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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

1. The first Mediterranean Games were held in Alexandria (Egypt) in 1951, on the initiative of Mohamed Taher Pacha, President of the Egyptian Olympic Committee.
2. The main objectives of the ICMG, an organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), are:
 - a) to participate in the promotion of the ideals and principles of Olympism, as defined in the Olympic Charter, as well as in the propagation of Olympic Education in the countries of the Mediterranean Basin through the National Olympic Committees and the National Olympic Academies.
 - b) to strengthen the ties of friendship and peace between the youth, athletes and sports community of the Mediterranean basin.
 - c) to promote understanding, consultation, cooperation and solidarity between the National Olympic Committees of the Mediterranean Basin, as well as the development of the Mediterranean Sport.
 - d) to ensure the staging and the continuity of the Mediterranean Games, making sure that they are held in accordance with the ICMG Charter and in the spirit of the rules of the IOC which may, on the ICMG's request, grant its patronage to the Games.
 - e) to make every effort to establish solidarity among the Mediterranean countries and to encourage technical exchange aimed at improving these countries' level.
3. In order to achieve these objectives, the ICMG works in close cooperation with the IOC, the NOCs, the International Sports Federations, the International Olympic Academy, the Mediterranean Sports Confederations and any other organization which deals with matters of physical education, sport and culture.
4. The ICMG is guided in its actions by the deep conviction of all its members that they belong to the same Mediterranean family, stemming from a common culture shared by all the countries around the Mediterranean.
5. The activity of the ICMG is permanent. It reaches its peak during the sports and cultural gathering which the Mediterranean Games represent.

6. The ICMG Charter is the codification of the fundamental principles, rules and By-laws adopted by the ICMG. It governs the organization and operation of the ICMG and the relations between its members. It stipulates the conditions for the celebration of the Mediterranean Games.
7. These fundamental principles form an integral part of the ICMG Charter.
8. In the ICMG Charter, the masculine gender used in relation to any physical person shall, unless there is a specific provision to the contrary, be understood as including the feminine gender.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

NOMENCLATURE

Unless used in other context, ICMG stands for the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games, EC stands for Executive Committee of the ICMG, EB stands for Executive Bureau of the ICMG, IOC stands for International Olympic Committee, NOC stands for National Olympic Committee, IF stands for International Sports Federation, OCMG stands for Organizing Committee for the Mediterranean Games, IOA stands for International Olympic Academy, GA stands for General Assembly of the ICMG, Mediterranean Games (MG) also stands for the Mediterranean Beach Games, WADA stands for World Antidoping Agency.

CHAPTER I

MEDITERRANEAN SPORT

I.THE ROLE OF THE ICMG

The role of the ICMG is to promote, in particular, sport and Olympism, the ideals and values which they embody, in the countries of the Mediterranean Basin.

For this purpose, the ICMG:

1. Encourages the coordination, organization and development of sport and sports competitions in the region.
2. Collaborates, for this purpose, with the competent public authorities and organizations as well as with the competent private institutions of these countries.
3. Ensures the regular celebration of the Mediterranean Games.
4. Supports and encourages the promotion of sports ethics.
5. Supports all the efforts being made to ensure that the spirit of fair play prevails in sport and that violence is banned.
6. Participates in the fight against doping in sport using all available means for that purpose.
7. Participates in the fight against any threat to sport's integrity, in particular through illegal sports betting.
8. Recognizes the supreme authority of the IOC over the Olympic Movement and is committed to the principles of the Olympic Charter.
9. Cooperates with all institutions, which develop Olympic Education, in particular with the International Olympic Academy.
10. May present to Olympic Solidarity coordinated programmes that are of interest to the NOCs of the Mediterranean Basin or to the Mediterranean Sports Confederations for requests falling within the scope of the provisions of the Olympic Charter.
11. May promote and organize other sports events.

