



Association of Summer Olympic International Federations 48th General Assembly

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Minutes

(Subject to the approval by the 49th General Assembly)

1. OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1 **Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti, ASOIF President (the President)** opened the 48th ASOIF General Assembly and welcomed the delegates attending both those in person in Birmingham, United Kingdom, and those by video-conference.
- 2 In his opening remarks, **the President** highlighted several topics that had been discussed during the joint meeting with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which had been held one day prior to the General Assembly. He encouraged the delegates to continue the discussions in this meeting, particularly on the subjects of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) Olympic Games and Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) given the representatives of the respective Organising Committee (OCOG) were present.

2. ROLL CALL

- 3 **Mr James Carr, ASOIF Deputy Executive Director (the Deputy Executive Director)** conducted the Roll Call and confirmed that all 30 ASOIF Full Members and three Associate Members were present either in person or by video-conference. Therefore, the 48th ASOIF General Assembly's quorum had been met in accordance with ASOIF Statutes [Article 4.3](#).

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

- 4 **The President proposed**, on behalf of the ASOIF Council (Council), to appoint two scrutineers for the 48th ASOIF General Assembly: **Ms Hilary Atkinson (International Hockey Federation)** and **Ms Christine Hauselmann (ASOIF Secretariat)**.
- 5 **The General Assembly approved the appointment of the scrutineers** ([Annex 1](#)).
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 28 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.

4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA AMENDMENT

- 6 **The President** reported that the Council had discussed the matter regarding the International Boxing Association (IBA) at its meeting which had been held one day prior to the General Assembly. He explained that although the IBA remained as an ASOIF member, it only retained the Associate Member's rights following the Council's previous decision to suspend its Full Member's rights in accordance with ASOIF Statutes [Article 3.13](#) and [Article 3.5](#). In June 2023, the IOC Extraordinary Session had decided to withdraw the IOC recognition of IBA. Subsequently, the IBA had filed an appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The CAS announced on 2 April 2024 that it had dismissed the IBA's appeal.
- 7 In light of the latest development, **the Council proposed** to include in the agenda the discussion of IBA's membership exclusion after the item "Membership Admissions". **The President suggested**, on behalf of the Council, that the General Assembly approve the agenda amendment.
- 8 **The General Assembly approved the agenda amendment** as the required two-thirds majority of the votes cast had been reached in accordance with ASOIF Statutes [Article 4.12](#).
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 28 (96.55%), No: 1 (3.45%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 1.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 47TH ASOIF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 9 **The General Assembly approved the minutes of the 47th ASOIF General Assembly**.
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 27 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.

6. REPORT OF THE ASOIF COUNCIL

- 10 **The President** congratulated the International Federation (IF) Presidents who had been elected or re-elected and the IF Secretary General who had been appointed since the 47th ASOIF General Assembly as follows (in alphabetical order of surname):
- **Sheikh Saud Ali Al Thani** elected President of the International Basketball Federation
 - **Lord Sebastian Coe** re-elected President of World Athletics
 - **Mr David Haggerty** re-elected President of the International Tennis Federation
 - **Mr Alessandro Nicotra di San Giacomo** appointed Secretary General of the International Shooting Sport Federations
- 11 **The President** invited the Deputy Executive Director to present the report of the Council, including an update of ASOIF's main activities since the 47th ASOIF General Assembly.

Governance Task Force

- 12 **The Deputy Executive Director** said that governance continued to be ASOIF's flagship project under the leadership of the Governance Task Force (GTF). He acknowledged that great progress had been made since the GTF's establishment in 2016. He reported that the Fifth Review of IF Governance had launched in October 2023 and the questionnaire had been revised to take account of the latest evolutions in sport governance. He also disclosed that all participating IFs had submitted their questionnaires and the independent moderation had completed. He said that the final report would be published in June 2024. On behalf of the GTF, he expressed his gratitude to the IFs for their diligent collaboration.

IF Anti-Doping Expenditure and Strategy Report

- 13 **The Deputy Executive Director** reported that, led by the ASOIF Medical and Science Consultative Group (AMSCG), the [IF Anti-Doping Expenditure and Strategy Report](#) had been published in December 2023. He highlighted the report's key findings and said that there had been greater independence and higher levels of professionalism of IFs' anti-doping activities since the previous study in 2016. On behalf of the Council, he expressed his gratitude to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the International Testing Agency (ITA) for their collaboration for this study.

