EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

1. OPENING

The Chair, Mr Sang-Kyung Byun, opened the 48th Session of the Executive Council at 10.00 h in Room IV on Tuesday 16 June 2015. He welcomed the participants and briefly referred to the documentation prepared for this session, which can be found on the IOC website (http://ioc-unesco.org/ec-48). He informed the Council that, in accordance with Rule of Procedure No. 12(2), the Council was acting as the Steering Committee for the 28th Session of the Assembly. Mr Byun welcomed Vladimir Ryabinin to his inaugural appearance at an IOC governing body session as Executive Secretary of IOC.

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2 The Executive Secretary introduced this item.

3 The Executive Council met during half a day and resumed its work later in the afternoon to adopt the summary report of this session.

EC-XLVIII, Dec. 2.1

**Agenda**

1. The Executive Council adopts the agenda as set out in document IOC/EC-XLVIII/1 Prov.

2.2 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

4 The Chair invited the Executive Council to designate the Rapporteur for the present session.
Brazil proposed, and Kenya seconded, Frederico Saraiva Nogueira (Brazil) as Rapporteur for the present session. Frederico Saraiva Nogueira accepted this invitation.

EC-XLVIII, Dec. 2.2

Rapporteur

1. The Executive Council designates Frederico Saraiva Nogueira (Brazil) Rapporteur for its present session to assist the Chair and the Executive Secretary in the preparation of the summary report of the Session. Thomas Gross will be the editor of the report for the Secretariat.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 28th SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

3.1 DESIGNATION OF STATUTORY COMMITTEES

The Chair reminded the Executive Council that, in the designation of the three Statutory Committees for the Assembly (Nominations, Resolutions and Financial Committees), it may submit proposals on their composition, but that the ultimate decision as to that composition, including the Chairpersonship of each Statutory Committee, remains entirely with the Assembly. Chairman Byun indicated that he would not read out the names of the Member States wishing to participate in the various Committees by show of hands during the Assembly with the exception of the Nominations Committee. Only the names of the Member States present and participating in the Committees and sessional working groups were to be listed in the final report of the Assembly. Meetings of the Financial Committee would benefit from English/French interpretation.

EC-XLVIII, Dec. 3.1

Sessional Committees

1. Pursuant to Rule of Procedure No. 12(2) the Executive Council, acting as the Steering Committee of the Assembly, recommends to the Assembly the formation of each of the following committees:

2. Financial Committee: under the chairship of Peter Haugan (Norway). Ksenia Yvinec provides the Secretariat support to the Financial Committee.

3. Resolutions Committee: under the chairship of Terry Schaefer (USA). Julian Barbière provides the Secretariat support to the Resolutions Committee.

4. Nominations Committee: under the chairship of Javier Valladares (Argentina). Thorkild Aarup provides the Secretariat support to the Nominations Committee.

3.2 CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The Chair informed the Executive Council that, under Rules of Procedure 8, 9 and 11.2, dealing with the preparation of the agenda for the Assembly, no request for a supplementary item was received at the Secretariat by 18 April 2015 (two months before the date of the opening of the 28th session.)

3.3 SESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS

The Chair invited Member States to propose sessional working groups by briefly explaining the scope of their work expected during the Assembly session.
A sessional working group for the Future of IOC was proposed by Portugal and seconded by France, Russian Federation, Columbia and Togo. The chair of the intersessional working group for the Future of IOC, Prof. Peter Haugan, agreed to chair the sessional working group.

The prospective chair, Sateesh Shenoi of the IIOE-2 working group, informed the session that the working group will review development of the Strategic Framework for Implementation of the IIOE-2 and review the draft Resolution, IOC-XXVIII/DR.(5.3) to be presented to the Assembly.

The prospective chair, Craig McLean of the Review of GEBCO working group, informed the session that the working group would review the continued engagement of the IOC in GEBCO, in view of the increased role of the IHO and the progressive reduction of IOC’s involvement and support for GEBCO over the past few years.

The prospective chair, Prof. Adoté Blim Blivi of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy and Draft Resolution working group, informed the session that the working group would provide an opportunity for Member States to review IOC-XXVIII/DR.(9.1) which will adopt the IOC Capacity Development Strategy for 2015–2021. The working group will develop ideas for activities and capacity development work plans specified in the Strategy and enumerated in the Draft Resolution.