12. Is the only body competent to submit to the IOC's approval any proposed amendments of the ICMG Charter concerning points that its Executive Committee considers important.
13. An ICMG order of merit is created. The EC is solely competent to award it to persons deemed to be worthy of such distinction.
14. Develops commercial exploitation to fund initiatives and activities to support CSR (corporate social responsibility) programs.
15. Develops strategies for the environment and clean seas.
16. Organizes special programs for Athletes safeguarding, well-being and dual-career and reinforce their rights.
17. Empowers gender-equality policies.
18. Fosters solidarity and collaboration between its Members and the Mediterranean societies.
19. Preserves the growth and sustainability of the Mediterranean Sports Movement.
20. Supports transparency and credibility and adopt all good governance principles.
21. Innovates revenues models.
22. Encourages the increase of sporting activities dedicated to the young generations of athletes in the Mediterranean Basin, educating them to take care of their physical health, well-being and promoting a correct and balanced lifestyle, respectful of the environment.

II. THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

1. The Mediterranean Games are competitions between the athletes of the NOCs of the Mediterranean Basin, in individual or team events. They bring together the athletes of the respective NOCs, whose entries have been accepted by the ICMG, in conformity with the Olympic Charter, and who compete under the technical regulations of the ICMG established with the agreement of the International Sports Federations concerned.
2. The Mediterranean Games are held every four years.
3. The first Mediterranean Games were celebrated in 1951, in Alexandria (Egypt). They are numbered, starting from that date, in the order in which they are held.

4. The Mediterranean Games dedicated to sand and water sports are named Mediterranean Beach Games.
5. The Mediterranean Beach Games are held every four years. The EC can set a different time interval to allow for greater promotion and development of these sports in the Mediterranean basin.
6. The provisions of the ICMG Charter at Chapter V shall also apply to the Mediterranean Beach Games, with the necessary adaptations under the terms decided by the EC.
7. The first Mediterranean Beach Games were celebrated in 2015, in Pescara (Italy). They are numbered, starting from that date, in the order in which they are held.

III. RIGHTS OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

The Mediterranean Games are the exclusive property of the ICMG which owns all rights relating thereto, present and future in particular, and without limitation, the rights relating to their organisation, exploitation, broadcasting and reproduction by any means whatsoever.

The ICMG reserves the right to delegate its relevant rights and powers, in whole or in part, to the OCMG or any other organisation. Such delegation of rights and powers will be effected by means of a contract between the parties. The ICMG entrusts the EC of the ICMG with the execution of these provisions.

Any financial surplus deriving from the celebration of the Mediterranean Games shall be used for the development of sport in the Mediterranean Basin and for the cooperation between the Mediterranean NOCs.

IV. SYMBOL AND FLAG OF THE ICMG

The symbol of the ICMG and of the Mediterranean Games consists of three rings symbolically reflected in the sea and representing the three continents bordering the Mediterranean Basin.

The flag of the ICMG and of the Mediterranean Games consists of the symbol in white on a light blue background.

V. EMBLEM OF THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

Each OCMG must use the symbol of the Mediterranean Games in its emblem or logo.

The emblem is an integrated design associating the symbol of the ICMG and of the Mediterranean Games with another distinctive element.

The design of any emblem of the Mediterranean Games shall be submitted to the ICMG EC for its approval. Such approval is a prerequisite to any use of such emblem.

VI. RIGHTS TO THE SYMBOL AND FLAG

All rights to the symbol and flag of the ICMG belong exclusively to the latter.

BYE-LAW TO RULES IV, V AND VI ABOVE

1. Legal protection

1.1. The ICMG may take all legal measures, both on a national and international basis, for the protection of its symbol and flag.

1.2. Even if the national law or a trademark registration organization grants to an NOC the protection of the ICMG symbol, such NOC may only use the ensuing rights after validation and in accordance with the instructions received from the ICMG EC.

2. Each NOC member of the ICMG shall take measures to prohibit any use of the ICMG symbol and flag which would be contrary to the principles of the Olympic Charter and the Charter of the ICMG.

3. The NOCs may only use the ICMG symbol and flag within the framework of their non-profit making activities, provided such use is not contrary to the principles of the Olympic Charter and the Charter of the ICMG and that the NOCs concerned have obtained the prior approval of the ICMG EC.

4. The use of the ICMG symbol and flag for any advertising, commercial or profitmaking purpose whatsoever, is strictly reserved for the ICMG.

