

## 37<sup>th</sup> United Nations Inter-Agency Games

### Control Commission Meeting Reports

1-5 October 2009

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: 1 October 2009 at 15:00

#### Attending:

CTBTO	Glenda WOLSTENHOLME	UNESCO	Robert DONGASSE Mahmoud ABOU-KHATWA
FAO	Mario MARERI Enrica ROMANAZZO	UNHCR	Linda HARRIS
IAEA	Peter PATAK Jody STUBITS John YOUNG	UNIDO	Marie- Odile DORER
ICC	Karin OOMEN	UNON	Rhoda ATANA
ILO	Alison IRVINE	UNOV	Danny BRIDI
		WHO	Arnaud DEVILLIERS

#### **OPENING**

The first meeting of the Control Commission began with a welcome by Mr. Abou-Khatwa (UNESCO) on behalf of Mr. Gaye.

This was followed by a statement by the Inter-Agency Games Organizing Committee (IAGOC) Chair, Mr. Young (IAEA), welcoming the Control Commission. Mr. Young pointed out the need to push the Administrations of the organizations to assist in providing the necessary HR lists for all participants. He went on to report that there had been some last minute cancellations but that participation was still good. He noted that the setting up of the IAG Secretariat to the Inter-Agency Games Control Commission was a wise move and should be applauded. The Secretariat should be used as a body to maintain and promote the IAG. He concluded by thanking everyone for their participation.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Agenda was adopted as drafted.

#### **APPROVAL OF DRAFT FINAL MINUTES OF CC MEETINGS IN BIARRITZ**

The draft final minutes for the Control Commission meetings in Biarritz was approved without changes.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) was appointed as Chair. Ms. Romanazzo (FAO) as Vice Chair.

#### **ELECTION OF THE SUB COMMITTEE ON VERIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) and Mr. Mareri (FAO) were elected for the Sub Committee on verification of participants.

#### **ELECTION OF THE SUB COMMITTEE ON APPEALS**

Mr. Gaye (UNESCO), Mr. Patak (IAEA) and Mr. Mareri (FAO) were elected for the Sub Committee on Appeals.

#### **REVIEW OF CHANGES IN BADMINTON AND VOLLEYBALL RULES**

The current rules for badminton require a team of four men and two women. The IAGOC asked for a waiver for the current games to require only one woman on a team.

DECISION:  
The waiver was agreed.

Because of frequent problems with the current rules the IAGOC (on behalf of the badminton captains) asked the CC to discuss changing the rules to require a minimum of three men and one woman and a maximum of five men and three women.

DECISION:  
The CC agreed to distribute the proposal and discuss at a later meeting. It was further agreed to change the rules for volleyball to have a nine person team plus a libero.

#### **REPORT OF SECRETARIAT TO THE CONTROL COMMISSION**

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) asked the CC to read the report so that discussions could be held at a later meeting. He went on to thank John Meehan (IAEA) for all of his work in preparing the report. He also thanked the CC for electing the Secretariat.

Mr. Patak (IAEA), as chair of the Secretariat, gave an overview of the Secretariat's work and the need to go over the report.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) reported that the Coordinators' Meeting had taken place on Wednesday evening. It was made clear to those present that they can not make rule changes without approval of the CC.

The Captain Meetings will be held on Thursday evening and should be attended by a member of the CC. It was agreed that the following would attend the various meetings:

Mr. Devilliers (WHO) – Athletics meeting

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) – Badminton

Ms. Oomen (ICC) – Golf

Ms. Harris (UNHCR) – Darts

Ms. Wolstenholme (CTBTO) – Petanque

Ms. Atana (UNON) – Volleyball

Ms. Harris (UNHCR) – Football

Mr. Dongasse (UNESCO) – Chess

Mr. Bridi (UNOV)– Table Tennis  
Mr. Patak (IAEA) – Tennis

Mr. Devilliers (WHO) – Swimming

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) announced that the seating at the Opening Ceremony would be by discipline and not by organization.

Ms. Atana (UNON) raised a question concerning the total number of leave days allowed by an organization. Mr. Bridi (UNOV) explained that there is no rule concerning leave granted for the IAG and each organization makes its own decision and the CC has no authority to request leave for any participants.

Ms. Romanazzo (FAO) announced that the 2010 IAG would be held in Val di Non which offered very good sport facilities as well as many cultural attractions. The area in the Dolomiti is a new UNESCO cultural site. The actual dates for the IAG are not set but planned for the end of May.

