being and transgender issues. She revealed that the AMSCG had launched a new IF anti-doping expenditure and activities survey, of which the previous study was conducted in 2016. In addition, she disclosed that the AMSCG had initiated a pilot study on the prevalence of harassment and abuse, currently with the participation of World Archery, World Aquatics, World Rowing, ITF and IGF. She said that this pilot study would provide the sport medical and science community with the first recent and relevant documented references of the athletes' experiences, which would be fundamental for the IFs to develop prevention and intervention measures to safeguard the athletes. Finally, she disclosed that, as a result of the Guidelines, a project to produce training videos for safe removal of injured athletes from the field of play had been underway, which would be launched for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 30 **The Deputy Executive Director** also acknowledged the **Association of Paralympic Sports Organisations (APSO)**, of which the mission was to represent the interests of the IFs within the Paralympic Movement. **Chaired by Ms Sabrina Ibáñez (Secretary General, FEI)**, the APSO includes the 20 IFs that govern their sports at the Paralympic Games and ensures that the IFs and athletes are given the opportunity, visibility and awareness that they deserve. The Deputy Executive Director said that, given that APSO was now firmly established, the Council had decided, in November 2022, to dissolve the ASOIF Parasport Consultative Group, of which the main objectives had been achieved.

### **External Bodies**

- 31 On behalf of the Council, the **Deputy Executive Director** acknowledged and expressed his gratitude to the ASOIF representatives in external bodies.

### **IOC Executive Board Summer IF Representative**

<b>Member</b>	<b>IF</b>
Mr Nenad Lalović	United World Wrestling

## WADA Executive Committee ASOIF Representative

Member	IF
Mr Ingmar De Vos	International Equestrian Federation

## WADA Foundation Board ASOIF Representatives

Member	IF
Mr David Lappartient	International Cycling Union
Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland	World Rowing
Ms Petra Sörling	International Table Tennis Federation

## International Testing Agency Foundation Board

Member	Organisation
Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti	ASOIF

## SportAccord Executive Committee

Member	Organisation
Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti	ASOIF

## International Council of Arbitration for Sport ASOIF Representatives

Member	IF
Mr Antonio Arimany	World Triathlon
Mr Mikael Rentsch	International Equestrian Federation
Mr Emilio Garcia Silvero	FIFA
Mr Dariusz Mioduski	Proposed by FIFA to represent football clubs
Mr Kevin Plumb	Proposed by FIFA to represent football leagues

- 32 **The President** congratulated **Mr Antonio Arimany (Secretary General, World Triathlon)** on being elected as Vice-President of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport.

### Creative Sports Award

- 33 **The Deputy Executive Director** reported that applications for the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Creative Sports Award were now open, which all ASOIF members were eligible to submit entries for. He revealed that the winning IF would be presented with a reward of approximately USD 272,000. He said that further details would be communicated to the members following the General Assembly.

### ASOIF 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication

- 34 **The Deputy Executive Director** reported that an illustrated book had been published to commemorate ASOIF's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He expressed his gratitude to the ASOIF staff and the IFs' communication teams for their contributions to this publication.

## 6. FINANCE

### 2022 Financial Report

- 35 **The Deputy Executive Director** presented and summarised the 2022 financial report which showed a decrease in the total value of assets from CHF 16.4 million at the end of 2021 to CHF 14.3 million at the end of 2022. He explained that the decrease was due to firstly, 2021 was the end of the previous Olympic four-year cycle, which represented the high watermark of asset levels; and secondly, the evaluation was conducted at the end of the year, which represented a snapshot of the financial situation at that time. He elaborated that there had been an approximately 14% reduction in asset values due to inflation, increased expenses and global financial uncertainty impacting markets. However, he said that ASOIF's financial position remained healthy and resilient thanks to the four-year operational reserve and Central Projects Fund.