5. All contracts or any amendments thereto concluded by an OCMG shall be signed and approved by the NOC concerned and shall be governed by the following principles:
 - 5.1. The emblem of an OCMG, as well as any other symbols, emblems, marks or designations of an OCMG which are related to the Mediterranean Games, may not be used for any advertising, commercial or profit-making purposes whatsoever in the country of an NOC without the latter's consent.
 - 5.2. In all cases, the period of validity of any contract concluded by an OCMG must not extend beyond December 31st of the year of the Mediterranean Games concerned.
 - 5.3. Every NOC or OCMG must provide the ICMG with a copy of any contract, related to the Mediterranean Games, to which it is a contracting party.
6. The symbol and the emblems of the ICMG may be exploited by the ICMG or by a person authorized by it in the country of an NOC member of the ICMG, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - 6.1. For all sponsorship contracts and all marketing initiatives the condition shall be that such exploitation shall not cause damage to the interests of the NOC concerned. Therefore, the prior agreement of the ICMG EC shall be required.

CHAPTER II

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

VII.LEGAL STATUS

1. The ICMG is an international non-governmental, non-profit organization, in the form of an association and it is governed by the legislation of the country where its headquarters are located.
2. The ICMG's headquarters are located in Athens, Greece.

3. The mission of the ICMG is to define and implement the general policy of the institution, as well as all related conditions and procedures, in compliance with the provisions of the ICMG Charter.
4. The decisions of the ICMG are taken in conformity with the provisions of the ICMG Charter. Any dispute relating to their application or interpretation must be submitted to the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS). The decisions of the CAS are final.
5. The official languages of the ICMG are French, English and Arabic. In case of divergence between the French text on the one hand and the English and/or Arabic text on the other, the French text shall prevail.

VIII.COMPOSITION – ADMISSION

The ICMG is an association, which includes the NOCs of the countries of the Mediterranean Basin which have been recognized by the IOC - the admission of whom is approved by the ICMG GA - and the IOC Active Members of the Mediterranean countries whose NOCs are members of the ICMG.

Any new admission may only be approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the ICMG Members present at the ICMG GA. To present its candidature, each applicant NOC shall send its application to the President of the ICMG via the Secretary General.

IX.ORGANIZATION

The organs of the ICMG are:

- I. The General Assembly
- II. The Executive Committee
- III. The Executive Bureau
- IV. The President

In the event of a doubt in determining the competence of one or the other of the organs of the ICMG, the expression "ICMG" used without other specification or addition shall be

understood as meaning the GA, subject to such delegation of powers which may have been made in favour of the ICMG EC or the President.

X.GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Composition and operation

1.1. The General Assembly of the ICMG consists of:

- a)** the delegates of NOCs, members of the ICMG, appointed by their NOC. Their number is limited to a maximum of three for each NOC.
- b)** the active IOC members for the countries whose NOCs are members of the ICMG.
- c)** the President of the ICMG.

The honorary members, the members of the ICMG EC and the ICMG Commissions may attend the GA without voting right, unless they participate in another capacity which gives them the right to vote.

1.2. The GA meets in Ordinary or Extraordinary sessions.

ICMG bodies shall be elected by the GA every four years. The Ordinary GA is held every two years on the invitation of the ICMG EC. It must be convened once during the week which precedes the opening of the Mediterranean Games and a second time, two years later, to proceed, in particular, to the designation of the city, which will be entrusted with the organization of the Games six years later.

The convening notice of the Ordinary GA venue and date must be addressed to all members concerned four (04) months prior to the date of the meeting together with a provisional Agenda.

The ICMG EC can decide at any time to convene a General Assembly, regardless of its nature, in a virtual format, in whole or in part, if specific circumstances justify such a decision.

In this case, the required majorities and applicable terms are of the same nature as those existing in the Charter. The integrity of voting procedures must be guaranteed.

The Extraordinary GA may be convened by the EC or by the President of the ICMG or upon the justified request of a simple majority of the members of the GA.

An Extraordinary GA must be held within four (04) months of the decisions or receipt of the justified request convening an Extraordinary GA.

Members shall be informed of the venue, date and the justifications without delay, within one (01) week of the decisions or request convening an Extraordinary GA. Further motions from members must be made in writing and be sent to the office of the Secretary General of the ICMG not later than two (02) months before the date of the GA meeting.

