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Minutes
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1. OPENING BY INGMAR DE VOS, ASOIF PRESIDENT

1 **Mr Ingmar De Vos, ASOIF President (the President)**, opened the 49th ASOIF General Assembly and welcomed the delegates attending both those in person in Lausanne, Switzerland, and those by video-conference.

2 **The President** also extended a warm welcome to the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), **Dr Thomas Bach**, and IOC President-Elect, **Mrs Kirsty Coventry** for their presence at the General Assembly.

3 **The President** paid tribute to the outgoing IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, acknowledging the conclusion of his 12-year tenure marked by unwavering leadership, resilience and a transformative vision for the Olympic Movement. He highlighted the key achievements under Dr Thomas Bach's presidency, including the Olympic Agenda 2020 and Olympic Agenda 2020+5, the creation of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team and the gender parity at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. He also commended Dr Thomas Bach's leadership through significant global challenges, notably the COVID-19 pandemic, the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the geopolitical tensions.

4 **The President** then invited **Dr Thomas Bach** to address the General Assembly.

2. OPENING REMARKS BY THOMAS BACH, IOC PRESIDENT

5 **Dr Thomas Bach** addressed the General Assembly with gratitude for the enduring support and collaboration of the International Federations (IFs) throughout his 12-year presidency. He reflected on the pivotal role of the IFs in shaping the Olympic Agenda 2020 and Olympic Agenda 2020+5, and navigating challenges such as the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games due to the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical crises surrounding the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. He praised the shared resilience and unity that upheld the Olympic Movement during turbulent times, resulting in unprecedented global engagement and reaffirmed relevance of the Olympic Games. He highlighted that 78% of global viewers now see the Olympic Games as more important than ever in today's divided world. He

concluded by urging the IFs to extend the same spirit of trust, cooperation and unity to IOC President-Elect Kirsty Coventry and expressed his gratitude to the IFs.

3. ADDRESS BY INGMAR DE VOS, ASOIF PRESIDENT

6 **The President** addressed the General Assembly and acknowledged that this was a time of transition across the Olympic Movement, including leadership changes within the IOC and several IFs, as well as in ASOIF. He extended congratulations to IOC President-Elect Kirsty Coventry, expressing confidence in her leadership and affirming the continued support of the Summer Olympic IFs. He also congratulated the newly elected and re-elected IF presidents, as well as the newly appointed IF secretaries general since the 48th ASOIF General Assembly which was held in April 2025.

7 **The President** paid tribute to the former ASOIF President, **Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti**, recognising his contributions to the IFs' autonomy and better governance, as well as the Olympic revenue distribution model reform. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to the two departing ASOIF Council (the Council) members, **Prof Uğur Erdener (President, World Archery)** and **Lord Sebastian Coe (President, World Athletics)**, for their commitments and services to the Council and the IFs.

8 **The President** commended the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (OCOG) of Paris 2024, the IOC and the IFs for a successful delivery of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. He expressed his gratitude to the IOC for increasing the Olympic revenue distribution to the IFs to USD 590.1 million, which was appreciated by the ASOIF membership.

9 **The President** noted ASOIF's growing membership following the IOC's approval of the sports programme of the Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) Olympic Games, which had included 36 sports. He welcomed the four new ASOIF Associate Members, namely the International Cricket Council, the International Federation of American Football, World Lacrosse and World Squash, of which the sports had been included at the LA28 Olympic Games as OCOG-proposed sports.

10 **The President** highlighted the upcoming priorities of ASOIF, including the cooperation with the new Council following the elections at this meeting, ASOIF's strategic plan development, enhancement of communication with the ASOIF members and the review of the Terms of Reference and compositions of ASOIF's eight consultative and advisory groups, as well as the Governance Task Force.

11 By concluding his opening speech, **the President** opened the floor for questions or remarks.

12 **Lord Sebastien Coe (President, World Athletics)** expressed his appreciation for the recognition of his services of the Council and for the opportunity to engage in the ASOIF strategic discussions ahead of the General Assembly. He looked forward to meaningful discussions on the relations between the IOC and IFs under the new IOC leadership. He also stressed the necessity to review of the Olympic revenue distribution model, which could strengthen the mutual trust and enhance the IFs' capacity to continuing delivering successful Olympic Games.

13 **Prof Uğur Erdener (President, World Archery)** expressed his gratitude to the IF colleagues for their support. He extended his gratitude to the IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach for his outstanding leadership. He also congratulated the IOC President-Elect, Mrs Kirsty Coventry.

14 **The President**, on behalf of the ASOIF membership, expressed the full support from the IFs to the IOC President-Elect, Mrs Kirsty Coventry for her upcoming presidency, acknowledging the significance of her new role and the legacy she inherits. He encouraged a measured approach

to addressing the challenges ahead and reaffirmed the IFs' commitment to engaging with her transparently and constructively.

15 **The President** then invited **Mrs Kirsty Coventry** to address the General Assembly.