Pilot Study on Elite Adult Athlete Health and Safe Sport Experiences

- 14 **The Deputy Executive Director** reported that, in collaboration with Thomas More University in Belgium and McMaster University in Canada, ASOIF had conducted a pilot study on the magnitude of harassment and abuse in elite sport. Involving six IFs, the pilot study aimed to assess the incidence and characteristics of athlete harassment and abuse and to inform IFs' safeguarding policies and activities, as well as the IOC Safeguarding Working Group.

Field of Play Evacuation

- 15 **The Deputy Executive Director** provided an update on the ongoing Field of Play Evacuation video project, led by the AMSCG. He said that the project was a joint effort by the IFs, IOC and Paris 2024 to produce educational videos on the correct procedure for the emergency rescue of injured athletes from the Field of Play, which would provide guidance on safely removing athletes who had suffered trauma or a collapse during the competition. With the filming taking place across different sports, scenarios and surfaces, the videos would serve as a legacy of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Women Lead Sports

- 16 **The Deputy Executive Director** reported that there were 40 participants graduated from ASOIF's fourth annual Women Lead Sports online course. Led by the ASOIF Diversity and Gender Equality Consultative Group, the course aimed to empower potential women leaders to serve in elective positions in their respective federations and thereby increase the number of women in leadership across the Olympic Movement.

Sustainability Workshop

- 17 **The Deputy Executive Director** reported that, led by the ASOIF Sustainability Consultative Group, the inaugural ASOIF Sustainability Workshop had been held in March 2024, which had been attended by over 50 participants representing 30 IFs and external organisations, such as the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat. He said that the workshop provided an opportunity for IFs to exchange knowledge and new ideas to advance the collective sustainability initiatives of the Olympic Movement.

Consultative and Advisory Groups

- 18 **The Deputy Executive Director** said that ASOIF had eight consultative and advisory groups, which comprised approximately 60 highly experienced IF representatives contributing their expertise to the groups' respective areas of focus. He invited the **Chair of the ASOIF Olympic and Multi-Sport Games Consultative Group (AOMSG), Mr Kelly Fairweather (Chief Executive Officer (CEO), International Tennis Federation (ITF))** to provide an update of the group's activities.
- 19 **Mr Kelly Fairweather** introduced the AOMSG members and highlighted the group's key objectives. He reported that the AOMSG had been closely collaborating with the IOC Sport and

Games Departments and the OCOGs of Paris 2024 and LA28. He said that one of the important tasks of the AOMSG was to review the Games-related policies based on the input from the ASOIF members. The AOMSG had been actively engaging with the Paris 2024 OCOG to finetune the Games preparations and delivery. Also, it had been leveraging the IFs' expertise to better inform the ASOIF representatives in the IOC Coordination Commission. In addition, the AOMSG had already started the engagement with the LA28 OCOG and stood ready to build a strong partnership.

Paris 2024 demographic data collection

- 20 **The Deputy Executive Director** reported that the ASOIF Commercial Advisory Group (CAG) had again commissioned a Games-time demographic data study for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, as it had done so for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. He said that the study aimed to provide insights of the profiles of the audiences who would consume each IF's sport. He pointed out that this study would be fully complementary to the IOC data collection, of which the objective and methodology were different.

Creative Sports Award

- 21 **The Deputy Executive Director** congratulated the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) on winning the latest edition of the Creative Sports Award, recognising FIBA's innovative Youth leadership Project led by the FIBA Foundation. He said that FIBA had been presented a USD 272,000 prize for use in its development activities.

New member applications

- 22 **The Deputy Executive Director** said that following the IOC's approval of LA28's additional sports, ASOIF had received membership applications from the IFs that governed cricket, flag football, lacrosse and squash. He acknowledged the attendance of the representatives of those IFs.

ASOIF internal governance

- 23 **The Deputy Executive Director** said that, while leading the governance project, ASOIF had also been upholding and enhancing its own governance standards. He reported that although it was not mandatory, ASOIF had initiated the process to register at the Swiss cantonal commercial registry. In addition, he stated that ASOIF would adopt higher auditing standards next year, adhering to the best governance practice.

Acknowledgement

- 24 **The President and the Deputy Executive Director** expressed their gratitude to the ASOIF staff for their continuous efforts and commitment.

