



## **43<sup>rd</sup> Inter-Agency Games**

**11 – 15 May 2016**

**Malaga, Spain**

### **Record of Control Commission (CC) Decisions**

#### **Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chair of the Control Commission (CC) of the 43<sup>rd</sup> IAG**

Samiti Siv, Chair of the UNWTO Host Organizing Committee, was elected Chairperson by acclamation. Imed Zabaar, Chair of the IAEA Host Organizing Committee for the 2017 IAG was elected Vice-Chairperson by acclamation. (1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

#### **Approval of the agenda**

The Agenda was approved as amended. (1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

#### **Approval of the minutes of the 2015 IAG (42<sup>nd</sup> edition) in Salou, Tarragona, Spain**

The draft minutes and decisions sent in advance to the CC members were approved by the CC without further changes. They would be available on the website at <http://cc.interagencygames.org> after the IAG concluded. (1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

#### **Report on the list of participants by the IAG Secretariat/UNWTO Organizing Committee and (certified lists presented) followed by CC members to appoint as sub-committee for verification**

The CC appointed a Sub-committee on Verification to verify participants, composed of Mark Woodall (ITU, Geneva), Imed Zabaar (IAEA, Vienna), Rovani Sigamoney (UNESCO, Paris) and Daniel Bridi (UNIDO, Vienna, also for coordination with the database). (1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

The CC decided: 1) that its representatives to the captains' meetings would use the Secretariat-prepared table of organizations that had not submitted HR certified lists of eligible participants to advise captains of potential problems with non-verified participants, which could result in a CC decision to sanction individuals or teams later in the IAG; 2) to fix a

deadline for receipt of any missing HR certified lists at close of operations (18h00) on Friday, 13 May. (1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

At its 4<sup>th</sup> session, the CC agreed to make a final decision on non-verified participants to determine the discipline outcomes at the 5<sup>th</sup> session to be held on 14 May. (4<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 13 May, 6.00 pm)

At its 5<sup>th</sup> session, the CC discussed but did not take a decision on proposals to record the list of non-verified participants established by the Sub-Committee on Verification in the CC minutes or to inform the respective focal points/registrars. (5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)

### **Election of the Sub-Committee for Appeals**

The CC appointed Jalil Housni (WMO, Geneva), Daniel Bridi (UNOV/UNODC, Vienna), Cristina Silva (UN, New York) and Ghulam Khan (UNMISS, South Sudan) to the Sub-Committee for Appeals. (1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

### **Election of the Auditors for the IAG Secretariat Financial Statement**

The CC appointed Steven Eales (UNIDO, Vienna), Peggy Brown (UNHCR, Geneva) and Peter Janech (UNWTO, Madrid) to audit the financial statement. (1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

### **CC members selected to attend Captains' meetings**

The CC agreed on the following representatives to attend discipline Captains meetings at 4.30 pm:

**Athletics:** Arnaud Devilliers (WHO)  
**Badminton:** Ghulam Khan (UNMISS)  
**Basketball:** Bill Ratteree (ILO), Cristina Silva (UNNY)  
**Beach Volleyball:** Derrick Culbreath (UNMISS) (CC observer)  
**Chess:** Jalil Housni (WMO)  
**Cricket:** Steven Eales (UNIDO)  
**Darts:** Marielle Wynsford-Browne (IAEA)  
**Football:** Paul Ketner (MONUSCO)  
**Golf:** Francis Gichomo (UNON), Mark Woodall (ITU)  
**Petanque:** Rovani Sigamoney (UNESCO)  
**Swimming:** Ammar Habouqa (IAEA)  
**Table Tennis:** Imed Zabaar (IAEA), Barbara Strike (ICAO)  
**Tennis:** Leroy Brown (ITU)  
**Volleyball:** Danny Bridi (UNODC/UNOV)  
(1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

### **Control of identity for all discipline participants**

The CC decided that both the discipline coordinator and the CC representative to the discipline would check ids and that in accordance with the rules a photo id would be proof of identity. (1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 2.30 pm)

**Report back on the results of the Captains Meetings by CC members (item 11), including discipline rule changes if any**