4. OPENING REMARKS BY KIRSTY COVENTRY, IOC PRESIDENT-ELECT

16 **Mrs Kirsty Coventry** expressed her gratitude and enthusiasm for beginning her mandate in close collaboration with the IFs, acknowledging the complex geopolitical challenges and the evolving Olympic revenue distribution model. She emphasised the central role of the athletes as the inspiration behind the Olympic Movement and stressed the importance of empowering National and International Federations to inspire future generations. She committed to fostering an open dialogue with the IFs and emphasised the need to re-evaluate the existing models to strengthen the Olympic Games delivery. Finally, she highlighted her two core priorities for her upcoming IOC Presidency: delivering successful Olympic Games and building a better world through sport.

5. ROLL CALL & QUORUM

17 **Mr James Carr, ASOIF Executive Director (the Executive Director)** conducted the Roll Call and confirmed that 30 ASOIF Full Members and four Associate Members were present either in person or by video-conference. He also acknowledged the absence of one Associate Member, the International Cricket Council.

18 Therefore, **the Executive Director** announced that the 49th ASOIF General Assembly's quorum had been met in accordance with ASOIF Statutes Article 4.3.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

19 **The President proposed**, on behalf of the Council, to appoint two scrutineers for the 49th ASOIF General Assembly: **Mr Stephen Bock (Head of Legal and General Counsel of the International Volleyball Federation, Chair of the ASOIF Legal Consultative Group)** and **Mrs Christine Hauselmann (ASOIF Secretariat)**.

20 **The General Assembly approved the appointment of the scrutineers**.

The voting results are as follows (Annex 1):
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0
Yes: 29 (96.67%)
No: 1 (3.33%)

7. APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

21 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the Executive Director proposed** that the General Assembly approve the Agenda of the 49th ASOIF General Assembly.

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22 **The General Assembly approved the Agenda of the 49th ASOIF General Assembly**.

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0
Yes: 30 (100.00%)
No: 0 (0.00%)

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 48TH ASOIF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the Executive Director proposed** that the General Assembly approve the minutes of the 48th ASOIF General Assembly.

24 **The General Assembly approved the minutes of the 48th ASOIF General Assembly**.

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 29
Abstentions and blank votes: 1
Yes: 29 (100.00%)
No: 0 (0.00%)

9. ANNUAL REPORT

25 **The President** congratulated the IF Presidents who had been elected, re-elected or appointed since the 48th ASOIF General Assembly as follows (in chronological order):

- **Mr Jay Shah** was elected as the new Chair of the International Cricket Council in August 2024;
- **Mr Sabatino Aracu** was re-elected as President of World Skate in September 2024;
- **Mr Antonio Arimany** was elected as the new President of World Triathlon in October 2024 and started his mandate in April 2025;
- **Mr Morinari Watanabe** was re-elected as President of the International Gymnastics Federation in October 2024;
- **Mr Nenad Lalović** was re-elected as President of United World Wrestling in October 2024;
- **Mr Thomas Konietzko** was re-elected as President of the International Canoe Federation in November 2024;
- **Mr Tayyab Ikram** was re-elected as President of the International Hockey Federation in November 2024;
- **Mr Quanhai Li** was re-elected as President of World Sailing in November 2024;
- **Mr Brett Robinson** was elected as the new Chair of World Rugby in November 2024;
- **Mr Fabio Azevedo** was elected as the new President of the International Volleyball Federation in November 2024;

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- **Mr Robert Stull** was elected as the new President of the International Union of Modern Pentathlon in November 2024;

- **Mr Bob DeMarco** was elected as the new President of World Lacrosse in November 2024.

- **Mr Pierre Trochet** was re-elected as President of the International Federation of American Football in December 2024;

- **Mrs Zena Wooldridge** was re-elected as President of World Squash in December 2024;

- **Mr Marco Maria Scolaris** was re-elected as President of the International Federation of Sport Climbing in April 2025;

- **Mrs KhunyingPatama Leeswadtrakul** was elected as the new President of the Badminton World Federation in April 2025;

- **Mr Abdelmoneim Elhusseiny** was appointed as the new Interim President of the International Fencing Federation in April 2025;

- **Mr Mohammed Jalood** was re-elected as President of International Weightlifting Federation in May 2025;

- **Mrs Petra Sörling** was re-elected as President of International Table Tennis Federation in May 2025; and

- **Mr Marius Vizer** was re-elected as President of International Judo Federation in June 2025.

26 **The President** also congratulated the IF Secretaries General who had been appointed or elected since the 48th ASOIF General Assembly as follows (in chronological order):

- **Mr Hugh McCutcheon** was appointed as the new Secretary General of the International Volleyball Federation in November 2024;

- **Ms Gulnora Saidova** was appointed as the new Secretary General of the International Fencing Federation in December 2024;

- **Mr Piero Rebaudengo** was appointed as the new Secretary General of the International Federation of Sport Climbing in May 2025;

- **Mr Jon Wyatt** was appointed as the new Secretary General of World Triathlon in May 2025 and will start his mandate in early August 2025; and

- **Mr José Quiñones** was elected as the new General Secretary of the International Weightlifting Federation in May 2025.

27 **The President** invited the Executive Director to present the Annual Report, which included an update of ASOIF's main activities since the 48th ASOIF General Assembly.