7. FINANCE

2023 Financial Report

- 25 **The Deputy Executive Director** presented and summarised the 2023 financial report which showed an increase in the total value of assets from CHF 14.33 million at the end of 2022 to CHF 14.58 million at the end of 2023. He said that ASOIF had received an extraordinary income of CHF 1.76 million from the liquidation of the dissolved Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF). He also reported that ASOIF had applied an extraordinary depreciation on its office to be more in line with the Swiss accounting standards. In addition, he

highlighted that the performance of investments was positive, which had yielded a CHF 643k capital gain on the securities and interest. Lastly, he reported that the income received from the IOC was CHF 907k, which was lower than 2022 due to the unfavourable and deteriorating exchange rate.

- 26 **Mr Tom Dielen (Secretary General, World Archery)** said that it might be unfavourable to apply a depreciation on ASOIF's office, which had decreased the value of ASOIF's assets and reduced the funds which could be used for the maintenance and repair of the property to maintain its value. While recognising each IF had its own accounting standard, **the President** said that it was a good practice to apply the depreciation in line with the Swiss accounting standards, since the property was for regular business use and not for investment. He added that it was good timing to do so having received the CHF 1.76 million extraordinary income from the GAISF dissolution.
- 27 **Mr Kelly Fairweather (CEO, ITF)** enquired about the background of the increase of the AMSCG's expenses in the Central Projects Fund. **The Deputy Executive Director** explained that the spending was attributed to the two major projects conducted in 2023 as mentioned in the Council report – the IF anti-doping expenditure and strategy survey and the pilot study of harassment and abuse in elite sport.

2023 Auditor's Report on the 2023 Accounts

- 28 **The General Assembly approved the auditor's report on the 2023 accounts.**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 30 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 0.

Appointment of Auditor

- 29 **The Deputy Executive Director** said that PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) had been ASOIF's auditor for over 15 years. Although PwC's services had been satisfactory, it was good governance practice to rotate the auditor every seven to eight years. He added that ASOIF intended to move from the Limited Statutory Examination towards the voluntary ordinary audit. Therefore, ASOIF had conducted a tender process to identify a new auditor. **The Council had considered the tender and recommended to appoint Mazars** as ASOIF's auditor with effect from 2025, i.e. auditing the 2024 accounts.
- 30 **The General Assembly approved the appointment of Mazars as ASOIF's new auditor.**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 28 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.

2024 Annual Subscription

- 31 **The President proposed** that, on behalf of the Council, the annual subscription fee for 2024 should remain at CHF 100.
- 32 **The General Assembly approved the annual subscription fees for 2024.**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 30 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 0.

Revised 2024 Budget

- 33 **The Deputy Executive Director** presented the revised 2024 budget and explained that ASOIF's 0.5% share of the Paris 2024 IF Olympic revenues had been budgeted, with 90% receivable in 2024 and 10% in 2025. He added that the Central Projects spend had been budgeted at CHF 1.2 million, with two major expenses for the projects of the CAG and GTF.

- 34 **The General Assembly approved the revised 2024 budget.**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 30 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 0.

Draft 2025 Budget

- 35 **The Deputy Executive Director** presented the draft 2025 budget and said that there was a projected operational surplus of CHF 28k, mainly due to the adjusted income from SportAccord and the 10% of ASOIF's share of the Paris 2024 IF Olympic revenues.
- 36 **The General Assembly approved the draft 2025 budget.**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 29 (100%); No: 0 (0%); Abstentions (including blank votes): 1.

8. GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

- 37 **The President** expressed his gratitude to all the IFs who participated in the governance assessment for their diligent work in completing the self-assessment questionnaire. He emphasised that over the previous four iterations, the significant progress made by the IFs had demonstrated that the culture of better governance had been solidified. However, he stressed that it was imperative to enhance the collective communications messaging to promote the IF's governance performance, especially when there had still been some public perceptions that IFs lacked governance improvement.
- 38 **Lord Sebastian Coe (ASOIF Council Member and President, World Athletics)** stated that instead of celebrating the strides made by the IFs over the last seven years, he had received communications from various IOC members stating that IF's governance was one of the issues still needed to be addressed. He cautioned that the IFs had to be vigilant since it was an erroneous narrative given their efforts and commitment. He said that the IFs' governance improvements were evident and available across the previous four assessments and the progress would be demonstrated again in the fifth assessment. In addition, he recalled that he had previously raised the issue at the Olympic Summit that there had been an increased number of entities intended to conduct governance assessments, which were often tenuously organised and lacking transparency. Subsequently, he sought the IOC's and other Summit members' support to focus on one assessment which would be properly conducted. He acknowledged that the ASOIF governance assessment had become the established exercise, which the IFs continued to embrace and deliver better governance as a result of this initiative. Finally, he stressed that the narrative had to be changed and he would request the IOC to correct it within its membership and more widely when the new report being published in June 2024.
- 39 **The President** thanked Lord Sebastian Coe for his remarks and his support for ASOIF's governance project. He agreed that the communications could be improved to demonstrate the IFs' governance progress. He emphasised that ASOIF's governance assessment model was the only one that had been adopted by the inter-governmental organisations, particularly the Council of Europe, which indicated that it was widely recognised.

9. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

- 40 **The President** reported that one candidature for the ASOIF Presidency for the term 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2028 had been received before the nomination deadline in good order. The candidate was as follows:

- Mr Ingmar De Vos, President of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI)

- 41 **The General Assembly unanimously elected Mr Ingmar De Vos (President, FEI) as the ASOIF President for the term 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2028. In accordance with applicable laws and regulations of Canton of Vaud, upon commencement of his mandate, Mr Ingmar De Vos would be the person that would have the power of representation and signing authority of ASOIF.**

[Voting results](#) – Yes: 29 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 1.

- 42 **The President** congratulated Mr Ingmar De Vos and invited him to give a few remarks to the General Assembly.

- 43 **Mr Ingmar De Vos** expressed his gratitude to the ASOIF members for their trust. He paid tribute to the President for his leadership and achievements and thanked him for his unwavering support and wise counsel. He emphasised that during his mandate, he would continue strengthening the role of the IFs in the Olympic Movement, to focus on an open and constructive dialogue with the IOC, to further intensify the communications with and between the IOC, and to develop a strategy for the future so that the IFs could keep contributing to the appeal and sustainability of the Olympic Games.

10. ASOIF STATUTE AMENDMENTS

- 44 **The President** presented the proposed Statute amendments, which included four main proposals ([Annex 2](#)). The first proposal was to clarify the commencement and expiry date for the Associate Membership. This new article stipulated that the Associate Membership would only become effective for the Olympiad relating to the applicable IFs' inclusion in the programme, meaning beginning on 1 January of the first year and ending on 31 December of the fourth year. The second proposal was to include articles to ensure fairness and integrity of the elections. The third proposal was to clarify the respective responsibilities of the General Assembly and the Council relating ASOIF's finance. The fourth proposal was to adjust the deadline for election nominations from 15 days to 60 days.

- 45 **The General Assembly approved the ASOIF Statute amendments** as the required two-thirds majority of the votes cast had been reached in accordance with ASOIF Statutes [Article 4.18](#).

[Voting results](#) – Yes: 28 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.

11. MEMBERSHIP ADMISSIONS

- 46 **The President** said that following the 141st IOC Session's approval for the five additional sports for the LA28 sports programme, four IFs were eligible to apply for the Associate Membership according to ASOIF Statutes [Article 3.3](#). He said that World Baseball Softball Confederation was currently an ASOIF Associate Member. He reported that the written applications from the four IFs had been received by the ASOIF Secretariat in good order (in alphabetical order):

- International Cricket Council (ICC)
- International Federation of American Football (IFAF)
- World Lacrosse
- World Squash

- 47 **The President** reminded the General Assembly that once admitted, the four IFs' Associate Membership would become effective on 1 January 2025.