### 2022 Accounts and Auditors' Report

- 36 **The General Assembly approved the 2022 accounts and auditors' report** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
*Yes: 24 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.*

### 2023 Annual Subscription

- 37 **The President proposed** that, on behalf of the Council, the annual subscription fee for 2023 should remain at CHF 100.
- 38 **The General Assembly approved the annual subscription fee 2023** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
*Yes: 24 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.*

### Revised 2023 Budgets

- 39 **The Deputy Executive Director** presented the 2023 Revised Operational Budget and explained that the forecast loss of CHF 269,800 was due to the external circumstances beyond ASOIF's control, such as unfavourable currency exchange rates, inflation and a decreased return on investment.
- 40 **The General Assembly approved the revised 2023 budgets** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
*Yes: 25 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.*

### Draft 2024 Budgets

- 41 **The General Assembly approved the draft 2024 budgets** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
*Yes: 25 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.*

## 7. PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES IF REVENUE SHARE SCHEME

- 42 **The President** presented the proposed revenue share scheme for Paris 2024. He said that this scheme aimed to complete the implementation of the IF groupings decided by the IOC in 2012 and endorsed by the 2013 ASOIF General Assembly, which included World Aquatics and the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) in Group A. He said the Council proposed that World Aquatics and FIG should now receive the same revenue share as World Athletics in Group A,

while acknowledging the overpayments that these two IFs had received from the IOC following the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. He added that the Council also proposed to move IGF, International Union of Modern Pentathlon and World Rugby from Group E to Group D as the first phase of a consolidation of Groups C, D and E.

- 43 **The President** said that in order to achieve these objectives, the Council believed it was necessary to work on a minimum total estimated figure of USD 596.50 million. However, the President reminded the members that determining the total figure had, of course, always been the IOC's decision following each Olympic Games. He said that ASOIF would continue its discussions with the IOC to endeavour to achieve more revenue allocation for the IFs.
- 44 **The President** also emphasised that, due to the changing Olympic programme in each Games edition, it was necessary to review the IF revenue groupings, which had always been the IOC's responsibility. He said that the proposed scheme would cover all the IFs governing the "core" sports, but it was not applicable to the Paris 2024 OCOG-proposed sports. He stressed that a revised IF revenue share model was necessary to accommodate the new sports from LA28 onwards.
- 45 Before proceeding to the approval of the proposed scheme, **the President** opened the floor for questions or remarks.
- 46 **Mr Brent Nowicki (Executive Director, World Aquatics)** remarked that, as the 2019 ASOIF General Assembly had approved, he believed that World Aquatics should have received 6.80% of the total figure following the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, which had been confirmed by the ASOIF Executive Director. However, as disclosed in his IF's audited financial statements and in accordance with the ASOIF General Assembly documents, World Aquatics had received USD 31.36 million, which represented 5.81% of the total figure instead of 6.80%. Also, he said the ASOIF documents stated that World Aquatics and FIG had received an overpayment of USD 1.75 million respectively, which he believed was not accurate since World Aquatics had not receive any overpayment according to its own audited financial statements nor had been consulted in this regard. In addition, he stated that World Aquatics would only receive 6.38% of the total figure following the Paris 2024 Olympic Games because of the mentioned overpayment, instead of 6.80% as agreed, which was not acceptable. He stressed that this was the second successive Olympic Games that World Aquatics was not able to receive the stated or anticipated amount of revenue share. He requested a clarification on the abovementioned concerns.
- 47 **The President** explained that it had been indeed agreed in 2012 that World Aquatics and FIG would join Group A and the revenue scheme approved by the 2019 ASOIF General Assembly could potentially enable the two IFs to receive the equal amount as that of World Athletics. However, this was not achievable with the total amount received from the IOC for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Therefore, ASOIF had to adjust the percentages of World Aquatics and FIG to ensure all Full Members would receive at least the same amount as they had done following the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The President also explained that after the first and second instalments of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games revenue share had been made, the IOC realised that the two instalments already allocated to World Aquatics and FIG had exceeded what the IOC had initially planned. Subsequently, the IOC informed ASOIF that the shares for the two IFs would be adjusted accordingly. In addition, the President said that in order to facilitate a more constructive revenue discussion with the IOC, the Council agreed to recognise the overpayments allocated to World Aquatics and FIG in the proposed scheme. The President assured him that ASOIF would follow up with him following the General Assembly.
- 48 **Lord Sebastian Coe (ASOIF Council Member and President, World Athletics)** expressed his support for the proposed scheme and appreciated the discussions on the details of the current scheme. However, he stressed that while the IOC's income had increased over the last Olympic cycle, the uplift was not significantly reflected in the Summer Olympic IF revenue distribution total. He said that the IFs had not substantively benefited from the growing Olympic