*Badminton:* The CC decided to accept rule changes proposed by the Captains for 2016 concerning team composition and matches used to decide encounters in case of a draw. The CC also decided that the Secretariat should assess the outcomes and propose application or not of the changes in 2017 and afterwards. The CC further agreed to accept exceptionally for 2016 a proposed change to reduce the points needed to decide matches if this proved necessary in view of the large numbers of teams in 2016, provided a written confirmation was handed in by the discipline coordinator. (2<sup>nd</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 6.00 pm)

*Football:* The CC decided with regard to UNESCO's request to align an extra (13<sup>th</sup>) player since one player was injured that UNESCO should only align 12 players on the team roster in accordance with the discipline rules. (2<sup>nd</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 6.00 pm)

*Swimming:* As agreed by the Athletics coordinator, the CC agreed to a request to switch one participant from swimming to athletics. (2<sup>nd</sup> CC meeting, 11 May, 6.00 pm)

**Review of the 2014 IAG Financial Situation & Reimbursements**

The CC decided that the Secretariat should meet with Cristina Silva, CC member and Chair of the 2014 IAG Host Organizing Committee before the end of the IAG to consider solutions to the committee's debt, and report back to the CC by Friday, 13 May.

The CC further decided that the Secretariat should review with the IAG Treasurer and report back to the CC with a recommendation on the question of reimbursing US\$250 for 1 UNON member from Secretariat funds.

Following the Secretariat's report on the meeting with Cristina Silva and Mark Anthony of the 2014 UN New York Host Organizing Committee, the CC decided to entrust the Secretariat to examine the documentation provided by the Organizing Committee and make the necessary certification to the CC so that it could then decide on concrete measures to help relieve the debt.

(3<sup>rd</sup> CC meeting, 12 May, 6.30 pm; 4<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 13 May, 6.00 pm)

**Review of the 2015 IAG Financial Statement and Report (by ITU/Geneva Organizing Committee Chair/Treasurer) and reimbursements requested by participants**

The CC decided that the Chair of the 2015 IAG Host Organizing Committee, Leroy Brown, should submit a short but full written report to the CC before the end of the 2016 IAG on the 2015 IAG financial situation, and that he should provide a full financial statement electronically to all CC members within some weeks of the close of the 2016 IAG. (3<sup>rd</sup> CC meeting, 12 May, 6.30 pm)

### **Report of the Treasurer (by IAG Secretariat)**

The CC decided: 1) to accept the auditor's report on the current Financial Statement; and 2) the auditors should make a fuller report with their recommendations to the CC for future improvements.

The CC agreed to defer consideration of the Secretariat Budget proposal for 2016 until after the Secretariat's report had been presented.

(3<sup>rd</sup> CC meeting, 12 May, 6.30 pm)

### **Report of the Secretariat (by IAG Secretariat)**

The CC decided to defer consideration of the Secretariat budget proposal until a later session at which more information could be provided by the Secretariat in response to the questions on a range of budget items. (3<sup>rd</sup> CC meeting, 12 May, 6.30 pm)

Following information provided by the Secretariat and further discussion, the Secretariat Budget proposal for 2016 was adopted as presented by the Treasurer. (5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)

### **Competition update (item not on the agenda)**

The CC agreed to a suspension of a football player from UN New York playing with the UNOG team on grounds of an alleged physical aggression against another player who was also the discipline coordinator; the suspension would remain into effect until the Subcommittee on Appeals had made its report and recommendations to the CC. (4<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 13 May, 6.00 pm)

### **Accreditation of CC members (letters presented to the Secretariat – new CC members)**

The CC did not take a decision on this item. (4<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 13 May, 6.00 pm)

### **Participation of other organizations in the IAG (criteria and processes)**

The CC decided by a vote of 12 against, 4 in favour and 1 abstention not to permit exceptions allowing OECD staff to participate in UNESCO teams in the future. The CC did not take a decision on a proposal that any organization which did not meet the CC-decided criteria of being a part of the UN Directory or the UNJSPF and which wished to join the IAG should present a formal request to the CC through the Secretariat. (4<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 13 May, 6.00 pm)

### **IAG General Rule changes (IAG Rule 2 request for amendment by UNON)**

By 2 votes in favour, 10 against and 4 abstentions, the CC voted not to approve the amendment to IAG General Rule proposed by UNON (amended text underlined):

"No location for the IAG shall be considered if the UNDSS has designated the country, or any area within that country, a security risk, unless the location is one of the four UN Headquarters worldwide."

