1. OPENING

1 The Chairman called the Executive Council to order at 10:00 on 2 July 2001. He welcomed all participants and referred to the documentation prepared for this Session of the IOC Executive Council. The Council was convened, in accordance with Rule of Procedure No. 12 (2) acting as the Steering Committee for the Twenty-first Session of the Assembly.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2 The Executive Council adopted the Agenda as presented in Annex I hereto.

2.2 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

3 The Executive Council accepted the proposal by the Chair to designate Mr. D. d'Amours, from Canada as the Rapporteur for the Session.

2.3 CONDUCT OF THE SESSION, TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION

4 The Executive Secretary presented and the Executive Council agreed to the proposed documentation and timetable.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 21ST SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

3.1 THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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

   Chair: Poland
   Members: Argentina, France, Ghana, Japan, Republic of Korea, Sweden

3.2 FORMATION OF THE TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR RESOLUTIONS

6 The Executive Council recommended a small Technical Review Committee for Resolutions for the Assembly with the following composition:

   Members: Brazil (Chair), Canada, Chile, China, Costa-Rica, Egypt, France, Japan, Nigeria, Russian Federation, USA

3.3 SESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS

7 In order to ensure a smooth running of the Assembly, the Executive Council agreed to establish an open-ended Working Group on Financial matters chaired by the First Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Pugh (United Kingdom) initially composed of representatives from Australia, Canada, China, France, India, Nigeria and Portugal; and an open-ended Working Group on Rules of Procedure chaired by Prof. Murillo (Costa Rica), and composed initially of
representatives of Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, France, Kenya, Norway, Portugal and USA.

The Executive Council recommended that a drafting group be established to develop an IOC Statement for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio + 10). It was also suggested that in the Assembly there might be a need for creating other drafting groups, e.g., on such issues as GOOS, Restructuring of the Ocean Science Section, etc.

3.4 TIMETABLE

The Executive Secretary briefly introduced the Provisional Timetable for the Twenty-First Session of the IOC Assembly, Document IOC-XXI/1 add.prov.rev of 22 June 2001.

Some Member States requested to move Agenda 6.3 related to the elections to an earlier date.

The Executive Council instructed the Executive Secretary to re-schedule this Agenda item on Tuesday 10 July 2001 and report a revised timetable to the Assembly. It recommended that in future any principal changes to the Timetable should be avoided as much as possible.

4. REPORT OF THE DOSS-2 GROUP ON THE REVISION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Chairman of DOSS-2, Prof. M. Murillo, reported on the progress achieved by the Group in the implementation of its Terms of Reference. The Group was seeking for the harmonization between the Rules of Procedures and new Statutes taking into account comments received from Member States on existing Rules of Procedure. The DOSS-2 Group also looked at the enhanced recognition of IOC within the Member States and mobilization of adequate financial support for IOC’s activities. He emphasized that the IOC Assembly shall consider as a matter of the highest priority the recognition of the role of the Commission in Member States and the measures to mobilize adequate funding for its activities. The resume of Prof. Murillo’s presentation is given in Annex II.

The Delegate of Germany requested better communication in such an important process as the Rules of Procedure Revision. The Executive Council agreed that the wider participation in the revision process would be beneficial for the quality of a final product. The Executive Council encouraged participants to submit minor editorial changes on the text directly to the DOSS-2 Chairman.

4.1 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ELECTIONS

The IOC Chairman introduced document IOC-XXI/2 Annex 4 of 13 March 2001 containing revised Rules of Procedure and invited the Executive Council to concentrate on the basic texts contained therein related to the Elections of the Officers of the Commission and other Members of the Executive Council. He referred the Members to IOC Circular Letter No. 1682 of 10 April 2001, which contains the aforementioned basic texts, technical arrangements for the elections and the proposal for the distribution of seats on the Executive Council.
The Executive Council thanked the Members of the DOSS-2 Group for the work done. The Executive Council unanimously agreed with the procedures as presented in The Revised Rules of Procedure for the election of Officers and after a long discussion, the Executive Council agreed that the Chair will bring two views on an interim measure of the election of the Members of the Executive Council to the attention of the Assembly:

(i) to change the representation of electoral groups as they are presented in R18/2 of the Revised Rules of Procedure in favour of Group 5 and have the following distribution of seats within groupings:
   - Group 1: 11 seats
   - Group 2: 2 seats
   - Group 3: 9 seats
   - Group 4: 9 seats
   - Group 5: 9 seats

This view prevailed among Members of the Executive Council; or

(ii) to keep to open voting procedure as it was done before.

The Executive Council considered these proposals as interim arrangements valid only for the forthcoming Assembly session. The Executive Council strongly recommended establishing a special group focusing entirely on the election procedures in order to meet concerns of developing countries. This group will also consider mechanisms to enhance participation of developing countries in the IOC meetings and activities. The Executive Council recognized that pending issues raised by the DOSS-2 Report will be discussed by the Assembly.

5. FINANCIAL ISSUES

The Executive Secretary reported on the proposal of UNESCO to re-establish the IOC budget in the next biennium.

6. DATES AND PLACE OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The IOC Executive Secretary recalled the discussion of the Thirty-third Session of the Executive Council proposing to have its 35th Session the first two weeks of June 2002, from 3-14 June in Paris, France.

7. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT

The Executive Council adopted the Summary Report as shown in this document.

8. CLOSURE

The Chair closed the session of the Executive Council at 18.00 on 2 July 2001.
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8. CLOSURE
In short, Mr Chairman, the schedule of work for the future still contains for detailed analysis substantive issues relating to:

- a unitary approach within UNESCO to all programme activities relating to marine sciences and ocean services, aimed at efficiency of action and greater visibility vis-à-vis the international community and the Member States;

- greater recognition of the Commission’s role by the Member States, part of which is the mobilization of adequate and permanent funding; this necessarily includes measures to ensure fulfilment of the financial responsibilities of Member States that are not Member States of UNESCO, in accordance with Article 10 of the Statutes, and the increase and strengthening of the critical professional mass at Secretariat level;

The mobilization of support that the Commission requires can be secured only in so far as there is real and effective recognition on the part of its Member States.

- effective exercise of the Commission’s functional autonomy, based on adequate human and financial resources and on an activity programme that sets out priority activities and desirably provides for fixed terms for subsidiary bodies and for an ex-post evaluation procedure, which would permit periodic evaluation of the Commission’s programmes, structures and procedures.