- 48 **The General Assembly approved the Associate Membership application of the International Cricket Council (ICC).**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 26 (96.3%), No: 1 (3.7%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 3.
- 49 **Mr Geoff Allardice (CEO, ICC)** expressed his gratitude to the General Assembly for admitting the ICC as an Associate Member. He said the the ICC looked forward to contributing to the ongoing success of the Olympic Movement in the next four years.
- 50 **The General Assembly approved the Associate Membership application of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF).**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 26 (92.86%), No: 2 (7.14%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.
- 51 **Mr Pierre Trochet (President, IFAF)** expressed his gratitude to the General Assembly for their trust. He said that IFAF was committed to adhering to the best practice and looked forward to the ongoing partnership with ASOIF.
- 52 **The General Assembly approved the Associate Membership application of World Lacrosse.**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 25 (96.15%), No: 1 (3.85%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 4.
- 53 **Mrs Sue Redfern (President, World Lacrosse)** expressed her gratitude to the General Assembly for admitting World Lacrosse as an Associate Member and the support for lacrosse to be included in the LA28 sports programme. She said that World Lacrosse looked forward to participating in and contributing to the Olympic Movement even further.
- 54 **The General Assembly approved the Associate Membership application of World Squash.**
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 28 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.
- 55 **Mrs Zena Wooldridge (President, World Squash)** expressed her gratitude to the General Assembly, ASOIF staff and IOC Sports Department for their support. She said that World Squash was pleased to be part of ASOIF and it looked forward to contributing to ASOIF and the Olympic Movement.

12. MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSION

- 56 **The President** explained that the IBA was currently an ASOIF member. However, following the previous IOC's suspension of IBA's recognition, the Council had subsequently suspended the IBA's Full Member's rights according to ASOIF Statutes [Article 3.13](#). The IBA currently only retained the Associate Member's rights. He added that in June 2023, the IOC Extraordinary Session decided to withdraw the IOC recognition of IBA. Subsequently, the IBA had filed an appeal at CAS. On 2 April 2024, the CAS announced that it had dismissed the IBA's appeal.
- 57 **The President** said that ASOIF Statutes [Article 3.6\(d\)](#) stipulated that one of an ASOIF member's obligations was "to be in good standing with the IOC and the ASOIF". Given that the IOC had withdrawn the IBA's recognition and that CAS had upheld the IOC's decision, it was considered that the IBA had seriously violated its obligation as an ASOIF member.
- 58 **The President** reminded the General Assembly that, as a secondary point, the IBA did not govern Olympic boxing at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and would not govern Olympic boxing at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Therefore, according to ASOIF Statutes [Article 3.8](#) and [Article 3.9](#), the IBA would lapse as an ASOIF member after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- 59 **The President** added that according to the [IOC statement](#) on 3 April 2024, the IOC did not intend to organise another Olympic boxing tournament. The IOC also stated that boxing was not

on the LA28 sport programme at the moment. In order to remedy this, the IOC needed to have a recognised and reliable partner IF for boxing by early 2025.

- 60 Having considered all the abovementioned aspects, **the President** said that **the Council recommended to exclude the ASOIF membership of the IBA** according to ASOIF Statutes [Article 3.14](#), which read: “In case of repeated or serious violations of its obligations as a Member, the General Assembly may exclude a Member.”
- 61 With no additional questions or remarks from the members, **the President suggested**, on behalf of the Council, that the General Assembly approve the membership exclusion of the IBA.
- 62 **The General Assembly agreed to exclude the ASOIF membership of the IBA in accordance with ASOIF Statutes Article 3.14** as the required two-thirds majority of the votes cast had been reached in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes [Article 4.16](#). The decision would take effect immediately after the General Assembly according to [Article 4.21](#).
[Voting results](#) – Yes: 28 (100%), No: 0 (0%), Abstentions (including blank votes): 2.

13. REPORTS

13.1. Presentation by the International Olympic Committee

- 63 **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](#)).
- 64 **The President** summarised the Council’s position in the following points and he suggested that Mr Kit McConnell refer them to the IOC’s senior leadership and relevant departments:
- The IOC should consider a satisfactory Olympic revenue distribution following the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. This should be based on the revenue share scheme approved by the 47th ASOIF General Assembly in 2023, which had proposed a total amount of USD 596.5 million.
 - The IOC should endorse the ASOIF Statute amendments approved by the 46th ASOIF General Assembly in 2022, which covered the admission and lapse of membership. This allowed the IFs whose sports had been included on the programme for three consecutive Olympic Games to become an ASOIF Full Member and to gain the rights to be part of the revenue scheme.
 - The IOC, in cooperation with ASOIF, should agree to review the revenue scheme in order to accommodate the dynamic Olympic sports programme. The Council believes that the grouping criteria should be reviewed and updated.
 - The IOC should consider, if requested, to advance some yearly fund from the revenue scheme related to the following Games (i.e. LA28) to the three latest Full Members as approved by the 47th ASOIF General Assembly in 2023, namely the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC), the International Surfing Association (ISA) and World Skate.
 - The IOC, in cooperation with ASOIF, should explore the feasibility of a more formal relationship between the IFs and the IOC, covering the respective rights and obligations for the delivery of the Olympic Games.
 - The Olympic Qualification Series clearly indicated that the IOC had an intention to expand its scope in promoting and organising the Olympic qualification events. While this approach might be beneficial to the relevantly less commercially established IFs, this could be interpreted by