Games revenues and emphasised the necessity of conveying a collective message that the IFs had been an integral part of the successful Games delivery and should be rewarded accordingly. In addition, he suggested that the ASOIF Olympic Revenue Working Group should consider the abovementioned observation for its future engagement with the IOC. Finally, he extended his gratitude to the President for continuously advocating on behalf of the IFs on this matter.

- 49 **The President** concurred with Lord Sebastian Coe's views and thanked him for his remarks. The President informed the members that the ASOIF Olympic Revenue Working Group had been recently created by the Council and would aim to establish a more specific dialogue with the IOC regarding the Olympic revenues.
- 50 **Mr Andreas Zagklis (Secretary General, FIBA)** suggested that ASOIF and the IOC should enter into a contract as a means to regulate the procedure of future Olympic revenue discussions, which would provide more predictability and comply with good governance principles.
- 51 **The President** thanked Mr Andreas Zagklis for his suggestion. While acknowledging the rationale of this proposal, the President said that a contractual relationship between ASOIF and the IOC for revenue discussions might be premature at this stage. However, he assured Mr Andreas Zagklis that ASOIF would fully explore such a formal approach.
- 52 With no additional questions or remarks from the members, **the President suggested**, on behalf of the Council, that the General Assembly approve the proposed revenue share percentages of each IF, which would be applied to the final total figure to be decided by the IOC following the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 53 **The General Assembly approved the Paris 2024 Olympic Games IF Revenue Share Scheme** as the required unanimity of the votes cast had been achieved at the second round of voting in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes [Article 4.17 \(scrutineers' confirmation\)](#).  
*First round – Yes: 25 (96.15%); No: 1 (3.85%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 1.*  
*Second round – Yes: 25 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.*
- 54 **The General Assembly also agreed**, by a show of hands, to mandate the ASOIF Olympic Revenue Working Group to initiate a discussion with the IOC in order to review the criteria for the future overall revenue share scheme and to explore a more formal relationship between ASOIF and the IFs with the IOC for the delivery of the Olympic Games.
- 55 **The President** explained that the amendments to the ASOIF Statutes in 2022 provided the framework for a more flexible system to accommodate the evolution of the Olympic programme and introduction of new sports. However, there was a need for, in co-operation with the IOC, a clearer definition of the OCOG sports and Olympic Charter sports in order to bring greater transparency and avoid unfounded expectations.

## 8. ASOIF STATUTE AMENDMENTS

- 56 **The President** presented the proposed Statute amendments, which included two main proposals ([Annex 2](#)). The first proposal was to enable decisions to take effect immediately after the General Assembly, instead of three months after the meeting as it was currently stated. The second proposal was to clarify a Full Member's right to nominate a Presidential candidate and the incumbent President's eligibility in the event that he or she ceases to have a role within the executive body of the IF. He elaborated that the latter would always be subject to the respective IF's ability to withdraw its Council member support at any time.