ASOIF Presidential transition

28 **The Executive Director** reported that Mr Ingmar De Vos had officially started his four-year Presidential mandate on 1 January 2025. The former President, Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti and the ASOIF staff had facilitated a smooth transition.

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

29 **The Executive Director** acknowledged the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. He extended his congratulations to the Paris 2024 OCOG for their exceptional work. He also commended the IFs' contributions and recognised their key role in the successful delivery of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Future Olympic Games

30 **The Executive Director** noted the significant work ahead in preparation for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the LA28 Olympic Games and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. He welcomed the presence of the representatives from the OCOGs of these Games, who would present their reports later in the meeting.

31 **The Executive Director** reported that the Coordination Commissions for the LA28 Olympic Games and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games had recently held an in-person meeting respectively. He said that ASOIF would proactively communicate the outcomes of those meetings to its membership in the future.

Consultative Groups

32 **The 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 then highlighted some of the main activities of the groups.

ASOIF Olympic and Multi-Sport Games Consultative Group (AOMSG)

33 **The Executive Director** reported that the AOMSG, chaired by Mr Kelly Fairweather (Chief Executive Officer, International Tennis Federation), had facilitated the Paris 2024 post-Games debrief. ASOIF had organise a dedicated debrief workshop in October 2024 to capture the learnings and IFs' feedback. Subsequently, ASOIF had produced a comprehensive debrief report with key recommendations, which had been shared with the IOC, the LA28 OCOG and the IFs.

ASOIF Commercial Advisory Group (CAG)

34 **The Executive Director** reported that the CAG, chaired by Mr Antony Scanlon (Executive Director, International Golf Federation), 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 and to assist the IFs' marketing activities. He pointed out that this study would be fully complementary to the IOC data collection, of which the objective and methodology were different.

ASOIF Diversity and Gender Equality Consultative Group (ADGEG)

35 **The Executive Director** reported that led by the ADGEG, chaired by Mrs Sabrina Ibáñez (Secretary General, International Equestrian Federation), the fifth annual ASOIF Women Leadership Programme had successfully concluded with 40 women participants graduated. He

said that the programme aimed to empower potential women leaders to serve in elective positions in their respective federation, thereby increasing the number of women in leadership positions across the Olympic Movement. He highlighted that one of this edition's graduates, Mrs Vicki Reid, had been elected as the first female President of the Oceania Tennis Federation in April 2025.

ASOIF Medical and Science Consultative Group (AMSCG)

36 **The Executive Director** reported that the AMSCG, chaired by Dr Margo Mountjoy (Medical Committee Member, International Golf Federation), had held the ASOIF Medical and Science Workshop in May 2025 with over 60 medical and legal experts from 33 IFs in attendance. The topics of the workshop included practical applications of Artificial Intelligence in medical workflow, athlete health and injury prevention, gender eligibility and differences of sex development.

ASOIF Legal Consultative Group (ALCG)

37 **The Executive Director** reported that the Council had appointed Mr Stephen Bock (Head of Legal and General Counsel, International Volleyball Federation) as the new Chair of the ALCG. He expressed his gratitude to the former Chair, Mr Antonio Arimany (President, World Triathlon) for his dedication and services to the ALCG over the past seven years. He then highlighted the ALCG's recent activities, including the discussions on safeguarding policies, engagement with the Court of Arbitration for Sport, providing feedback on the World Anti-Doping Code revision and monitoring the legal implications of the Royal FC Seraing v FIFA case.

Creative Sports Award

38 **The Executive Director** said that the nominations for the 13th edition of the Creative Sports Award were now open with a submission deadline of 31 August 2025. The theme for this edition was "The Best Initiatives, Programmes or Projects in the Sports Field". He highlighted that the winning IF would receive a financial reward of AED 1 million (approximately USD 272,000) for use in development initiatives.

ASOIF internal governance

39 **The Executive Director** paid tribute to the former ASOIF Executive Director, Mr Andrew Ryan, who retired on 31 December 2024. He commended his exceptional services to ASOIF and the Olympic Movement during his 20-year tenure.

10. ASOIF STRATEGY

40 **The President** reported that following a recent membership survey to gather the IFs' insights, ASOIF was currently reviewing its strategic plan. He said that the interactive and productive working session, which was held one day prior to the General Assembly, had helped capture and understand the member IFs' collective interests and needs. He highlighted some of the key priorities discussed during the working session, including enhanced communication, IOC relations, review of the Olympic revenue distribution model and the funding model for the Associate Members and OCOG-proposed additional sports. He said that further stakeholder interviews would be conducted in the coming weeks, of which the outcomes, together with the findings of the membership survey, would inform the development of the new strategy. He concluded that the finalised strategy would be presented to the Council for validation in Q4 2025 and would be shared with the ASOIF membership upon completion.