the more established IFs as impacting their traditional role as rights holder of the qualification events. If the IOC intended to move into the sphere of the organisation and commercial rights for further Olympic qualification events, it should require the IF's agreement and willingness to negotiate.

- The IOC's esports initiatives, particularly the proposed Olympic Esports Games, should reflect Olympic principles by predominantly featuring sport-based games. Furthermore, given that the publishers play a vital role in the esports ecosystem, priority should be given to encouraging formal cooperation and agreement with the respective IFs.

- 65 **Mr Marco Sclaris (President, IFSC)** thanked the President and the Council for addressing the topic of the transition from OCOG-proposed sports at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games to "core" sports at the LA28 Olympic Games. He remarked that such a transition had impacted IFSC as it had to prepare and deliver its Olympic events at the LA28 Olympic Games without receiving financial resources. He implored that the IOC and ASOIF should find a solution for this matter.
- 66 **Mr Robert Fasulo (Executive Director, ISA)** concurred with Mr Marco Sclaris' remarks and stressed that the OCOG-proposed sports had been contributing to the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games same as the other "core" sports. Therefore, the IFs of the OCOG-proposed sports at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games should also receive some financial support. He said that the process of the transitioning from OCOG-proposed sports to "core" sports should be more transparent. He thanked the IOC and ASOIF for their efforts to facilitate a solution.
- 67 **Mr Kit McConnell (Sports Director, IOC)** thanked Mr Marco Sclaris and Mr Robert Fasulo for their comments. He said that regarding the Olympic sports programme, the inclusion of sport climbing and surfing in the LA28 Initial Sports Programme had demonstrated the IOC's confidence in and its strong partnership with the IFSC and ISA. At the LA28 Olympic Games, sport climbing and surfing would no longer be OCOG-proposed sports. He also stated that regarding the revenue distribution, the IOC had been having ongoing discussions with ASOIF regarding the timing of the payment. He said that he fully understood their concerns of having to organise their events for the LA28 Olympic Games without receiving a revenue share following the Paris 2024 Olympic Games to cover the Olympic cycle. However, he reminded Mr Marco Sclaris and Mr Robert Fasulo that the IOC had provided various support to IFSC and ISA in the Olympic cycles of Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, not only directly but also through other means, such as the Olympic Solidarity, CAS, WADA and ITA, as well as the investments in their events at the Olympic Qualification Series. He said that the IOC would continue the discussions with ASOIF and the respective IF.

13.2. Presentation by the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Organising Committee

- 68 **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 4](#)).
- 69 **Mr Raul Calin (Secretary General, International Table Tennis Federation)** said that currently each athlete and official had to physically sign the printed copy of the Paris 2024 Conditions of Participation Form. He enquired as to whether it would be possible to conduct such a process completely digitally for sustainability consideration, given the multiple-pages form had to be signed by over 10,000 people across 32 IFs and 206 National Olympic Committees. **Mr Kit McConnell (Sports Director, IOC)** acknowledged Mr Raul Calin's comments and said that currently the IOC Legal Department deemed it was necessary for those forms to be signed physically. He said that the IOC had discussed this issue internally and would seek a solution for the future Games.