- 57 **The General Assembly approved the ASOIF Statute amendments** as the required two-thirds majority (66.67%) of the votes cast had been reached in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes [Article 4.18 \(scrutineers' confirmation\)](#).  
*Yes: 24 (96%); No: 1 (4%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.*

## 9. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- 58 **The President** reported that three candidatures for the three available Council positions for the term 2023-2027 had been received by the ASOIF Secretariat before the nomination deadline (16 May 2023) in good order, in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes [Article 5.2](#). The candidates were as follows (in alphabetical order of surname):

- **Mr Ingmar De Vos, President of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI)**
- **Ms Petra Sörling, President of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)**
- **Mr Morinari Watanabe, President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG)**

- 59 **The President** said that Mr Ingmar De Vos and Mr Morinari Watanabe were standing for re-election, while Ms Petra Sörling was standing for election to replace Mrs Marisol Casado (President, World Triathlon) who would finish her final term.

- 60 **The President** reminded the members that each available Council position had only one candidate and thus the election for each position was not contested. Therefore, each position's election would be conducted individually in the alphabetical order of the candidates' surnames, which required an absolute majority respectively in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes [Article 5.5](#).

- 61 **The General Assembly elected Mr Ingmar De Vos (President, FEI) as a Council Member for the term 2023-2027** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
*Yes: 23 (95.83%); No: 1 (4.17%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.*

- 62 **The General Assembly elected Ms Petra Sörling (President, ITTF) as a Council Member for the term 2023-2027** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
*Yes: 23 (95.83%); No: 1 (4.17%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.*

- 63 **The General Assembly elected Mr Morinari Watanabe (President, FIG) as a Council Member for the term 2023-2027** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
*Yes: 24 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.*

- 64 **The President** offered his congratulations to the elected Council members and expressed his gratitude to **Mrs Marisol Casado** for her invaluable contribution during her tenure as an ASOIF Council Member.

## 10. MEMBERSHIP ADMISSIONS

### 10.1. Full Membership

- 65 **The President** said that following the Statute amendments approved by the 2022 ASOIF General Assembly, three of the current ASOIF Associate Members were eligible to apply for Full Memberships in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes [Article 3.2](#). He reported that the written applications from the three IFs had been received by the ASOIF Secretariat in good order (in alphabetical order):

- International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)
- International Surfing Association (ISA)
- World Skate (WSK)

- 66 **The President** said that, if their applications were approved by the General Assembly, the three IFs would be granted Full Member's rights, with the exception of the right to receive a revenue share following the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, which was in agreement with the IOC. The President reminded the members that the sports governed by these three IFs were Paris 2024 OCOG-proposed sports, therefore, the Paris 2024 revenue share scheme would not be applicable to them. However, he said that the three IFs would be eligible to be part of the revenue share scheme following the LA28 Olympic Games.
- 67 **The General Assembly approved the Full Membership application of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
Yes: 25 (96.15%); No: 1 (3.85%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 1.
- 68 **Mr Marco Sclaris (President, IFSC)** said that the IFSC was pleased to become a Full Member and would continue contributing to the improvement of the quality of the Olympic Games. He added that he was pleased to learn that a working group had been established to facilitate the Olympic revenue discussions. He said that although sport climbing was an OCOG-proposed sport at Paris 2024, the IFSC had the same responsibilities as the other Full Members to deliver the Olympic Games. Therefore, it would be important for the revenue working group to take into consideration the transitioning of the IFSC from an OCOG-proposed sport to a "core" sport at LA28 when it would receive a revenue share. **The President** thanked him for his remarks and said that ASOIF was ready to offer support. He added that amending the Statutes in 2022 to allow the IFSC to become a Full Member had demonstrated ASOIF's solidarity with the OCOG-proposed sports.
- 69 **The General Assembly approved the Full Membership application of the International Surfing Association (ISA)** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
Yes: 26 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 1.
- 70 **Mr Robert Fasulo (Executive Director, ISA)** expressed his gratitude to the General Assembly for granting the Full Membership status to the ISA. He offered Mr Fernando Aguerre's (President, ISA) apologies for being absent as he was presiding over the ISA World Championships which were currently taking place. Mr Robert Fasulo stressed that similar to other Full Members, the ISA had been devoting significant resources and efforts to bringing surfing to the Olympic level. However, he reminded the General Assembly that unlike the other Full Members, the OCOG-proposed sports would not receive revenue shares from Paris 2024, which he said was not adhering to the good governance principles that all IFs were committed to. He added that, although being informed that the decision to exclude the ISA from the revenue share scheme was made by the IOC, the ISA had received contradictory information from the IOC. While acknowledging the remarks made by Lord Sebastian Coe and Mr Andreas Zagklis, he urged the General Assembly to consider the impact of an IF being deprived of the Olympic revenue share. He expressed the ISA's discontent and looked forward to finding a solution with all the concerned stakeholders. **The President** thanked Mr Robert Fasulo for his candid remarks and assured him that ASOIF was ready to offer support. He said that the IOC had agreed to offer discretionary financial support to the Paris 2024 OCOG-proposed sports. He reminded Mr Robert Fasulo that thanks to ASOIF's initiative, an agreement had been achieved with the IOC to enable the additional sports to be part of the revenue share scheme from LA28 onwards.
- 71 **The General Assembly approved the Full Membership application of World Skate (WSK)** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
Yes: 25 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.