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) announced that the next meeting would be held on Friday at 10:30 with the main agenda item to be to discuss the report of the Secretariat.

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) reminded the CC that if members are unable to attend a meeting, they can proxy to another organization but the proxy must be in writing.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: 2 October 2009 at 10:30

Attending:

CTBTO	Helmuth BREITENFELLNER	UNESCO	Robert DONGASSE Mahmoud ABOU-KHATWA
DPKO	Jean-Marc LAFRENIERE		
		UNHCR	Linda HARRIS
FAO	Mario MARERI Enrica ROMANAZZO	UNIDO	Georgios ANESTIS Marie-Odile DORER
IAEA	Peter PATAK		
ICC	Karin OOMEN	UNOV	Astrid AYOUB Danny BRIDI
		UPU	Mirko PONTI

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) announced that there had been a request to allow the coordinator for badminton to play making it possible to have a total of three teams.

**DECISION:**

It was agreed to exceptionally allow the coordinator for badminton to play in order to make it possible to have a total of three teams.

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) then returned to the agenda item to approve changing the badminton rules to allow a minimum of three men and one woman (as detailed in annex 1).

**DECISION:**

It was agreed to change the badminton rules (as detailed in annex 1).

Ms. Harris (UNCHR) reported that a question had been raised at the football captains' meeting concerning the current rules for the 13 meter line and the off side rule. The CC requested a submission in writing to be able to review before making a decision.

Mr. Dongasse (UNESCO) reported that there might be a problem in forming the chess teams. He would advise when more information was available.

Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) reported that the Sub Committee on verification of participants had found that not all document were complete. There were discrepancies in some cases and some originals with signatures were missing as well as some documents missing.

**FIRST REPORT OF THE IAG SECRETARIAT TO THE CC**

Mr. Patak (IAEA) as Chairman of the Secretariat took the floor to review the report item by item:

1. Official Participation List – no comments.
2. Eligibility of Participants – Mr. Patak (IAEA) noted that this part is not yet complete and will need some more work. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) stated that this section needed to be clarified and expanded.
3. Hosting the Inter-Agency Games – no comments.
4. Admission of new Organizations/Participants – the UN System Chart was distributed for information. Ms. Oomen (ICC) questioned why the ICC was not on the list. Mr. Patak (IAEA) agreed to check.
5. ID Cards – no comments.
6. Disputes – no comments.
7. Issues relating to Rules in general – it was noted that there are problems in translating into French. It was agreed that a French translation should be available but if there are any discrepancies, the English version will be considered the correct rules. Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) suggested a statement at the beginning of the French translation stating that there could be errors.
8. Control Commission – it was pointed out that there is a problem in 8.4 due to the number of UN organizations. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) asked for clarification for 8.7 as to how the invitation lists are created. Mr. Bridi (UNOV) explained that this year, the organizing committee used all available email lists and went over the web sites of each organization on the UN chart to find an email address that could be used as well.
9. Transportation – no comments.
10. Prizes – Mr. Anestis (UNIDO) noted that “fair play” should be an option, maybe overall and not by discipline.
11. Accommodations – Ms. Harris (UNHCR) noted that costs are high and some are not willing to participate for this reason. Also there are often varying hotel standards which cause complaints. Mr. Lafreiniere (DPKO) noted that participants from the hardship areas really appreciate the better level accommodations. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) pointed out that hotel ratings vary greatly between countries as well.
12. Information Centre – Ms. Harris asked where the information centre is located. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) suggested that the CC should be accommodated in a central location and be near the information centre location.
13. Final Results – Ms. Harris (UNHCR) noted that the results should be available at the information centre.
14. General Complaints – no comments.
15. Disciplines – Mr. Lafreiniere (DPKO) asked for clarification for 15.1 and the new general rule 9. Mr. Patak (IAEA) explained that this referred to the IAG official logo being used in all IAG matters but that the IAGOC can also design its own logo to identify the year of the games to be used with the official logo.
16. Finances – Mr. Dongasse (UNESCO) asked for clarification as to how last minute cancellations are to be handled as this had been a problem in 2008. Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) suggested that a certificate must be provided for a last minute cancellation due to illness.
17. Referees/Umpires – no comments.
18. Opening and Closing Ceremonies – no comments.