The convening notice of the Ordinary or Extraordinary GA must be addressed to all members concerned by electronic message to the official e-mail address deposited with Secretariat of the ICMG.

- 1.3.** Voting at the Ordinary or Extraordinary GA takes place by means of uniformly coloured ballot papers, each of which represents one vote or by an electronic voting process whose conditions of implementation shall guarantee the regularity and secrecy of ballots.

Each NOC present, subject to the verification of its delegates' credentials by the Secretary General of the ICMG, is entitled to three votes, independent of the number of its delegates. The composition of the official delegation of each NOC must be notified to the Secretary General of the ICMG by letter or electronic message of the NOC at least five full days prior to the date of the meeting of the General Assembly.

It can be changed at the place of the GA on presentation of an official notification from the NOC.

Each IOC member present, as defined in paragraph 1.1 (b) above, has one vote.

However, the NOCs and the IOC members of the same nationality which have a candidate city for the organisation of the Mediterranean Games cannot participate in the vote so long as their city is in contention; the absolute majority is thus calculated. If present, the President of the ICMG is entitled to only one vote, even if he/she participates in another capacity, which gives him/her an additional right to vote.

During the counting of votes, only votes cast are taken into consideration, including blanks. Abstentions and spoiled votes are not counted among votes

cast. Voting by correspondence or by proxy is not allowed, except under the conditions laid down in paragraph 1.6 of this article.

- 1.4.** The GA of the ICMG is chaired by the President of the ICMG or, in his/her absence, by the first Vice-President or, if the latter is unable to attend, by the second Vice-President or, finally, by the most senior member present of the EC.

The GA is legally in session if three-fourths of the NOCs members of the ICMG are present.

- 1.5.** Decisions are adopted by means of a simple majority of the votes of the delegates present. In the event of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote. However, decisions on amendments to the statutes, the admission of new members, the suspension or removal of members, as well as the invitation of NOCs non-members to participate in the Mediterranean Games, require a three-fourths majority of the ICMG members present at the ICMG GA.

- 1.6.** In case of urgency, the EC of the ICMG may ask the members to vote a resolution by correspondence. The text of the resolution is sent by registered mail or electronic mail with acknowledgement of receipt. The majorities required are the same as those defined in paragraph 1.5 of this article.

The lack of reply on the part of a member within a deadline of fifteen days since the date of dispatch will be interpreted as a positive answer.

If the result of the vote by correspondence is negative, the EC may decide to raise the issue again at the next GA.

Similarly, under special circumstances, the EC may propose to the GA any vote, even by acclamation, provided that the GA shall unanimously agree upon that.

- 1.7.** The GA determines, on the proposal of the EC, the amount of the membership fees for the NOC members of the ICMG.

In case of non-payment by an NOC of the annual fees determined by the GA, the NOC concerned will not have the right to vote at the GA or at any written consultations until the settlement of the amounts. In case of non-payment of the amounts due under the terms of a contract signed between the ICMG on the one hand and the NOC, the organizing city and an OCMG on the other, the NOC will not have the right to vote at the GA, until the settlement of the amounts due. Moreover, in the aforementioned cases, the NOC will not have the right to present any candidature for the ICMG EC.

2. Attributions

The main attributions of the GA are the following:

- 2.1.** To adopt resolutions submitted to it, in accordance with the conditions and procedures of this Charter.
- 2.2.** To approve the admission of new members in compliance with the spirit and the objectives of the ICMG, in accordance with the required conditions and procedures.
- 2.3.** To proceed to the suspension or expulsion of a member under the provisions of paragraph 1.5 of the present article.

An ICMG member can only be suspended or expelled following serious misconduct, and more specifically, in contravention of the Olympic Charter or the ICMG Charter, on the recommendation of the ICMG EC and with a majority of three-fourths of the votes of the members present at the ICMG GA, after examination of the dossier and upon the proposal of the ICMG EC. The aforementioned procedures apply, nevertheless, automatically, in case a relevant IOC decision has been reached for whatever reason.