- 72 **Mr Sabatino Aracu (President, WSK)** expressed his gratitude to the General Assembly for granting the Full Membership status to WSK. He said WSK was pleased to be part of the family. He said that it would have been desirable for WSK to receive an Olympic revenue share following the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

## 10.2. Associate Membership

- 73 **The President** said that following the Statute amendments approved by the 2022 ASOIF General Assembly, the **World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)** was eligible to apply for Associate Membership in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes [Article 3.3](#). He reported that the written application from the WBSC had been received by the ASOIF Secretariat in good order.
- 74 **The General Assembly approved the Associate Membership application of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)** ([scrutineers' confirmation](#)).  
Yes: 23 (95.83%); No: 1 (4.17%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.
- 75 **Mr Michael Schmidt (Executive Director, WBSC)** expressed his gratitude to the General Assembly for admitting the WBSC as an Associate Member. He said that the WBSC was ready to contribute and looked forward to becoming a Full Member in the future.

## 11. ASOIF GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

- 76 **The President** reported that the Fourth Review of IF Governance had revealed significant progress made by the IFs, which had demonstrated that the initial objective of fostering a culture of better governance had been accomplished. Therefore, he said that after four iterations of the governance assessment in six years, the Governance Task Force (GTF) agreed that more substantial modifications to the methodology were needed for the fifth assessment to take into account the latest evolution in sport governance. He revealed that the fifth assessment would be launched in October 2023.

## 12. REPORTS

### 12.1. Presentation from the International Olympic Committee

- 77 **Mr Kit McConnell (Sports Director, IOC)** gave a presentation to the General Assembly on matters related to the IFs, Olympic Games and IOC's various projects ([Annex 3](#)).
- 78 **Mr Leandro Larrosa (Director of Digital Engagement and Marketing, IOC)** gave a presentation to the General Assembly on the IOC's digital engagement initiatives ([Annex 4](#)).

### 12.2. Presentation from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Organising Committee

- 79 **Mr Tony Estanguet (President, Paris 2024 OCOG), Mr Étienne Thobois (Director General, Paris 2024 OCOG), Ms Aurélie Merle (Executive Director of Sports, Paris 2024 OCOG) and Ms Mathilde Meurisse (Sport Operations Delegate Director, Paris 2024 OCOG)** gave a presentation of the Paris 2024 preparations to the General Assembly ([Annex 5](#)).