11. FINANCE

Annual Financial Report

41 **The Executive Director** presented and summarised the 2024 financial report which showed an increase in the total value of assets from CHF 14.58 million at the end of 2023 to CHF 16.57 million at the end of 2024. He reported that the surplus was due to the CHF 2.16 million Paris 2024 Olympic revenue share (the first and second instalments in 2024), increased contribution from SportAccord and CHF 849,000 investment return, which represented an approximately 9% yield compared to 5% in 2024. He said that ASOIF's overall financial position remained strong.

42 **The Executive Director** reported that the Central Project Funds stood at CHF 5.82 million, with an increased investments of CHF 1.24 million comparing to CHF 805,000 in 2023. He said that the investments were to support key projects, such as the Paris 2024 Games-time demographic data study, Governance Task Force, the ASOIF Development and Education Workshop and the ASOIF Women Leadership Programme.

Auditors' Report 2024

43 **The Executive Director** said that as appointed by the 48th ASOIF General Assembly, Forvis Mazars had conducted an ordinary audit of ASOIF's 2024 accounts instead of a limited statutory audit as previously had been done. He reported that Forvis Mazars had issued a positive opinion and reviewed ASOIF's internal control system. He also reported that ASOIF had commissioned a new accounting firm, Gaapex, to assume fiduciary responsibilities.

44 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the Executive Director proposed** that the General Assembly approve the auditors' report 2024.

45 **The General Assembly approved the auditor's report on ASOIF's 2024 accounts**.

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 28
Valid votes: 27
Abstentions and blank votes: 1
Yes: 27 (100.00%)
No: 0 (0.00%)

Appointment of Auditor

46 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the Executive Director proposed** that the General Assembly approve the appointment of Forvis Mazars as the auditor for ASOIF's 2025 accounts.

47 **The General Assembly approved the appointment of Mazars as the auditor for ASOIF's 2025 accounts.**

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 29
Valid votes: 29
Abstentions and blank votes: 0
Yes: 29 (100.00%)
No: 0 (0.00%)

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2025 Annual Subscription

48 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the Executive Director proposed** that the General Assembly approve the annual subscription fee for 2025 which would remain at CHF 100.

49 **The General Assembly approved the annual subscription fee for 2025.**

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 29
Valid votes: 29
Abstentions and blank votes: 0
Yes: 29 (100.00%)
No: 0 (0.00%)

Revised 2025 Budget

50 **The Executive Director** presented the revised 2025 budget and highlighted several key adjustments. Firstly, the third instalment of the Paris 2024 Olympic revenue share was originally budgeted at CHF 262,240, but the actual receipt from the IOC in March 2025 was CHF 489,632. Secondly, the operating expenses were projected to be CHF 255,300 lower than originally budgeted, primarily due to reduced staff costs following the departure of two staff members and other operational changes. Thirdly, a new budget line had been included for the development of ASOIF's strategy with a potential extension into 2026. Fourthly, the expected SportAccord contribution was revised from CHF 302,400 to CHF 151,200 following the cancellation of the 2025 SportAccord Convention, in the framework of which the ASOIF General Assembly would normally be held. Consequently, the ASOIF General Assembly costs had been adjusted from CHF 30,000 to 120,000, covering the expenses of the 49th ASOIF General Assembly and the ASOIF Annual Dinner. Lastly, the projected investment return had been maintained at 2%. He concluded that the revised 2025 budget had resulted in a net surplus of CHF 328,314.

51 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the Executive Director proposed** that the General Assembly approve the revised 2025 budget.

52 **The General Assembly approved the revised 2025 budget.**

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 29
Abstentions and blank votes: 1
Yes: 29 (100.00%)
No: 0 (0.00%)

2026 Budget

53 **The Executive Director** presented the 2026 budget and said that it broadly aligned with the revised 2025 budget with a few key adjustments. Firstly, a USD/CHF exchange rate of 0.85 was used to budget the IOC annual contribution, which was based on UBS's forecast. Secondly, the SportAccord contribution was reinstated at CHF 302,400, anticipating the 2026 SportAccord Convention would be delivered. Correspondingly, the ASOIF General Assembly costs were reduced from the 2025 level to CHF 50,000. Additionally, the budget for communications had been increased to accommodate potential initiatives such as enhanced communications following the ASOIF strategic review and a rebranding project.

54 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the Executive Director proposed** that the General Assembly approve the 2026 budget.

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55 **The General Assembly approved the 2026 budget.**

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0
Yes: 30 (100.00%)
No: 0 (0.00%)

12. STATUTE AMENDMENTS

56 **The President** said that the Statute amendments were not substantive, which were mainly to facilitate ASOIF's registration at the Vaud Commercial Registry, as well as to simply and finetune the language of a few articles. However, he said that a more comprehensive statutory revision might be conducted next year following the ASOIF strategic review. He then invited the Executive Director to explain the proposed amendments.

57 **The Executive Director** highlighted the key proposed changes. Firstly, the proposed amendment to Article 4.6 was to simplify the convening of the General Assembly. Secondly, the proposed amendment to Article 4.8 was to clarify the hybrid formats of the General Assembly. Thirdly, the proposed amendment to Article 5.2(b) was to clarify the renomination procedure in the event that the incumbent ASOIF President ceases to have a role within the executive body of their IF. Fourthly, the proposed amendment to Article 6.4 was to clarify that a member has the authority to withdraw its Council member but not the President. Lastly, the introduction of the new Article 9.1 was to facilitate ASOIF's registration at the Vaud Commercial Registry, which required ASOIF to specify its financial resources.

