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To : IOC National Official Coordinating Bodies for Liaison with IOC
C.c. : Permanent Delegates / Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Chair and Vice-Chairs of IOC and Major Subsidiary Bodies

Subject: Re-constitution of the Open-ended Intersessional Financial Advisory Group for the period September 2024 – June 2025

In pursuance to [IOC Resolution EC-57/2](#) adopted by the IOC Executive Council at its 57th session (25–28 June 2024), the open-ended Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (IFAG) is being re-constituted under the chairmanship of Vice-chair Juan Camilo FORERO HAUZEUR. Technical secretariat support will be provided by Xenia Yvinec.

I invite IOC national coordinating bodies to designate members to work within the IFAG in accordance with its mandate as defined in the Terms of Reference ([Resolution XXVIII-3](#)).

In line with IOC Resolution EC-57/2, IFAG will not only work by correspondence as was the practice until now, but will have regular online meetings so as to ensure that Member States are appraised of and involved with all relevant development during the intersessional period, including the Draft Programme and Budget for 2026–2029 (43 C/5) preparations and the 'Consultation Process – IOC and the Future of the Ocean'.

It is therefore imperative that we have up-to-date nominative email addresses for all designated members. I would appreciate receiving your letters of nomination by 13 September 2024.

As per usual, all relevant documentation will be posted online as the work of the group progresses at <https://oceanexpert.org/event/2996> and, given the open-ended nature of the Group, all the information on its work will be shared with all Member States.

Yours sincerely,

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