19. Dates of Games – Ms. Harris (UNHCR) noted that some allowance is necessary as it is not always possible to hold the games between 15 April and 15 May. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) suggested adding the word “preferably”.
20. Combined Teams – Ms. Oomen (ICC) noted that this rule is greatly appreciated by the smaller organizations since it makes participation easier.
21. Security – no comments.
22. Logo – no comments beyond those stated under item 15.
23. Secretariat – no comments.
24. IAG Website – no comments

DECISION:

It was agreed that comments and suggestions by the Control Commission would be incorporated into the next draft of the Secretariat’s Report.

It was agreed to review the Annexes at the meeting to be held on Saturday.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: 2 October 2009 at 19:30

Attending:

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DPKO	Jean-Marc LAFRENIERE	UNIDO	Marie-Odile DORER
FAO	Mario MARERI	UNON	Rhoda ATANA
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Mr. Bridi (UNOV) explained that an emergency meeting had been called to discuss two urgent issues. The first matter was discussed off the record since it was of a delicate nature and the details were not yet clear. The discipline coordinator and the local coordinator explained the situation and it was decided that two members of the CC would meet with the party involved to resolve the matter.

Mr. Devilliers (WHO) reported that the swimming discipline was short the necessary participants to proceed. He requested a waiver to allow the coordinator to participate and proposed combining the participants into three teams, shortening the distance for each event, shortening the relays and changing the scoring to allow the competition to proceed.

DECISION:

It was agreed to exceptionally allow the swimming coordinator to participate and combine the participants into three teams, shortening the distance for each event, shortening the relays and changing the scoring to allow the competition to proceed.

Mr. Devilliers (WHO) also suggested a change to the swimming rules concerning the minimum number of teams to ensure the inclusion of the discipline in future games.

DECISION:

It was agreed

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4<sup>th</sup> Meeting: 3 October 2009 at 10:00

Attending:

CTBTO	Helmuth BREITENFELLNER	UNESCO	Papa Malick GAYE Mahmoud ABOU-KHATWA
DPKO	Jean-Marc LAFRENIERE		
		UNHCR	Linda HARRIS
FAO	Mario MARERI Enrica ROMANAZZO	UNIDO	Georgios ANESTIS Marie-Odile DORER
IAEA	Peter PATAK		
		UNOV	Astrid AYOUB Danny BRIDI
ICC	Karin OOMEN		
IFAD	Alan PRIEN	UPU	Mirko PONTI

Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) reported that the Sub Committee on verification of participants was still waiting for a list from UNICEF Abuja. There were still some participants missing but most lists were now in order.

## CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT (ANNEXES)

### Annex 1 – General Rules

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) requested clarification if non-competing and non-participating were the same. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) pointed out that the text needs to be re-written since it is not in a form that is normally used in rules.

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) also posed a question as to a French report. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) suggested allowing French in discussions but that the report is made in English.

Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) raised the question of restricting members of the CC from participating in games. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) felt that if a CC member was participating, the alternate could still attend meetings. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) noted that there are then problems with having attendance at the meetings. Mr. Anestis (UNIDO) agreed that CC members should be available and it could be a conflict of interest. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) disagreed that there was a conflict. Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) supported allowing CC members to play and pointed out that it would create a problem for the smaller organizations. Mr. Prien (IFAD) indicated that he also supported allowing participation and suggested using “preferably” to allow participation of the members. Mr. Anestis (UNIDO) suggested that the rule be based on the size of the organization. Ms. Oomen (ICC) supported not participating as she felt that it was a problem to have two functions/jobs at the IAG. Mr. Anestis (UNIDO) noted



that proxy was a means of avoiding conflict of interest but it also meant accepting the actions of the organization that held the proxy. Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) noted that the use of proxy left a chance for gaps. Ms. Oomen (ICC) felt that “preferably” will not properly define the situation. Ms. Ayoub (UNOV) noted that financial restraints would be a problem as well for organizations to send members to the CC that are not participants. Mr. Prien (IFAD) pointed out that UNNY for example, was not represented and there needs to be some flexibility. Mr. Anestis (UNIDO) suggested to use next year as a test to see if the text will be sufficient and then review the matter again. Mr. Lafreniere (DPKO) pointed out that the draft already allows for a participating alternate. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) noted that by participating, the CC members have a better understanding of the games and the issues. Mr. Prien (IFAD) added that para. 13 would need to reflect the alternate as well. Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) agreed that then an organization would be able to send a participating alternate.

Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) stated that there needs to be clarification concerning the choice of Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) indicated that for para. 6 there is a problem with defining the participating organizations which need to be clarified. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) suggested that the CC should make the final approval of the list of participating organizations. Mr. Bridi (UNOV) pointed out that the CC does not meet prior to the games and therefore maybe the Secretariat should be the one to determine eligibility. Mr. Prien (IFAD) noted that the eligibility should be as broad as possible as the goal of the games is to interact. He suggested that the Secretariat review and make the decision but to consult with the CC if necessary. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) agreed that the Secretariat should decide. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) asked if organizations would be allowed to reapply. Ms. Oomen (ICC) pointed out that the applicants must justify the application.

Ms. Harris (UNHCR) noted that para. 7 concerning the organizing schedule created problems, as what occurred in 2009 when the next responsible organization could not take on the task. She also suggested that for para. 8 the time frame be extended to 30 May.

Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) suggested that para. 2 and para. 8 could be combined.

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) suggested that in para. 13.8 it should be English and French (not or). He also noted that para. 13.9 and para.13.10 were unclear. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) suggested that the two paragraphs be merged.

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) requested clarification of para. 8 concerning the UNSSS security levels for a country/region.

Ms. Harris (UNHCR) suggested that para. 13.4 should also mention an opening ceremony. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) agreed that an opening ceremony is very important to allow the introduction of the host area.

Mr. Anestis (UNIDO) raised a question of the trophy/prize giving noting that this should be defined by the disciplines.

Mr. Lafreniere (DPKO) raised a question concerning the hosting of the games in 2011. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) asked if it is strictly held to rotation. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) suggested that the Secretariat contact Geneva concerning the games in 2011.

Ms. Harris (UNHCR) suggested that para. 14 should spell out the requirements in more detail.

Mr. Anestis (UNIDO) noted that para. 21 concerning the medical certificates needed to be clarified. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) suggested re-wording to be a rule. Mr. Prien (IFAD) suggested that the Health Ministry of the host country should be consulted.

### **Annex 2 – Guidelines for the Sub-Committee on Appeals**

Mr. Anestis (UNIDO) pointed out that there needs to be a clear statement of conflict of interest. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) noted that para. 3 covered this problem. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) pointed out that it needs to be clear as to discipline and/or organization.

### **Annex 3 - Terms of Reference – Control Commission**

Ms. Harris (UNHCR) suggested adding to para. 7 “report/minutes in English”. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) asked why not French. Ms. Oomen (ICC) asked if any documents are only in French within the UN.

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) suggested deleting para. 11 as it was not necessary in the Terms of Reference since it is part of the rules.

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) suggested deleting para. 12 as this is the responsibility of the Secretariat not the CC.

### **Annex 4 - Terms of Reference – Team Captains**

Ms. Harris (UNHCR) noted that there are two para. 4, one is part of para. 3 and should be separated and the remaining paragraphs renumbered.

Mr. Prien (IFAD) suggested changing para. 10 to a majority instead of a two thirds requirement. Mr. Bridi (UNOV) pointed out that this was due to the previous requirement that all team captains agree.

### **Annex 5 - Terms of Reference – Discipline Coordinators**

Mr. Prien (IFAD) questioned why discipline coordinators were not allowed to play. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) asked why the Organizing Committee members are then allowed to participate. Mr. Bridi (UNOV) explained that members of the Organizing Committee are allowed to participate as other members of the committee can take over if necessary. He went on to explain that a Discipline Coordinator is only one person responsible for a discipline but members of the Organizing Committee are part of a committee with a backup available if something must be done while they are participating in an event. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) suggested that there needs to be flexibility. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) pointed out that the CC had already agreed to waive the rule in two cases for the current games. Mr. Bridi (UNOV) stated that he felt it was an issue of bias if the coordinator was also part of the team. Ms. Oomen (ICC) noted that the coordinators need to be available to handle

problems and not playing. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) felt that people come to participate not to administer. Mr. Prien (IFAD) suggested adding the word “normally” as a solution.

Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) suggested that para. 7 was not necessary and should be removed. Mr. Patak (IAEA) suggested inserting “as required”.

#### **Annex 6 - Terms of Reference – Control Commission Members**

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) suggested merging this with the Terms of Reference for the Control Commission. Mr. Prien (IFAD) pointed out that the “(to be completed)” before para. 1 should be removed. Ms. Harris (UNHCR) asked if para. 4 is actually being done. Ms. Ayoub (UNOV) reported that it has been done in the past but Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) confirmed that it is not being done this year.