58 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the President proposed** that the General Assembly approve the Statute amendments.

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

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 29
Abstentions and blank votes: 1
Yes: 28 (96.55%)
No: 1 (3.45%)

13. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ADMISSION – WORLD BOXING

60 **The President** said that in February 2025, the IOC Executive Board had granted the provisional recognition of World Boxing as the IF within the Olympic Movement governing the sport of boxing at world level. Subsequently, the 144th IOC Session had approved the inclusion of boxing on the LA28 Olympic Games sports programme in March 2025. As such, World Boxing had submitted the application for ASOIF's Associate Membership for the General Assembly's consideration. As determined by the Council, if approved, World Boxing's Associate Membership would be conditional on maintaining the IOC's provisional recognition.

61 With no questions or remarks from the floor, on behalf of the Council, **the President proposed** that the General Assembly approve the application for Associate Membership submitted by World Boxing.

62 **The General Assembly approved the application for Associate Membership submitted by World Boxing.**

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 29
Valid votes: 29
Abstentions and blank votes: 0
Yes: 27 (93.10%)
No: 2 (6.90%)

63 **The President** congratulated World Boxing on being admitted as an ASOIF Associate Member. He then invited **Mr Boris van der Vorst (President, World Boxing)** to share a few remarks.

64 **Mr Boris van der Vorst** expressed his gratitude to the General Assembly for welcoming World Boxing into ASOIF's membership. He acknowledged that this was a significant milestone for World Boxing and the global boxing community. He also highlighted the IOC's provisional recognition granted to his IF and the inclusion of boxing in the LA28 Olympic Games sports programme. He recognised the responsibilities and work ahead and welcomed the support and experiences offered by the other IFs. He looked forward to future collaborations with the ASOIF membership.

14. GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

65 **The President** paid tribute to the former Chair of the Governance Task Force (GTF), Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti for his vision and leadership. ASOIF's governance project helped preserve the autonomy of the IFs by improving governance internally and avoid external and governmental interference in sport matters. The GTF had played a key role in promoting better governance across the Olympic Movement. He reported that the Council decided to continue the governance assessment.

66 **The President** said that, since he was both the ASOIF President and President of an IF, it was important for him to avoid perception of bias and ensure impartiality. Therefore, the Council had appointed Mrs Snežana Samardžić-Marković as the new independent chair of the GTF.

67 **The Executive Director** provided an update of the upcoming Sixth Review of IF Governance, which would launch in October 2025 with a submission deadline of mid-January 2026. The independent moderation would be conducted once again by *I Trust Sport*, after which the report would be published in June or July 2026. The 60 indicators would be retained with limited amendments. He said that the GTF intended to finalise the questionnaire in July 2025 and make it publicly available on ASOIF's website, allowing the IFs more time to prepare.

68 **The Executive Director** then invited the **Chair of GTF**, **Mrs Snežana Samardžić-Marković** to address the General Assembly.

69 **Mrs Snežana Samardžić-Marković** reflected on her extensive governance background, including two mandates as Director General for Democracy at the Council of Europe and services as Serbia's Minister of Youth and Sport. She commended ASOIF's collective and collaborative approach to governance reform and highlighted the success of the Fifth Review of IF Governance, where the IFs had demonstrated significant progress. She confirmed that the

number of indicators and target scores would remain unchanged for the Sixth Review of IF Governance, to ensure stability during a period of leadership transitions across the Olympic Movement. She said that the focus should be deepened in two key areas: proactive governance support of the National Federations and the recruitment, development and retention of sport officials. She announced that the ASOIF Governance Workshop would be held on 1 October 2025 to facilitate input from IFs. She concluded by reaffirm her continued commitment to the GTF's mission and expressed gratitude for the trust placed in her.

15. REPORTS

15.1. Presentation by the International Olympic Committee

70 Before the presentation, **the President** extended his gratitude to **Mr Kit McConnell (Sports Director, IOC)** for his dedication and close collaboration with ASOIF and the IFs over the years, as he would depart the IOC at the end of June 2025 and would join the Brisbane 2032 OCOG as the Chief Sport Officer. **The President** also welcomed the appointment of **Mr Pierre Ducrey** as the new IOC Sports Director.

71 **Mr Kit McConnell**, **Mr David Luckes (Associate Director, Summer Sports and International Federation Relations, IOC)** and **Dr Jane Thornton (Medical and Scientific Director, IOC)** gave a presentation to the General Assembly on matters related to the IFs, Olympic Games and IOC's various projects (Annex 2).

72 **Lord Sebastian Coe (President, World Athletics)** raised the concerns that there had been a growing trend within the Olympic Games delivery model that shifts costs from the OCOGs to the IFs, which would pose a significant risk if continued. He also emphasised the need for stricter oversight of the obligations stipulated in the Host City Contract. In addition, he urged the IOC to increase transparency regarding broadcast data-sharing, which could enable IFs to generate revenue beyond the Olympic Games and to support athletes in accessing additional income streams.

