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To: IOC Member States

cc: Permanent Delegates / Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Chairman and Vice-Chairpersons of IOC

Subject: Intersessional Financial Advisory Group

Following the decision of the IOC Assembly at its Twenty-fifth session, Paris, 16-29 June 2009, I am writing to you to solicit the nomination of your country’s representative to the IOC Intersessional Financial Advisory Group.

You will recall that this Group was established by the Executive Council at its 41st Session, with the Terms of Reference given in Annex V to the Report of the Executive Council (IOC/EC-XLI/3), but removing clause (b) under "Composition" (copy attached herewith for ease of reference).

At the time the following Member States indicated their intention to participate in the work of the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, India, Japan, Kenya, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America.

As this Group is open-ended, all Member States were invited to participate in it. In accordance with the Assembly's decision, the Group will work by electronic correspondence. It will be chaired by Dr Savithri (Savi) Narayanan, Canada, Vice-chairperson of the IOC in charge of Programme and Budget.

By means of this letter, I am inviting you to nominate your country’s representative(s) to the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group and to communicate their names and email addresses to the Secretariat by 31 March 2010.

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Following the request from the Assembly to report to the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group on the decisions adopted by the UNESCO Executive Board at its 182nd Session and the 35th General Conference with regard to the programme and budget for the biennium 2010–2011 and their implications for the IOC, I would like to provide the following information.

In the original Draft 35 C/5 proposal, the total budget of $671 million represented an overall increase of $40 million over the 34 C/5 Approved which could be interpreted as a 6.3% increase.

In light of the impact of the worldwide financial and economic crisis, and following the discussion that took place during the spring session of the Executive Board related to the downward forecast of the inflation rates for the next few years, the general assumptions for the inflation rates applicable to the budget of the Organization were re-examined, resulting in a reduction of $10 million compared with the initial estimate.

In view of the above reduction, the budgetary allocation to the IOC was reduced as follows:

Programme activities: from $3,501,800 to $3,449,900 ($4,052,100 in 34 C/5)

Staff: from $6,053,800 to $6,037,300 ($4,974,100 in 34 C/5)

Total: from $9,555,600 to $9,487,200 ($9,026,200 in 34 C/5)

The attached Resource Allocation Matrix was prepared in accordance with Resolution XXV-14 of the IOC Assembly, adjusted to the 35 C/5 Approved budgetary envelope.

In view of the time constraints, the Secretariat may not be in a position to benefit from a full-fledged consultation with the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group in preparing the working documents for the forthcoming session of the IOC Executive Council (8–16 June 2010).

In accordance with Resolution XXV-14, the approved budget under 35 C/5 and Operational Plans for the Secretariat for 2010–2011 will be submitted to the Executive Council for review. The draft Biennial Strategy for the 2012–2013 biennium will also be developed, based on the consultations held with the IOC Officers during their meeting in Paris, 25–28 January 2010.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Executive Secretary, IOC

Annex 2: IOC Regular Programme Budget 2010-2011 - Resource Allocation Matrix (Approved 35 C/5)
Annex 1

REVISED¹ TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF IOC INTERSESSIONAL FINANCIAL ADVISORY GROUP

Purpose

To provide advice from IOC Member States to the Chairperson of IOC and to the Assembly and the Executive Council in a transparent and objective fashion on:

(a) The affordability, sustainability and implementation of the results-based management;
(b) Financial matters of the Commission;

Term

The Financial Advisory Group will be constituted at each Session of the IOC Governing Body and operate for the following intersessional period.

Functions

(a) To advise on the adequacy of the linkage between the results-based management and the IOC Biennial Strategy;
(b) To advise on preliminary proposals from the Director-General of UNESCO for strategy and draft budgets provided by UNESCO;
(c) To advise on the adequacy of regular and extrabudgetary resource allocations against expected results; and
(d) To advise on the overall IOC budget level, taking into account issues of affordability and sustainability.

Composition

(a) An Officer of the Commission serves as chairperson;
(b) Open to all IOC Member States; however, the Executive Council and Assembly, as appropriate, may request the participation of Member States as part of the core membership.

Working arrangements

(a) The Financial Advisory Group will conduct the majority of its business by electronic means;
(b) If appropriate, the Chairperson may convene a meeting in time, and for a long enough period, to prepare a report prior to the commencement of a session of the Assembly or the Executive Council;
(c) The Financial Advisory Group will provide a report on all its activities to subsequent sessions of the Assembly and Executive Council, as appropriate;
(d) Relevant documents should be made available before the Financial Advisory Group meeting, in due time; and
(e) The Financial Advisory Group should follow procedures for IOC Subsidiary Bodies, seeking to formulate its conclusions and recommendations through consensus.

¹ Supersedes the Terms of Reference adopted by the Executive Council at its 41st Session
## Annex 2: IOC Regular Programme Budget 2010-2011 - Resource Allocation Matrix (Approved 35 C/5)

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