Resolution EC-XXXIX.7

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

The Executive Council,

Expressing its appreciation of the progress made by the IOC Advisory Body of Experts on the Law of the Sea at its 6th Meeting (Málaga, Spain, 3–7 April 2006),

Bearing in mind the UNGA Resolution 60/30, paragraphs 14, 87 and 88, in which the United Nations General Assembly acknowledged the work done by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO through its Advisory Body of Experts on the Law of the Sea,

Recalling IOC Resolutions XXIII-8 and XXIII-9, EC-XXXVII.8 and XXII-12, which specified the mandate of IOC/ABE-LOS with respect to its work on:

(i) the practice of Member States with respect to Parts XIII and XIV of UNCLOS,
(ii) the dissemination and implementation of the “Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology”,
(iii) the Procedure for the application of Article 247 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO,
(iv) the IOC legal framework that is applicable to the collection of oceanographic data within the context of UNCLOS,

Requests the IOC/ABE-LOS to pursue its work on the “IOC legal framework for the collection of oceanographic data within the context of UNCLOS” in close cooperation with I-GOOS and UN/OLA/DOALOS;

Endorses the IOC/ABE-LOS VI Report and Recommendations;

Decides to:

(i) Instruct the IOC Executive Secretary to explore actively the possibility to implement “the Procedure for the application of article 247 of UNCLOS by the IOC” for appropriate scientific programmes and systems, which the IOC coordinates or sponsors;

(ii) Request the sub-group on the IOC legal framework for the collection of oceanographic data within the context of UNCLOS to continue its work, and encourage it to come up with consensual text as soon as practicable, on the basis of comments and observations made when discussing the matter in IOC/ABE-LOS V and
VI; such work is to be carried out in close cooperation with UN/OLA/DOALOS and in consultation with I-GOOS;

(iii) **Urge** increased participation of the members of IOC/ABE-LOS in their intersessional work;

**Urges** Member States to increase financial support for the organization of the 7th Meeting of the IOC Advisory Body of Experts on the Law of the Sea (IOC/ABE-LOS VII), in addition to the regular programme funds already allocated.

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Required funding (2006–2007):

**UNESCO Regular Programme:** US$ 17,000 as available from MLA 3 (IOC Resolution XXIII-16) for the organization of IOC/ABE-LOS VII Meeting in 2007.