73 **Mr Kit McConnell** said that the IOC's objective was to enhance efficiency in Games delivery without shifting costs to the IFs or other stakeholders. He acknowledged that there were instances where costs might have been increased and emphasised the importance of distinguishing between essential operation costs and optional upgraded service costs. He said that the IOC had been collaborating with ASOIF to identify and better understand cost attributions, as well as working with the LA28 OCOG to reduce complexity and cost. In response to the data concerns, he said that the IOC was open to further collaboration and to invite IFs to engage directly where additional data could provide value. He reiterated the IOC's willingness to share relevant information, within the bounds of data protection regulations, to strengthen the IF's activities and athlete's visibility.

74 **The President** firstly thanked the IOC for reaffirming that there would be continued direct engagement with the IFs in the future Olympic Games, even when the professional leagues would be involved as event delivery partners. Secondly, he urged the IOC to timely schedule and communicate future meetings between the IOC and IFs, stressing the need for advanced notice to avoid potential calendar clashes. Lastly, he highlighted a significant outcome from the recent Brisbane 2032 Coordination Commission meeting: for the first time, both sports and disciplines programmes would be confirmed at the same time in 2026. He welcomed the IOC President-Elect's commitment to aligning the approval of both programmes, which would enhance clarity and planning for the IFs and OCOGs.

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

75 **Mr Ibrahima Wade (Chief Executive Officer, Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (YOGOC))**, **Mr Abdou Diaw (Operations Director, Dakar 2026 YOGOC)** and **Mr Kabir Pene (Sports Director, Dakar 2026 YOGOC)** gave a presentation to the General Assembly (Annex 3).

76 **Mr Alessandro Nicotra di San Giacomo (Secretary General, International Shooting Sport Federation)** expressed support for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games and reaffirmed the IF's willingness to assist with expertise and potential funding. However, he raised the concerns regarding the lack of clarity and communication about the scope and requirements of the engagement sports programme. He stressed the need for more effective and timely communication with the IFs to ensure a successful delivery.

77 **Mr Ibrahima Wade** confirmed that bilateral discussions with the IFs were being scheduled to address matters related to the engagement sports programme. He said that a proposed concept had been shared and further engagement was being planned to finalise the approach and to confirm the timeline.

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

78 Before the presentation, **the President** reflected on the LA28 IF Transition Seminar held in January 2025, during which the LA28 OCOG had shared updates and details of the Games preparations. He also highlighted the significant progress presented at the recent LA28 Coordination Commission meeting and noted the expansion of the LA28 sports team. However, he said that there were still some milestones needed to be achieved.

79 **The President** thanked the Summer IF and ASOIF representatives on the LA28 Coordination Commission for their work: **Mr Morinari Watanabe (President, International Gymnastics Federation)**, **Mr Andreas Zagklis (Secretary General, International Basketball Federation)** and **the Executive Director**.

80 **Ms Shana Ferguson (Chief of Sport and Games Delivery, LA28 OCOG)** and **Mr Niccolo Campriani (Vice President of Sports, LA28 OCOG)** gave a presentation to the General Assembly (Annex 4).

81 **Mr Robert Fasulo (Executive Director, International Surfing Association)** expressed gratitude for the confirmation of Trestles as the surfing venue, recognising it as the optimal location for the sport. While acknowledging the expertise of the World Surf League and its potential role as an event delivery partner, he emphasised the importance of maintaining the IF's authority over the control and direction of the sport as stipulated in the Olympic Charter. He also stressed the need for clear roles and communication when involving professional leagues or other event delivery entities, noting past experiences and the importance of alignment between the IF and event delivery partners.

82 **Mr Niccolo Campriani** acknowledged Mr Robert Fasulo's comments and reiterated the LA28 OCOG's commitment to close collaboration with the IFs regarding the involvement of professional leagues and event delivery partners. He outlined a proposal to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the LA28 OCOG, the IF and the event delivery partners to clearly refine the roles and responsibilities. This MoU would serve as the basis for any subsequent legal agreements, which would be arranged individually with the relevant entities. He emphasised that the LA28 OCOG aimed to avoid any conflict or competition between the IFs and the professional leagues. He said that the involvement with event delivery

partners would be evaluated with clear criteria, including cost efficiency, risk and complexity reduction and product enhancement.

83 **The President** stressed the importance of a stronger collaboration between the IFs and OCOGs for a more efficient and effective delivery of the Games, as highlighted during the recent Coordination Commission meetings of LA28 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. He encouraged the IFs to proactively engage with the OCOG if they could provide their expertise and services that the OCOGs might not be aware of. He urged the IFs to communicate any support they were able to offer to enhance the Games delivery.

15.4. Presentation by the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games Organising Committee

84 Before the presentation, **the President** reflected on the outcomes of the recent Brisbane 2032 Coordination Commission meeting and noted that the OCOG now had a small but very capable and motivated team. He highlighted the ongoing development of the Venue Master Plan with some refinements still required. He also pointed out the potential logistical challenges related to the multiple satellite Olympic Villages. In addition, he stressed the importance of early engagement with the IF and reiterated that the IF should be the key decision maker instead of the National Federation on Games-related matters.

