

DRAFT RESOLUTION EC-55/[5.2]

Submitted by: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Canada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Germany, Grenada, Japan, Kuwait, Morocco, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Türkiye, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, United Kingdom, and United States of America

Agenda item **5.2**

GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING MATTERS OF THE COMMISSION

The Executive Council,

1. **Having examined** documents:

- (i) IOC/EC-55/3.1.Doc(2) – Report on 2020–2021 (40 C/5) Budget Implementation as at 31 December 2021 and outline of the 2022–2023 Integrated Budgetary Framework,
- (ii) IOC/EC-55/3.1.Doc(3) – Financial situation of the IOC Special Account as at year end 2021 and forecast for 2022-2023,
- (iii) IOC/EC-55/5.1.Doc(1) - Proposed Revision of the IOC Rules of Procedure – First Draft,
- (iv) IOC/EC-55/5.1.Doc(2) - Report of the Chair of the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (intersessional period December 2021–June 2022),

I. Report on 2020–2021 (40 C/5) Budget Implementation as at 31 December 2021 and outline of the 2022–2023 Integrated Budgetary Framework

- 2. **Confirms** that the IOC budget for 2020–2021, as reported in Part I of IOC/EC-53/3.1.Doc(2), has been executed in accordance with the approved UNESCO Programme and Budget for 2020–2021 (40 C/5), including the adjusted budgetary appropriations for the IOC Special Account as approved by the IOC Assembly at its 31st session (IOC/A-31/3.2.Doc(3)) through IOC Resolution A-31/2;
- 3. **Notes** that the extrabudgetary resource mobilisation targets set for the 2020–2021 biennium have been achieved to the level of 92% overall, but with considerable variances between the Commission's Functions;
- 4. **Thanks** Member States who have contributed extrabudgetary resources and in-kind contributions for the 2020–2021 programme implementation;
- 5. **Expresses its satisfaction** that the Integrated Budgetary Framework for 2022–2023 approved by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 41st session and presented in Part II

of IOC/EC-55/3.1.Doc(2) is consistent with the budgetary allocations approved by the IOC Assembly at its 31st session (IOC/A-31/4.2.Doc) through IOC Resolution A-31/2;

6. **Acknowledges** the information on the financial situation of the IOC Special Account as at year end 2021 and forecast for 2022–2023 provided in IOC/EC-55/3.1.Doc(3);
7. **Approves** the revised budgetary allocations for 2022–2023 as proposed in Table 1 of IOC/EC-55/3.1.Doc(3);
8. **Encourages** all Member States to provide voluntary contributions to ensure full achievement of the collectively agreed extrabudgetary resource mobilization targets for 2022–2023, preferably to the IOC Special Account;
9. **Urgently requests** the IOC Executive Secretary to provide by September 2022 an estimate of the budget, including the needs in human resources, necessary to sustainably deliver IOC's core programmes and to expand its activities in response to increasing demands of Member States and other stakeholders as referenced in IOC Resolution XXX-3, and share it with all IOC Member States through a circular letter;
10. **Also requests** the IOC Executive Secretary to continue efforts to obtain further voluntary contributions, including from private sector donors and other partners and to achieve full implementation of the Commission's programmatic targets for 2022–2023;

II. Governance and Working Methods

A. Review of the IOC Rules of Procedure

11. **Recalls** that the IOC Assembly at its 31st session through IOC Resolution A-31/2 requested the IOC Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with the UNESCO Legal Advisor and the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (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;
12. **Acknowledges** that, upon further examination of the matter by the Office of UNESCO Legal Advisor and IFAG, the preparation of such separate sets of Rules of Procedure constitutes a more challenging exercise than appeared *prima facie*;
13. **Agrees** that the development of separate sets of Rules of Procedure for the IOC Assembly and Executive Council must be assessed against statutory constraints and notably Article 6.B.3 of the IOC Statutes stating 'the Assembly shall determine the Commission's Rules of Procedure';

14. **Welcomes** the proposal contained in IOC/EC-55/5.1.Doc(1) as respectful of Member States' wish to refrain from any substantial review of the Rules of Procedure by reorganizing them, rather than truly reviewing them;
15. **Recommends** that the IOC Assembly at its 32nd session adopt the overall approach as presented in IOC/EC-55/5.1.Doc(1) and based on the proposal to:
 - (i) refrain from engaging in a procedure of amendment of the IOC Statutes,
 - (ii) in conformity with Article 6.B.3 of the Statutes, maintain a single set of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, to be formally determined by the IOC Assembly,
 - (iii) revise the current Rules of Procedure on the basis of a distinction among general rules, rules applicable to the IOC Assembly and the IOC Executive Council, and rules applicable only to one of these bodies,
 - (iv) acknowledge and specify the competence of the IOC Executive Council to temporarily suspend rules relating to its organization and functioning, noting that any amendment to the rules can only be adopted by the decision of the IOC Assembly;
16. **Notes** that, should the IOC Assembly adopt this recommendation, the IOC Executive Council will not need to hold an extraordinary session immediately following the 32nd session of the IOC Assembly in order to adopt its own separate set of Rules of Procedure, as was initially foreseen in IOC Resolution A-31/2;
17. **Further notes** the non-exhaustive set of comments provided by the Office of UNESCO Legal Advisor in the Annex of IOC/EC-55/5.1.Doc(1);
18. **Invites** the IOC Executive Secretary to prepare the revised draft Rules of Procedure for review and adoption by the IOC Assembly at its 32nd session in 2023 without any substantive changes, based on the discussions in IFAG and at the IOC Executive Council and in line with the following recommendations:
 - (i) improve clarity and align language versions, focusing on fixing only what needs to be fixed,
 - (ii) develop guidelines for consultations by correspondence, applicable both to the IOC Assembly and the IOC Executive Council, based on prevailing best practices and UNESCO experience,
 - (iii) include in the Rules of Procedure a provision for holding online meetings, but only as an exceptional measure,

- (iv) submit draft guidelines for online meeting to the IOC Assembly along with the revised draft of the Rules of Procedure;

B. Reporting on In-Kind Contributions (IKC)

19. **Recalls** that IOC Resolution A-31/2 invited 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 IOC Resolution EC-53/2) and Article 10 of the IOC Statutes, to be considered by the IOC Assembly at its 32nd session’;
20. **Welcomes** the more systematic and inclusive approach to reporting on IKC as proposed by IFAG and presented in IOC/EC-55/5.1.Doc(2);
21. **Invites** the IOC Executive Secretary to launch the pilot reporting exercise for calendar year 2022 according to the following timeline:
- September 2022 – January 2023: The IOC Secretariat issues a Circular Letter to Member States in September 2022 conveying the methodology and requesting formal statements of contributions in calendar year 2022 by 20 January 2023 at the latest,
- February 2023: The complete report on IKC 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;
22. **Further invites** the IOC Executive Secretary to submit the above report to the IOC Assembly at its 32nd session for review and decision on future reporting;
23. **Requests** the IOC Executive Secretary to work on the matters covered by this Resolution in consultation with IFAG over the intersessional period 2022–2023.