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1. OPENING

The Chairman called the Council to order at 10:00 on 23 February 1993. He referred to the documentation prepared for this session of the IOC Executive Council. The Council is acting, in accordance with Rule of Procedure No. 12 (2), as the Steering Committee for the Seventeenth Session of the Assembly.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

2 The Executive Council accepted the proposal by Australia to designate Ms. Muriel Cole (USA) as rapporteur for the Session.

2.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3 The Executive Council adopted the Agenda as reproduced in Annex I hereto.

2.3 CONDUCT OF THE SESSION

4 The Executive Council agreed to the proposed timetable for the Session.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

3.1 APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Chairman : Poland
Members : Argentina, China, France, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya,
Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, USA

3.2 FORMATION OF THE TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR RESOLUTIONS

6 The Executive Council, pursuant to criteria given by the Assembly since 1989 (cf. Document IOC/INF-785 Corr.) recommended a small Technical Review Committee for Resolutions for the Assembly with the following composition :

Chairman : Prof. Badawi (Egypt), 3rd Vice-Chairman
Members : Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China, France, Russian Federation,
UK and USA.

3.3 TIMETABLE

7 The Executive Council agreed with the provisional timetable for the Seventeenth Session of the Assembly as briefly introduced by the Secretary IOC (Document IOC-XVII/1 Add.prov.rev.).

8 Following proposals and comments by several Member States on the organization of foreseeable *ad hoc* working or drafting group discussions outside normal sessional working hours, in particular on TEMA, the Executive Council instructed the Secretary IOC to investigate the possibility

particular on TEMA, the Executive Council instructed the Secretary IOC to investigate the possibility of providing interpretation for these *ad hoc* meetings. Efforts should also be made to combine one of the TEMA discussions with one of those foreseen concerning the UNCED follow-up on capacity building. The proposed International Ocean Conference 1994 should also be discussed in the context of the UNCED item.

4. STUDY OF IOC DEVELOPMENT, OPERATIONS, STRUCTURE AND STATUTES (DOSS)

- 9 The Executive Council noted that a meeting, open to all Member States, had been scheduled on 24 February 1993 to allow for an informal exchange of views, without formal statements, on the DOSS Report (Document IOC/DOSS-III/3), prior to its discussion at the Assembly, and in accordance with the request expressed by the Assembly at its Sixteenth Session.

5. DATES AND PLACE OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- 10 The Secretary proposed that the Executive Council give consideration to the option of having the mid-term Executive Council Session later in the year than is presently the case (after the fall session of the UNESCO Executive Board), so as to allow for the Executive Council to provide advice on programme implementation. Such an arrangement would also require a shifting of the subsequent Assembly to the June-July period, after the spring session of the UNESCO Executive Board.

- 11 In discussing the options proposed by the Secretary, the Executive Council was of the view that the matter required further consideration, taking into account other planned important conferences around the two options :

- (i) 28 February - 9 March 1994; and,
- (ii) 20 - 30 October 1994,

also considering the consequences for possible alternative dates under consideration for the Eighteenth Session of the Assembly in 1995 (13-25 March 1995 and 20 June-5 July 1995).

- 12 The Executive Council decided that the final decision on the dates of the Twenty-seventh Session should be left to the consideration of the appropriate item during the Seventeenth Session of the Assembly.

6. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT

- 13 The Executive Council adopted the Summary Report of its Twenty-seventh Session.

7. CLOSURE

- 14 The Chairman closed the Session at 16:45 on 24 February 1993.

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