- 70 **Mr Kelly Fairweather (CEO, ITF)** applauded Paris 2024's Sport Presentation and Look of the Games and said that they would play a vital role in the successful delivery of the Games. He suggested that together with the IFs, the Paris 2024 OCOG should enhance the communications of the new transport model to ensure the stakeholders would be well informed of its usage, which would be very different from the ones of the previous Games. In addition, he said that the IFs had been raising their concerns regarding the reduction in service levels for the Technical Officials. He stressed that the Technical Officials of the Olympic Games were among the best in the world who would significantly contribute to the success of the Games on a volunteer basis. Therefore, it would be imperative to ensure that they would receive an appropriate level of services. **Mr Tony Estanguet (President, Paris 2024 OCOG)** acknowledged Mr Kelly Fairweather's comments and reassured him that the Paris 2024 OCOG would provide more transport information to the IFs. He recognised that the IFs played an important role of informing the stakeholders of the new transport model.
- 71 **Mr Tom Dielen (Secretary General, World Archery)** enquired as to whether the change of guests for the transferable accreditations could be done at the venue accreditation centre instead of the main accreditation centre. Also, he enquired as to whether the deadline for the venue joint lounge applications could be extended. **Mr Tony Estanguet (President, Paris 2024 OCOG)** thanked Mr Tom Dielen for his enquiries and assured him that the Paris 2024 OCOG would provide the requested information to World Archery.
- 72 **Mr Luciano Rossi (President, International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF))** thanked the Paris 2024 OCOG for its presentation and said that the ISSF was ready to continue its collaboration with the Paris 2024 OCOG to deliver the Games. He said the ISSF looked forward to Mr Tony Estanguet's attendance at the shooting test event.
- 73 **Mr Brent Nowicki (Executive Director, World Aquatics)** said that World Aquatics, among the other IFs, had been offered to upgrade their Sports Presentation from their current baseline without knowing the exact costs for the upgrade nor the details of the upgrade. He requested a clarification on this matter given that there was limited time remaining until the Games. **Ms Aurélie Merle (Executive Director of Sports, Paris 2024 OCOG)** said that the current Sports Presentation baseline offered to the IFs were already comprehensive, which had been specified in the sports plan. She said that if the IFs would like to include additional special elements for certain days or events, they were welcome to do so. She acknowledged the tight timeline and encouraged the IFs to liaise with the Paris 2024's Sports Presentation Team to acquire more information.
- 74 **Mr Fabio Azevedo (General Director, International Volleyball Federation)** suggested that the Paris 2024 OCOG should enhance the communications collaboration with the IFs for the ticket sales, particularly when there would be a considerable amount of tickets being put on sale on the "100 day to go" milestone. He said that there had been a significant demand for tickets among the IFs' National Federations and stakeholders. The IFs were ready to collaborate closer with the Paris 2024 OCOG by promoting the ticket sales on the IFs' digital platforms in order to better accommodate the stakeholders' needs. **Mr Tony Estanguet (President, Paris 2024 OCOG)** said that the Paris 2024 OCOG welcomed the idea that the IFs help promote the ticket sales and would provide more ticketing information if requested.
- 75 **Mr Toni Jorba (Head of Event Operations, World Athletics)** suggested that the Paris 2024 OCOG should consider to transfer the knowledge not only to the other OCOGs but also to the IFs, especially the operations-related data from the Games that could be beneficial to the IFs for their events organisation. **Mr Kit McConnell (Sports Director, IOC)** acknowledged Mr Toni Jorba's comments and said that the IOC would share the knowledge to the IFs where appropriate and relevant. He added that the IOC would also be open to the idea of establishing a knowledge sharing exercise with the IFs, of which the IFs' expertise and experiences of organising their own events could be beneficial to the IOC and OCOGs. **Ms Aurélie Merle**

(Executive Director of Sports, Paris 2024 OCOG) said that the Paris 2024 OCOG would also share the relevant knowledge and data with the IFs if requested.

- 76 **Mr Robert Fasulo (Executive Director, ISA)** thanked the Paris 2024 OCOG for its commitment for sustainability, particularly its goal to reduce single-use plastic by 50%. He commented that as a sport taking place in the ocean, surfing had committed to eliminate all single-use plastic. He recommended that Paris 2024 OCOG reduce the proliferation of single-use plastic bottles in all venues. **Mr Tony Estanguet (President, Paris 2024 OCOG)** said that the Paris 2024 OCOG had also put in place a process for the beverage to reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles.