85 **The President** thanked the Summer IF and ASOIF representatives on the Brisbane 2032 Coordination Commission for their work: **Mr Tayyab Ikram (President, International Hockey Federation)**, **Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland (President, World Rowing)** and **the Executive Director**.

86 **Mr Kit McConnell (Incoming Chief Sport Officer, Brisbane 2032 OCOG)** gave a presentation to the General Assembly (Annex 5).

15.5. Report by the World Anti-Doping Agency

87 **The President** congratulated **Mr Witold Bańka** on being re-elected as President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for the term 2026-2028 and **Mrs Yang Yang** on being re-elected as Vice-President of WADA for the term 2026-2028.

88 **Mr Witold Bańka** gave a verbal update of WADA's activities to the General Assembly (Annex 6).

89 On behalf of the ASOIF membership, **the President** condemned the concept of the Enhanced Games which harms the integrity of sport and undermines fair competition. Alarmingly, it also threatens the health of the athletes. These Games go against all the core values of sport.

15.6. Presentation by the International Testing Agency

90 **Dr Valérie Fourneyron (Chair of the Board, International Testing Agency (ITA))** and **Mr Benjamin Cohen (Director General, ITA)** gave a presentation of the ITA's activities to the General Assembly (Annex 7).

91 **The President** extended his gratitude to **Dr Valérie Fourneyron**, a founding member of the ITA, for her dedication and commitment as her mandate would conclude at the end of 2025. He

commended her, Mr Benjamin Cohen and the ITA staff for their exceptional work in establishing the ITA as an efficient organisation providing anti-doping services across the Olympic Movement.

16. ELECTIONS

16.1. Introduction and Election Procedures

92 **The President** reported that seven nominations for the four available Council positions had been received before the deadline in good order. He announced the seven candidates in alphabetical order of their surnames:

- **Mr Mohammed Jalood**, President, International Weightlifting Federation;
- **Mr Thomas Konietzko**, President, International Canoe Federation;
- **Mr Nenad Lalovic**, President, United World Wrestling;
- **Mrs Ximena Restrepo**, Senior Vice-President, World Athletics;
- **Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland**, President, World Rowing;
- **Mr Marco Maris Scolaris**, President, International Federation of Sport Climbing; and
- **Mr Andreas Zagklis**, Secretary General, International Basketball Federation.

93 **The Executive Director** stated that three Council positions, each with a four-year term from 2025 to 2029, were available for election.

94 **The Executive Director** also stated that one Council position with a two-year term from 2025 to 2027 was available for election. As the President had started his Presidential term in January 2025, this position would be filling his vacated seat and serving the remainder of his two-year unexpired term.

95 **The Executive Director** explained the election procedures which had been circulated prior to the General Assembly. For elections to the Council, an absolute majority (more than fifty percent of the vote cast) is required. If no candidate reaches an absolute majority, the candidate obtaining the smallest amount of votes shall be eliminated until one or more candidates obtain an absolute majority. He also elaborated that, based on the legal advice from the law firm Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler and in accordance with the ASOIF Statutes, the elections for the three positions with a four-year term would be conducted first in one ballot, and the election for the one position with a two-year term would be conducted last. The remaining four candidates that were not elected in the first election would be included in the ballot of the second election.

96 **The Executive Director** stated that if any candidates wished to withdraw their candidatures, now was the last time that they could do so. Beyond this point, the candidates would have to maintain their candidatures throughout the elections. For reasons of fairness to all candidates, it was not allowed for a candidate to announce their withdrawal in support of another candidate.

97 Before proceeding to the elections, **the President** opened the floor for questions or remarks.

98 **Mr Marco Maris Scolaris (President, International Federation of Sport Climbing)** enquired whether the voters were required to cast three votes in the ballot for the three Council positions

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with a four-year term in order for the ballot to be considered valid. **The President** confirmed that the voters had to cast exactly three votes in order for the ballot to be considered valid.

99 With no more questions or remarks from the floor, **the Executive Director** announced the commencement of the elections.

16.2. Elections of the three Council positions with the term 2025-2029

First Round of Voting

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes for each of the three positions: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0

Mr Andreas Zagklis (International Basketball Federation)	***24 (80.00%)***
Mr Nenad Lalovic (United World Wrestling)	***18 (60.00%)***
Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics)	*13 (43.33%)*
Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland (World Rowing)	*12 (40.00%)*
Mr Mohammed Jalood (International Weightlifting Federation)	*9 (30.00%)*
Mr Marco Maria Scolaris (International Federation of Sport Climbing)	*9 (30.00%)*
Mr Thomas Konietzko (International Canoe Federation)	*5 (16.67%)*

As Mr Andreas Zagklis and Mr Nenad Lalovic obtained an absolute majority, they were elected as Council members with the term 2025-2029.

There were no candidates obtained an absolute majority for the remaining one position. Therefore, another round of voting would be conducted.