On the proposal of the Chair that the Secretariat proposal to amend Rule 2 was generally not accepted and the discussion should be concluded, the CC did not object. The Secretariat proposal (amendment in bold) was that:

“No location for the IAG shall be considered if the UNDSS has designated the country, or any area within that country, a security risk, **unless the relevant UNDSS representative affirms in writing to the host organization and the IAG Control Commission through its Secretariat that the security risk in the country is of a level that it would not unreasonably compromise the safety and security of any IAG participant or supporter.**”

(4<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 13 May, 6.00 pm)

### **Cycle of the Games**

The item was the subject of information on future plans; the CC made no decisions on the item. (4<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 13 May, 6.00 pm)

### **Making the IAG an official event – draft resolution to the General Assembly**

The CC agreed to actively engage with the three UN union federations (CCISUA, FICSA and FUNSA) on the initiative to submit a resolution to the UN General Assembly to render the IAG an official UN event. In particular, the current and future Chairs of the CC would contact CCISUA to be acquainted of the draft resolution. They would also seek opinions from the three UN union federations on this initiative. They would report their findings to the CC which would decide on the creation of a working group if deemed necessary. If created, the working group’s terms of reference would be proposed by the Secretariat for endorsement by the CC. (4<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 13 May, 6.00 pm)

### **Report of the Sub-Committee for Appeals**

Following the report of the Sub-committee for Appeals concerning the alleged aggression and dispute in Football, the CC decided that the UNNY player accused of physical aggression should apologize to the UNWTO player at the closing ceremony, and that the Chair of the Host Organizing Committee, Samiti Siv, would request the UNWTO player to withdraw his complaint to the police. (5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)

### **Report of the Sub-Committee on Rules of Procedures (written report of the Sub-Committee from the 42<sup>nd</sup> IAG).**

As there was no report, the CC did not take a decision on the item. (5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)

## **Review and announcement of final results of the 2016 IAG**

The CC decided by consensus not to award medals in Cricket in 2016 in view of the few players and the discipline's violation of the rules.<sup>1</sup>

The CC further decided by consensus to adopt the proposal that the host organizing committee take a decision on offering Cricket as a medal discipline in 2017 based on registration of participants for the discipline at some point prior to the start of the 2017 IAG.

In Swimming, the CC decided that the agencies composing the teams in Men's and Women's Swimming would be recorded in the announcement of final results.

The CC also decided to award trophies to the 2 Women's Volleyball teams involved in the competition as the CC determined that there was not violation of rules in this discipline.

(5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)

### **Any other business**

#### *a. Special leave for IAG – update of the 2005 UN memo*

The CC did not take a decision on this item, but supported the initiative of Olivier Combe of UNOG to look into an update with UN management through the High level Committee on Management (HLCM) and report to the Secretariat. (5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)

#### *b. Sanctions against registered participants but only tourists*

The CC decided that the establishment of clear terms of reference for focal points/registrars should be established by the Secretariat and focal points/registrars be advised that if they did not adhere to these guidelines, they would be denied registrar status and access to the database. (5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)

#### *c. Tennis competition*

The CC decided that the exchange of views concerning actions of the Tennis captains taken to engage additional facilities and organize the discipline's schedule of play in violation of the discipline's rules without proper consultation with the UNWTO Host Organizing Committee nor with the Control Commission should be recorded in the CC's minutes. The

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<sup>1</sup> Following the close of the CC session, the CC's decision not to award trophies in Cricket was overturned by a decision taken by the members of the Sub-committee on Appeals at the request of UNMISS CC representatives. The sub-committee decided that 1st and 2nd place awards would be given to the teams finishing 1st and 3rd in the competition, and the team finishing 2nd in the competition would be disqualified because it played a non-UN player in violation of the IAG rules. Some members of the CC were informed on an individual and informal basis of this decision by the CC's sub-committee during the closing ceremony.

CC further decided that a letter should be sent to all Tennis captains by the Chair of the Secretariat indicating that their actions were not appropriate and that in the event of any internal disagreements within the Secretariat over the CC decision, the matter would be referred to the Chair of the Host Organizing Committee for his appropriate action. (5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)

*d. Registration database and participants*

The CC agreed that the Secretariat should review procedures on database access, working to address these issues with the Chair of the 2017 IAG. (5<sup>th</sup> CC meeting, 14 May, 2.00 pm)