- 80 **The President** thanked the Paris 2024 OCOG for its comprehensive presentation. He said that ASOIF and its members were committed to collaborating with the Paris 2024 OCOG to deliver a successful Olympic Games, even when sometimes ASOIF expressed concerns on various issues in order to continue the constructive co-operation.
- 81 **Mr Kelly Fairweather (CEO, ITF)** expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the AOMSG, to the Paris 2024 OCOG for the active and constructive collaboration. He highlighted that one of the outcomes of such a collaboration was the transport model of Paris 2024, which had been substantively optimised thanks to the joint efforts of the AOMSG, the IFs, the IOC and the Paris 2024 OCOG. He also applauded Paris 2024's sport presentation concepts and strategies, which had been well received by the AOMSG members. He reiterated that the AOMSG and the IFs were ready to offer full support to the Paris 2024 OCOG for the final stage of preparations.
- 82 **Mr Andreas Zagklis (Secretary General, FIBA)** expressed his gratitude to the Paris 2024 OCOG for the improved collaboration in trying to resolve the issues relating to the basketball venue in Lille. He said that FIBA was optimistic about the development of the studies being conducted on the Lille venue. He stressed that it was fundamental that the Lille venue could ensure the athletes' safety and well-being. He enquired about the status on other requirements that would be put in place for the Lille venue, as well as regarding the transport and accommodations to ensure the athletes' safety and the quality of their Olympic experience.
- 83 **Mr Tony Estanguet (President, Paris 2024 OCOG)** thanked Mr Andreas Zagklis for his recent visit to the Lille venue, which would host the basketball preliminary events. He added that the Paris 2024 OCOG appreciated the collaboration with FIBA and was pleased that the studies indicating the Lille venue's requirements would be met, such as the air conditioning. He said that the Paris 2024 OCOG would continue its efforts to facilitate the athletes' transport and accommodation. He assured Mr Andreas Zagklis that the Paris 2024 OCOG was ready to continue working with FIBA to deliver a successful basketball tournament.

### 12.3. Presentation from the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee

- 84 **Mr Ibrahima Wade (CEO, Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (YOGOC)) and Mr Balla Dieye (Sports Director, Dakar 2026 YOGOC)** gave a presentation of the Dakar 2026 preparations to the General Assembly ([Annex 6](#)).
- 85 **The ASOIF Executive Director** reported that there were several facilities already in place in Dakar and there had been various foreign investments to facilitate construction projects for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG). However, he acknowledged that there was significant work to be done for certain sports. He encouraged the IFs to increase their engagement with Dakar 2026 and with their National Federations (NFs) to leverage the opportunities of the YOG for their sport development initiatives in the region. He said that ASOIF was ready to provide support when necessary.
- 86 **Mr Tom Dielen (Secretary General, World Archery)** enquired as to whether there had been a change for the archery venue, since there were two locations mentioned for the archery venue in the presentation. In addition, he appreciated the Dakar 2026 youth engagement initiative and looked forward to collaborating with the Dakar 2026 YOGOC and archery's NF in Dakar to further develop World Archery's sport development and legacy initiatives in Dakar. **Mr Ibrahima Wade (CEO, YOGOC)** clarified that before the postponement of Dakar 2026, the original archery venue was supposed to be in Diamniadio. However, based on the new Venue Masterplan, the new archery venue would be located in Dakar. He added that the original venue in Diamniadio was a temporary infrastructure, however, the new venue would be a permanent facility which could contribute to archery's legacy programmes after the YOG.

#### 12.4. Written Report from the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games Organising Committee

- 87 **The President** invited the General Assembly to consider the written report submitted by the LA28 OCOG ([Annex 7](#)) and said that ASOIF would provide more information once available.

#### 12.5. Report by the President of the World Anti-Doping Agency

- 88 **Mr Witold Bańka (President, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA))** gave an update of WADA's activities to the General Assembly ([Annex 8](#)).

#### 12.6. Presentation from the International Testing Agency

- 89 **Mr Benjamin Cohen (Director General, International Testing Agency (ITA))** gave a presentation of the ITA's activities to the General Assembly ([Annex 9](#)).

### 13. CLOSING

- 90 **The President** thanked all the ASOIF members for their participation and contribution in person and those by video-conference.
- 91 **The President** said that the 48<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly would potentially be held in conjunction with the SportAccord Convention in 2024. The exact date and location would be communicated to the members once confirmed.

## ANNEXES

Annex 1 – [47<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly Scrutineers' Report on Voting Results](#)

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