As Mr Thomas Konietzko received the smallest number of votes, he was eliminated from the next round of voting.

Second Round of Voting

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes for the remaining one position: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0

Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland (World Rowing)	*13 (43.33%)*
Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics)	*9 (30.00%)*
Mr Mohammed Jalood (International Weightlifting Federation)	*5 (16.67%)*
Mr Marco Maria Scolaris (International Federation of Sport Climbing)	*3 (10.00%)*

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There were no candidates obtained an absolute majority for the remaining one position. Therefore, another round of voting would be conducted.

As Mr Marco Maria Scolaris received the smallest number of votes, he was eliminated from the next round of voting.

Third Round of Voting

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes for the remaining one position: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0

Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland (World Rowing)	*13 (43.33%)*
Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics)	*11 (36.67%)*
Mr Mohammed Jalood (International Weightlifting Federation)	*6 (20.00%)*

There were no candidates obtained an absolute majority for the remaining one position. Therefore, another round of voting would be conducted.

As Mr Mohammed Jalood received the smallest number of votes, he was eliminated from the next round of voting.

Fourth Round of Voting

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes for the remaining one position: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0

Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland (World Rowing)	***17 (56.67%)***
Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics)	*13 (43.33%)*

As Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland obtained an absolute majority, he was elected as Council member with the term 2025-2029.

16.3. Election of the Council position with the term 2025-2027

The four candidates that were not elected in the previous elections had been included in this ballot.

First Round of Voting

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0

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Mr Marco Maria Scolaris (International Federation of Sport Climbing)	*11 (36.67%)*
Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics)	*10 (33.33%)*
Mr Mohammed Jalood (International Weightlifting Federation)	*7 (23.33%)*
Mr Thomas Konietzko (International Canoe Federation)	*2 (6.67%)*

There were no candidates obtained an absolute majority. Therefore, another round of voting would be conducted.

As Mr Thomas Konietzko received the smallest number of votes, he was eliminated from the next round of voting.

Second Round of Voting

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0

Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics)	*12 (40.00%)*
Mr Marco Maria Scolaris (International Federation of Sport Climbing)	*11 (36.67%)*
Mr Mohammed Jalood (International Weightlifting Federation)	*7 (23.33%)*

There were no candidates obtained an absolute majority. Therefore, another round of voting would be conducted.

As Mr Mohammed Jalood received the smallest number of votes, he was eliminated from the next round of voting.

Third Round of Voting

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 30
Abstentions and blank votes: 0

Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics)	*15 (50.00%)*
Mr Marco Maria Scolaris (International Federation of Sport Climbing)	*15 (50.00%)*

There were no candidates obtained an absolute majority. As there was a tie, another round of voting would be conducted.

Fourth Round of Voting

The voting results are as follows:
Eligible voters present: 30
Valid votes: 30

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Abstentions and blank votes: 0

Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics)	*15 (50.00%)*
Mr Marco Maria Scolaris (International Federation of Sport Climbing)	*15 (50.00%)*

There were no candidates obtained an absolute majority.

As there was still a tie, one of the scrutineers would toss a coin to determine which candidate would be elected.

Coin Toss

The results are as follows:

The scrutineer, Mr Stephen Bock, presented a coin with the value of CHF 5, which had two different sides: “heads” and “tails”.

Mrs Ximena Restrepo (World Athletics) chose “heads”.
Mr Marco Maria Scolaris (International Federation of Sport Climbing) chose “tails”.

The scrutineer tossed the coin. The coin landed on the floor with “heads” facing upward.

Therefore, Mrs Ximena Restrepo was elected as Council member with the term 2025-2027.

16.4. Conclusion of the Elections

100 **The President** congratulated the elected Council members:

Mr Nenad Lalovic (President, United World Wrestling) with the term 2025-2029;

Mr Jean-Christophe Rolland (President, World Rowing) with the term 2025-2029;

Mr Andreas Zagklis (Secretary General, International Basketball Federation) with the term 2025-2029; and

Mrs Ximena Restrepo (Senior Vice-President, World Athletics) with the term 2025-2027.

101 **The President** also thanked the candidates that were not elected for submitting their candidatures. He said that, as the voting process had demonstrated, all candidates were very qualified and supported by their peers.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

102 With no questions or remarks from the floor, **the President** proceeded to the next agenda item.

18. CLOSING

103 **The President** thanked the ASOIF members for a fruitful and productive General Assembly. He also thanked the IOC President and IOC President-Elect for their presence at the beginning of the meeting, as well as the stakeholders.

104 **The President** said that he looked forward to working with the new Council. He also paid tribute to the two departing Council members for their contributions: **Prof Uğur Erdener (President, World Archery)** and **Lord Sebastian Coe (President, World Athletics)**.

105 **The President** extended his gratitude to the Executive Director and the ASOIF staff for their efforts and dedication in facilitating a smooth transition, as well as in organising the General Assembly.

106 **The President** closed the 49th ASOIF General Assembly.

Mr Ingmar De Vos
President

Mr James Carr
Executive Director

Mr Junjie Li
General Assembly Secretary
Head of Institutional Affairs and Communications

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