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## **IOC Officers' meeting**

17-21 January 2022

### **Item 4.3**

**Karim Hilmi, IOC Vice-Chair & Chair of IFAG**

# December 2021 – June 2022 IFAG CORE MEMBERSHIP

(responses to CL 2862 of 20 October 2021)

## 14 Member States:

Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Canada, Egypt,  
Germany, Japan, Kuwait, Morocco, Norway, Turkey, UK, USA



## IOC Resolution A-31/2:

**'Requests** the IOC Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with the UNESCO Legal Advisor and IFAG, a preliminary proposal for the revised separate sets of Rules of Procedure for the IOC Assembly and Rules of Procedure for the IOC Executive Council, making the necessary clarifications and aligning language versions, for review and adoption by these two bodies, in accordance with the following timeline:

- (i) the first draft of the Rules of Procedure of the IOC Executive Council will be reviewed by the IOC Executive Council at its 55<sup>th</sup> session in 2022;
- (ii) draft Rules of Procedure of the IOC Assembly will be presented for review and adoption by the IOC Assembly at its 32<sup>nd</sup> session in 2023;
- (iii) the IOC Assembly at its 32<sup>nd</sup> session will also review the draft Rules of Procedure for the IOC Executive Council;
- (iv) the IOC Executive Council will hold an extraordinary session immediately following the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the IOC Assembly in order to adopt its Rules of Procedure'

## Brief Progress Report

- ✓ Contractor identified in consultation with the UNESCO Legal Advisor and contact established
- ✓ First report – initial feasibility study/analysis of potential complications – received last week
- ✓ Main issue:
  - Article 6.B.3 of the IOC Revised Statutes « [t]he Assembly shall determine the Commission's Rules of Procedure » = the competence to determine – and arguably adopt – the Rules of Procedure exclusively belongs to the Assembly

# OUR MANDATE: 1. Revision of Rules of Procedure

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- ✓ **Proposed way forward:**
  - Refrain from engaging in the amendment of the IOC Statutes;
  - In conformity with Article 6.B.3 of the Statutes, maintain a single set of the Commission's RoP, to be formally determined by the Assembly;
  - Revise the current RoP on the basis of a distinction among general rules, rules applicable to both organs and rules applicable only to one of them;
  - Amend Rules 55 and 56 to acknowledge and specify the competence of the Executive Council to amend or suspend rules relating to its organization and functioning

# OUR MANDATE: 2. Reporting on in-kind contributions

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## IOC Resolution A-31/2

**'Invites** IFAG to develop a proposal for a systematic approach and methodology for reporting in-kind contributions, consistent with the updated Guiding Principles for Programming and Budgeting (Annex I to Resolution EC-53/2) and Article 10 of the IOC Statutes, to be considered by the IOC Assembly at its 32<sup>nd</sup> session.'



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## IFAG Working Note 1 – drafted by the Secretariat and the USA

### Pilot reporting exercise 2022

#### Phase 1: January - June:

IFAG develops pilot methodology

Draft Pilot Methodology is presented to EC-55

EC reviews the methodology & possibly decides to launch a pilot reporting exercise for calendar year 2022

Phase 2: July 2022 – January 2023: CL is issued conveying the methodology and requesting formal statements of contributions in calendar year 2022 by 20 January 2023 at the latest.

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### Pilot reporting exercise 2022

Phase 3: February 2023: complete report on contributions is shared with IFAG (intersessional mandate 2022-2023) for discussion and potential proposal for revisions to methodology for consideration by the IOC Assembly in 2023.

A-32 considers the report and decides on future reporting.

The same timeline would apply to the collection of data for calendar year 2023, subject to validation of methodology by the Assembly



# OUR MANDATE: Next Steps

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- discuss the report on RoP revision with the UNESCO Legal Advisor - asap
- share the resulting document and proposed approach to implementation + Working Note 1 with IFAG and initiate the discussion by correspondence – end February/early March
- the first draft of RoPs & Guidelines for online meeting published as working documents by 15 April. English version to be shared with IFAG as soon as available
- 41 General Conference approved 2022-2023 budget as endorsed by Assembly-31 (no further work there in this intersessional period)
- final discussion at the IFAG meeting before EC-55
- report of the IFAG Chair = Information document under EC-55 agenda item 5.2

THANK YOU