**EC-XLVIII, Dec. 3.3**

Sessional Working Groups

The Executive Council,

1. **Having examined** the revised provisional agenda for the 28th session of the Assembly,

2. **With a concern** to ensure a smooth running of the Assembly, and

3. **With no prejudice** to decision of the Assembly and its chair on establishing a sessional working group as needed during the discussion of any agenda item,

4. **Recommends** to the Assembly the establishment of the following working groups at the beginning of its session under agenda item 2.3:

   - a sessional working group on International Indian Ocean Expedition 2 (IIOE-2) (5.3) under the chairship of Sateesh Shenoi (India). Nick D’Adamo provides the Secretariat support to the group;
   - a sessional working group on the review of GEBCO (item 6.2) under the chairship of Craig McLean (USA). Julian Barbière provides the Secretariat support to the group;
   - a sessional working group on the IOC Capacity Development Strategy and Draft Resolution (9.1) under the chairship of Prof. Adoté Blim Blivi (Togo). Peter Pissierssens provides the Secretariat support to the group;
   - a sessional working group on the Future of IOC under the chairship of Peter Haugan (Norway). Ksenia Yvinec provides the Secretariat support to the group.
3.4 TIMETABLE AND IOC MEMORIAL LECTURES

The Chair briefly presented the provisional timetable for the Assembly and the sequence of meetings with this Council session followed by an Ocean Science Day before the start of the Assembly (18–25 June 2015). Chairman Byun presented the Ocean Science Day as an initiative of the IOC Officers, which featured both IOC A. Bruun and N.K. Panikkar Memorial Lectures and two other panel discussions. The Head of the Ocean Science Section, Luis Valdés presented the programme of that day (IOC-XXVIII/Inf.2).

The IOC Officers decided to institute an Ocean Science Day during the week of the IOC Assembly dedicated to outstanding scientists of the A. Bruun and N.K. Panikkar Memorial Lectures and to topics on emerging ocean issues.

EC-XLVIII, Dec. 3.4

Timetable for the 28th session of the Assembly

The Executive Council,

1. Taking into consideration the comments made by the Officers, the reporting of sessional working groups and statutory committees in plenary and scheduled invitation of speakers,

2. Accepts the provisional timetable for the 28th session of the Assembly as set out in document IOC-XXVIII/1 Add. Prov. with the addition of a session of the Future of IOC working group.


The Chair reminded the Council that the Assembly and the Executive Council did not give clear indication of duration and dates for their next session. Based on the experience of holding both the Executive Council and Assembly sessions on a reduced budget without emergency funds during the 2014–2015 biennium, the Officers recommended that the Assembly should adopt the same scheme for the next biennium, 3.5 days for the Executive council and 6 working days for the Assembly. The benefit of a one-day scientific forum in connection to the Assembly session would be evaluated by the Assembly at its 28th session.

EC-XLVIII, Dec. 4.

Dates and places of next sessions of the Executive Council and Assembly

The Executive Council,

1. Taking into account both the level of funding provided for the organization of the IOC governing body sessions in the 38 C/5, and the new programming cycle of UNESCO,

2. Considering the experience gained during the 2014–2015 biennium,

3. Recommends to the Assembly to carefully consider the items to be on the agenda of the 49th session of the Executive Council so that it fits in a session of a duration not longer than four consecutive working days;

4. Recommends also to the Assembly to identify any potential calendar conflicts with important meetings over the period 7–10 June 2016 for the 49th session of the Executive
Council and a period of six working days preceded by a one-day session of the Executive Council over a period to be decided in June/July 2017 for the 29th session of the Assembly.

5. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT

EC-XLVIII, Dec. 5.

The Executive Council,

1. Having considered the draft summary report of the session (IOC/EC-XLVIII/3s prov.) presented to it in plenary session at 17:10 on 16 June 2015,

2. Adopts the summary report of its 48th session as the Executive Council recommendations to the Assembly at its 28th session.

6. CLOSURE

16 The Chair closed the 48th session of the Executive Council at 17:10 on 16 June 2015.