13.3. Presentation by the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee

- 77 **Mr Ibrahima Wade (CEO, Dakar 2026 YOGOC), Mr Abdou Diaw (Operations Director, Dakar 2026 YOGOC)** and **Mr Balla Dieye (Sports Director, Dakar 2026 YOGOC)** gave a presentation of the Dakar 2026 preparations to the General Assembly ([Annex 5](#)).
- 78 **The President** expressed his gratitude to the Dakar 2026 YOGOC for their dedication and efforts to deliver the first Olympic event in Africa. While recognising the ambition to deliver a successful YOG, he reiterated that the Dakar 2026 sports programme had to be flexible and feasible, particularly considering some IFs currently had no venues in Dakar, Senegal. He said that the IFs stood ready to assist and collaborate with the Dakar 2026 YOGOC to deliver the YOG.
- 79 **Mr Tom Dielen (Secretary General, World Archery)** enquired as to whether there had been another change for the archery venue, since World Archery had been informed at the 47th ASOIF General Assembly in 2023 that the archery venue had been moved to Diamniadio. **Mr Abdou Diaw (Operations Director, Dakar 2026 YOGOC)** confirmed that the archery venue had been moved to Stade Abdoulaye Wade, which was currently being renovated. He assured Mr Tom Dielen that the Dakar 2026 YOGOC would keep World Archery informed of the progress.
- 80 **Mr Luciano Rossi (President, ISSF)** said that since shooting had been included in the programme, the ISSF was ready to start the collaboration with the Dakar 2026 YOGOC to deliver the shooting events.

13.4. Presentation by the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games Organising Committee

- 81 **Mr Niccolo Campriani (Sport Director, LA28 OCOG)** and **Ms Katy Dunnet (Senior Advisor Sport Planning, LA28 OCOG)** gave a presentation of the LA28 preparations to the General Assembly ([Annex 6](#)).
- 82 **The President** thanked the LA28 OCOG for its presentation. He encouraged the LA28 OCOG to appoint the sport managers so that they could attend the Paris 2024 Olympic Games to gain hands-on experiences. He also recommended that LA28 OCOG finalise the Venue Masterplan as soon as possible. He looked forward to seeing the evolution of LA28's organisation following its restructure.
- 83 **Mr Tom Dielen (Secretary General, World Archery)** enquired as to when the LA28 IF site visit policy would be finalised, as this had been discussed at the recent AOMSG meeting. **Ms Katy Dunnet (Senior Advisor Sport Planning, LA28 OCOG)** said that the policy was being revised based on the AOMSG's feedback, which would be finalised and published shortly after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

13.5. Report by the World Anti-Doping Agency

- 84 **Mr Witold Bańka (President, WADA)** gave an update of WADA's activities to the General Assembly ([Annex 7](#)).

13.6. Presentation by the International Testing Agency

- 85 **Mr Benjamin Cohen (Director General, ITA)** gave a presentation of the ITA's activities to the General Assembly ([Annex 8](#)).

14. OTHER BUSINESSES

- 86 **Mr Kelly Fairweather (CEO, ITF)** enquired about the status of the GAISF dissolution and the process for the IF's IOC recognition following SportAccord's restructure, since a few IFs had expressed their concerns on this matter. **The President** said that the GAISF dissolution had been completed and ASOIF had subsequently received CHF 1.76 million from the liquidation. As for the IF's IOC recognition process, he said that the SportAccord stakeholders had been trying to simplify the process and intended to invite the IOC to be part of the process as the final decision-making body. **Mr Kit McConnell (Sports Director, IOC)** elaborated that the IOC had been considering a two-step process. The first step would be under SportAccord's mandate to recognise the IF, after which the IF would become a member of the Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sports (AIMS). The second step would be an IOC responsibility to grant the IOC recognition to the IF, after which the IF would become a member of the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF). He said that as part of the process, the IF would be examined as to whether it had any conflicts of governance with the existing recognised and Olympic IFs.
- 87 **Mr Thomas Lund (Secretary General, Badminton World Federation)** suggested that the process should be based more on a broad consultation with the stakeholder associations instead of a fully top-down approach. **The President** acknowledged Mr Thomas Lund's comments and said that although ASOIF was one of the decision-making stakeholders, ARISF played a more important role in this process. As a member of the SportAccord Executive Committee, **Mr Ingmar De Vos (ASOIF Council Member and President, FEI)** reported that SportAccord had agreed on a simplified process which would streamline the application procedures and significantly reduce the backlog of applications. He added that SportAccord would try to materialise the establishment of a membership commission, which would have formal representation from the four stakeholder associations, as well as the IOC. He said that the conflicts of governance with existing IFs would also be considered by the commission during the process.

15. CLOSING

- 88 **The President** thanked all the ASOIF members for their participation and contribution in person and those by video-conference. He also expressed his gratitude to the ASOIF staff and SportAccord for organising such a successful General Assembly.



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