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1. OPENING

1 The Chairman of the IOC, Professor Su Jilan, opened the 36th Session of the Executive Council at 10.00hr on Monday 23 June 2003. The Council was convened in accordance with Rule of Procedure No. 12(2) to act as the Steering Committee for the 22nd Session of the Assembly (24 June–4 July 2003).

2 The List of Participants is given in Annex II.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3 **The Executive Council adopted** the Agenda of the present session (Annex I).

2.2 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

4 **The Executive Council designated** Admiral Dias de Lima (Brazil) as the Rapporteur for the session.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

3.1 DESIGNATION OF STATUTORY COMMITTEES

5 Pursuant to Rule of Procedure No. 12(2) **the Executive Council**, acting as the Steering Committee of the Assembly, **proposed** a Nominations Committee for the Assembly with the following composition:

Chair: Prof. Dieter Kohnke (Germany)

Members: Chile, China, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Russian Federation, USA.

6 **The Executive Council proposed** a Resolutions Committee to review the Draft Resolutions for the Assembly, with the following composition:

Chair: Mr Geoff Holland (Canada)

Members: Brazil, Chile, China, France, Japan, Russian Federation, UK, USA.

7 **The Executive Council proposed** the formation of the Financial Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr David Pugh (UK), Vice-chairman. This Committee will be open-ended.

Members will include: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, France, India, Japan, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, UK, USA.

3.2 SESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS

8 **The Executive Council**, at the proposal of France, **recommended** the establishment of a sessional working group on IOC Oceanographic Data Exchange Policy, to facilitate the discussion of this topic by the Assembly.

9 There was discussion of the above proposal, since it implied possible modifications in the Draft Policy elaborated by the Intergovernmental Working Group, after some two years of debate. Therefore, the creation of a sessional working group to consider the report raised some questions of procedure as well as scheduling.

10 France informed the Executive Council that it would immediately circulate its proposals for amendment of the Draft Data Policy to the Member States of the Council and the Assembly, to facilitate the discussion.

11 In recommending the creation of the sessional working group, **the Executive Council recognised** the great importance of an international ocean data policy to the Member States and to the world community as a whole. The scheduling implications for the work of the Assembly on this matter are considered in section 3.4, here below.

12 **The Executive Council invited** the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Working Group on IOC Oceanographic Data Exchange Policy, Dr Angus McEwan (Australia), to be the chairman of the open-ended sessional working group. The Members included: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Turkey, UK, USA.

3.3 CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

13 In accordance with Rules of procedure 8, 9 and 11.2, dealing with the preparation of the Agenda for the Assembly, three requests for supplementary items were received at the Secretariat by 24 April 2003, two months before the date of the opening of the 22nd Session, in the following order:

Supplementary item 1 was proposed by the Russian Federation on “IOC activities in the Caspian Sea” as a new item 4.5.5 under “Regional Activities”;

Supplementary item 2 was proposed by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) on “Activities of SCOR relevant to the IOC” as a new item 4.2.4 under “Ocean Sciences Section”.

Supplementary item 3 was proposed jointly by the Executive Head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the IOC Executive Secretary on a “Draft Memorandum of Understanding between UNEP and IOC concerning the relation between UNEP’s Regional Seas Programme and GOOS” as a sub-item 4.4.1.2 of 4.4.1 renamed “GOOS activities”, under the “Operational Observing Systems Section”.

14 In conformity with Rule of Procedure 8.3, the list of supplementary items and the relevant documentation was examined by the Executive Council. **The Executive Council decided** to include the above supplementary items in the revised provisional agenda and timetable for the Assembly.

3.4 TIMETABLE

15 The Executive Council considered the revision of the timetable for the Assembly taking into account the inclusion of supplementary items (mentioned above), the reporting of sessional working groups and of the statutory committees in plenary, the scheduled invitation of speakers, and two requests from Member States: (1) France asked for the discussion on the IOC Oceanographic Data Exchange Policy (Agenda Item 4.3.2, Ocean Services Section) to be moved

from the afternoon of Wednesday 25 June to the morning of Thursday 26 June; (2) Finland requested consideration of the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the IOC and ICES.

16 **The Executive Council decided** that the discussion of the Oceanographic Data Policy issue by the Assembly in plenary should be initiated as soon as possible, on Tuesday 24 June, immediately following section 3, Statutory Reports. **It called on** the sessional working group on IOC Oceanographic Data Policy to start its work as soon as possible, **and agreed** that the final plenary discussion should be recommenced on the morning of Thursday 26 June.

17 **The Executive Council decided** to place the Supplementary Items as follows: Activities of SCOR relevant to the IOC, Agenda Item 4.2.4, on the afternoon of Wednesday 25 June; the IOC–UNEP Memorandum of Understanding, Agenda item 4.4.1.2, on the morning of Thursday 26 June, to be followed by the IOC–ICES Memorandum of Understanding, Agenda item 4.4.1.3; and IOC Activities in the Caspian Sea, Agenda Item 4.5.5, on the morning of Friday 27 June.

4. **DATES AND PLACE OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

18 The IOC Executive Secretary recalled the proposal made by the Executive Council at its 35th Session to schedule the next session from Monday 21 June to Saturday 26 June 2004 (at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris), in order to take into account the request to shorten the proceedings as much as possible, while allowing sufficient time (i.e. include a week-end) to finalise the report in all languages. In 2005 the Executive Council will act as the Steering Committee of the 23rd Session of the Assembly and will meet on the day preceding the opening thereof.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT**

19 **The Executive Council adopted** the Summary Report of the present session.

6. **CLOSURE**

20 The Chair closed the 36th Session of the Executive Council at 17.17hr on 23 June 2003.

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