- 2.4.** To invite an NOC non-member of the ICMG to participate in the Mediterranean Games under the conditions provided for in CHAPTER II, Rule X, paragraph 1.5. of the present article.
- 2.5.** To elect the members of the EC for a period of four years with their respective functions within the Committee.
- 2.6.** To nominate the Honorary Members on the proposal of the ICMG EC.
- 2.7.** To appoint an Auditor for a period of four years who shall report to the GA on the accuracy of the financial statements and accounts and possibly recommend the discharge of the ICMG EC for its management.
- 2.8.** To fix the duration and the annual amount of the fees of member NOCs and related procedures.
- 2.9.** To proceed to the election of the city, which will have the honour to organize the next celebration of the Mediterranean Games in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule XVIII.2 of the present Statutes.
- 2.10.** To approve the administrative and financial reports presented by the ICMG EC as well as the draft budget for the next two years and any draft modification of the budget for the current year.

2.11. To modify the statutes and regulations under the conditions laid down in paragraph 1.5 of the present article. Such modifications must be adopted by a three-fourths majority of the votes of the ICMG members present at the GA.

BYE-LAW TO RULE X

FINALIZATION OF THE AGENDA OF THE GA:

In the case of an Ordinary GA, the proposals of the members of the ICMG GA must be presented in writing to the Secretary General within a period of two (02) months at the latest before the GA to be considered by the ICMG EC. The documents and the final Agenda shall be sent to members not later than one (1) month prior to the date of the meeting.

In the case of an Extraordinary GA, the documents and the Agenda shall be sent to members not later than one (1) month prior to the date of the meeting.

ICMG HONORARY MEMBERS

On the proposal of the Executive Committee, the ICMG GA may elect as Honorary members, apart from the former ICMG Presidents, personalities having offered particularly eminent services to the ICMG either within or outside of the ICMG.

The Honorary Members do not have voting right. They are invited to attend the Mediterranean Games and the General Assemblies of the ICMG where a place is reserved for them.

The ICMG President can, however, invite them to attend other events or meetings of the ICMG.

XI. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1) Composition – Mode of designation and operation

The ICMG is administered by the ICMG EC elected by the GA for a four-year term of office, which may be completed with coopted members, and consisting of:

- A President. The President is also the President of the ICMG EC. He/She presides over all activities of the ICMG and is its representative permanently and globally. The President shall have, subject to the authority of the Executive Committee, general supervision of the affairs of the ICMG. The President shall, when present, chair the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Executive Bureau and the General Assemblies of the ICMG.

The President shall:

- a) guide the strategic priorities of the ICMG;
 - b) sign, as necessary, any accounting documents and financial reports;
 - c) sign, as necessary, any contract on behalf of the ICMG, with the agreement of the Executive Committee;
 - d) make public the balance sheets and other fundamental acts of the ICMG through the channels the General Assembly deems opportune or according to law should such a provision exist;
 - e) work closely with the Secretary General and supervise the implementation of the decisions of the Executive Committee.
 - f) The President may delegate any of the powers of the President with respect to management of the ICMG to the Secretary General or to any other member of the Executive Committee;
 - g) If the President is unable to perform any of his/her duties the Vice-President shall perform them in his/her stead.
- A first Vice-President who replaces the President on his/her request in case of impediment.
 - A second Vice-President who replaces the President on his/her request in case of impediment of the President or of the first Vice- President.
 - A Secretary General entrusted with the implementation of the decisions adopted by the ICMG EC and responsible for the management of the ICMG under the President's supervision.

The functions of the Secretary General are as follows:

- a) establish the agenda of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee according to the instructions of the President or of the Bureau;
- b) verify the draft minutes of the General Assemblies and of the Executive Committee and submit them for approval to the President;

- c)** supervise and coordinate the accreditation of delegates to the General Assembly and other meetings;
- d)** supervise and coordinate correspondence with the members of the ICMG;
- e)** represent, together with the President, the ICMG vis-à-vis international organisations;
- f)** sign any documents concerning the administration of the ICMG on behalf of the Executive Committee;
- g)** supervise the operations of the Treasury, in particular the lodgement of funds and the disbursement of monies, subject to limits laid down by the Executive Committee;
- h)** effect payments or other monies due by the ICMG, which shall be signed by the Treasurer and by, either the President;
- i)** supervise the day-to-day activities of the ICMG and implement the decisions of the Executive Committee;
- j)** ensure the ICMG adheres to the highest standards of professional management, financial responsibility and ethical conduct by supervising Human Relations (HR) and the Organization's structures;
- k)** oversee all daily operations and business activities to align with the ICMG's strategic mission, ensuring fiscal prudence and compliance with safety and regulatory requirements as well as the international Sports regulatory framework;
- l)** cultivate trusted relationships with key partners and stakeholders, serving as a primary point of contact;
- m)** supervise the Standing and Ad hoc Commissions' activities in successfully organizing ICMG sports events and programmes under the guidance of the ICMG Executive Committee;
- n)** regularly report on progress against objectives and priorities to the Executive Committee, providing updates to the President;
- o)** lead the preparation and implementation of draft budgets in collaboration with the Treasurer for approval by the Executive Committee and General Assembly;