#### **Terms of Reference – Organizers (No annex number given)**

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) suggested that para. 5 and para. 6 are actually part of para. 4 and should be indicated as a. and b. of para. 4. He also suggested that the title should be clearer.

#### **Annex 7 - Terms of Reference – Positions in the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Games**

Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) suggested changing the wording of para. 1 to “The Chairperson shall lead the Secretariat in all matters.” Mr. Bridi (UNOV) pointed out the problem of the members of the Secretariat being from various locations making meeting difficult. He reported that a meeting of the Secretariat was planned for later in the day to discuss matters.

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) suggested changing bullet point 3 under the Information and Communication Officer to “The approved minutes of each CC.”

Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) suggested changing paragraph three under the Treasurer from “monies” to “funds” and in paragraph four changing “monies and assets” to “expenditures.”

Ms. Oomen (ICC) asked who normally provides the second signature for expenditures. Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) stated that normally the Treasurer and the Chair would sign for any expenditure.

Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) asked who approves the budget for the Secretariat. Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) stated that it should be the Secretariat.

#### **Annex 8 - Terms of Reference – Chief Scorer and Naming Convention**

Chief Scorer – no comments

Naming Convention

Ms. Harris (UNHCR) suggested merging para. 3 and para. 5 but Mr. Breitenfellner (CTBTO) disagreed.

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) suggested moving para. 4 to the end and renaming para. 5 as para. 4 and para. 6 as para. 5.

DECISION:
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It was agreed that comments and suggestions by the Control Commission would be incorporated into the next draft of the Secretariat's Report.

Mr. Gaye (UNESCO) congratulated the Secretariat on a job well done!

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5th Meeting: 4 October 2009 at 16:00

Attending:

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DPKO	Jean-Marc LAFRENIERE	UNHCR	Linda HARRIS
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Mr. Bridi (UNOV) reported that all of the results were in.

Ms. Dorer (UNIDO) reported that the Sub Committee on verification of participants was still missing many original documents which could result in disqualification. She reminded everyone that all original documents must be provided to Mr. John Young (IAEA) in Vienna by 16 October.

Mr. Bridi (UNOV) reminded everyone that the closing ceremony starts at 19:30.

## Proposed Badminton Rules

The competition shall be held in accordance with the General Rules of the Inter-Agency Games and those of the Badminton World Federation (BWF), except where the present competition rules provide otherwise.

1. Each team shall consist of a minimum of four players (three men and one lady), and of a maximum of eight (five men and three ladies), one of whom shall act as captain. All line-ups are based on a four men and two ladies combination (see para. 5). During any given encounter, a team must play as if four men and two ladies were present. Any missing combinations will be forfeited.
2. A player may not play for more than one team nor play in more than two doubles matches (men's, ladies', or mixed doubles) and one singles match during each encounter.
3. Before each encounter, the captains of the two teams shall exchange their team rosters, according to ranking, showing which players are scheduled for specific matches. Subsequently, no substitution shall be allowed, except if a player falls ill or is injured or fails to report for his or her scheduled match.
4. Once an encounter has been scheduled, cancellation by either team shall be counted as a victory for the opposing team by default: 21-0, 21-0.
5. Each encounter shall consist of three men's doubles matches, one ladies' doubles match, and two mixed doubles matches. A men's singles match shall be played in case of a draw. If a team consists of the stated minimum number of players (three men and one lady), the line-up shall be as follows: two men's doubles matches, two mixed doubles matches, and one men's singles match.
6. In case of a draw in any given group (either scenario), the number of sets and eventually the points shall be the deciding factors.
7. Each match is decided on the basis of the best of three sets.
8. The competition shall consist of one round only, and each team shall play against every other team. In case of more than six participating teams, the games will be played in two groups. Semi finals shall be played between A1 vs. B2 and A2 vs. B1, and the final shall be played between the resulting winners. The best 3-4 teams of the previous year shall be seeded according to their placing of the previous IAGs. The host organization shall establish the schedule of encounters in accordance with paragraph 10 of the General Rules of the Games.
9. At the end of each encounter, the chief umpire shall communicate the results in writing to the Control Commission, together with the match records duly signed by the team captains.
10. The host organization shall provide the services of a chief umpire to record the results and to resolve any dispute that may arise. The chief umpire's decisions shall be final.
11. The host organization shall designate an umpire for each match, and for this purpose may call upon players not involved in a match of their own.
12. The host organization shall provide feather shuttles.