Resolution EC-XXXV.7

SECOND MEETING OF THE IOC ADVISORY BODY OF EXPERTS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (IOC/ABE-LOS II)

The Executive Council,

Bearing in mind Resolution XXI-2 adopted by the 21st Session of the IOC Assembly,

Expressing its appreciation to the Government of Morocco for hosting the IOC/ABE-LOS-II meeting,

Noting:

(i) the report on the Second Meeting of IOC/ABE-LOS (IOC/ABE-LOS II) made by its Chairman,

(i) the results of the three sessions of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs (ICP),

(iii) UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/56/12,

Expresses satisfaction with the progress made by IOC/ABE-LOS;

Adopts the recommendations of the Second Meeting of the Advisory Body of Experts on the Law of the Sea (IOC/ABE-LOS II), as given in the Annex to this resolution;

Requests the IOC/ABE-LOS Group to take necessary action, as appropriate, and in line with the Terms of Reference of the IOC/ABE-LOS Group, to continue responding to UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/56/12;

Instructs the IOC Executive Secretary to take necessary action for the full implementation of the IOC/ABE-LOS II recommendations.

Annex to Resolution EC-XXXV.7

RECOMMENDATIONS

The IOC Advisory Body of Experts on the Law of the Sea at its Second Meeting (IOC/ABE-LOS II), recommended the following:

1. That the Open-Ended Sub-Group on Transfer of Marine Technology should continue to work, in close co-operation with UN/OLA/DOALOS, on the elaboration of Draft Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, with a view to their possible adoption by the 22nd Session of the IOC Assembly. To this end, the Sub-Group should continue its work by electronic correspondence, on the basis of Document IOC/ABE-LOS II/7, and the debate at the second meeting of IOC/ABE-LOS (IOC/ABE-LOS II).

2. That the Open-Ended Sub-Group on the IOC Internal Procedures related to an effective and appropriate use of Article 247 of UNCLOS on marine scientific research projects undertaken by or under the auspices of international organizations should continue its work, in close co-operation with UN/OLA/DOALOS, by electronic correspondence on the basis of the debate on Document IOC/ABE-LOS II/8 at the second meeting of IOC/ABE-LOS (IOC/ABE-LOS II).

3. That the Secretariat, with regard to Article 251 of UNCLOS, should continue its preparatory work through the collection and analysis of information from Member States on their practices in the fields of marine scientific research and transfer of related marine technology, in close co-operation with UN/OLA/DOALOS. To this end, and in close collaboration with the members of IOC/ABE-LOS operating through electronic correspondence, the IOC Questionnaire N°2 should be reformulated to take specific account of UNCLOS provisions on (i) Marine Scientific Research (Part XIII), (ii) Development and Transfer of Marine Technology (Part XIV) and the debate on Document IOC/ABE-LOS II/9 at the second meeting of IOC/ABE-LOS (IOC/ABE-LOS II).