p) ensure that decisions of the Executive Committee are recorded and implemented.

- A Treasurer who is accountable before the ICMG EC to which he/she shall report regularly and who is responsible for finances, accounting and the execution of the budget with all related obligations of any kind in collaboration with the Secretary General and the Financial Director.
- Seven members including at least two women and two men.

The ICMG EC reserves the possibility to co-opt a maximum of two more members in order to ensure better harmony, in terms of geographical or gender representation, on the proposal of the President, after consultation with the concerned NOCs.

First-time EC membership shall be subject to a written nomination by the member NOC concerned. Outgoing EC member's nominations for re-election, can also be submitted individually.

An EC member may serve in the same position for a maximum of three (3) terms of office.

No NOC, member of the ICMG, may be represented in the ICMG EC by more than one member. However, the Chair of the Athletes' Commission, co-opted onto the EC, is exempted from this rule.

All candidate members of the ICMG EC are elected by the GA by secret ballot, as stated in 1.3, and must be able to speak and write at least one of the three official languages of the ICMG.

The four-year term of office of the EC begins on the day following the closing ceremony of the Games and ends on the day of the closing ceremony of the next Games except under exceptional circumstances imposing the postponement of the Games. In such a case, the GA shall be held at a date close to the initially planned date of the closing of the Games and the term shall end on that very date of the General Assembly.

Candidatures for the office of President must reach the ICMG Secretary General by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt, facsimile or electronic mail at least six (06) weeks before the date set for the election.

Candidatures for the other offices on the EC must reach the ICMG Secretary General, by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt, facsimile or electronic mail at last four (04) weeks before the date set for the election.

A member of the EC who is absent three times without justification will be considered, ipso jure, as having resigned and will be informed of the decision by justified notification of the Secretary General of the ICMG.

In case of vacancy of the President's office, the first Vice-President holds office until the election of a new President, which must take place within a maximum period of one year. Such new election is valid only for the remainder of the current term of office. In case of vacancy of an office other than the President's, for any reason whatsoever, a replacement shall be elected at the next GA and the ICMG EC shall take the necessary steps to ensure its operation until that date.

In case of partial election of one or several EC members during the four-year term of office of the EC, the term of office of the newly elected member(s) is valid only for the remainder of the current term of office.

BYE-LAW TO RULE XI

Preamble

1. Only the votes of the ICMG members present at the GA will be taken into consideration.
2. During the submission of applications, the candidate should expressly indicate the post for which he/she applies. Each candidate may only apply for one post.

Elections

1. For the election to the posts of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer of the ICMG, the candidate who has obtained an absolute majority in the first ballot is elected. If no candidate for any of these posts has obtained an absolute majority, a second ballot shall be taken with the two candidates who have obtained the highest number of votes validly cast in the first ballot (with the exception of abstentions and invalid ballot papers).

The candidate having obtained the highest number of votes in the second ballot shall be thus elected.

When there is only one candidate for a post, he/she must obtain an absolute majority in the first ballot. Should he/she fail to obtain an absolute majority, a second ballot will be taken for which absolute majority is not required.

2. For the election of the other seven members of the ICMG EC, the following procedure applies:

On the list of candidates finalized by the ICMG Secretary General, candidates who have obtained an absolute majority according to the provisions set out in XI-1, are elected in the first ballot, in descending order of results.

If the seven posts are not filled in the first round, in accordance with the provisions set out in XI-1, namely and in priority two candidates of each gender, a second round shall be held for the remaining posts to be filled. Candidates who have obtained the highest number of votes are elected, subject to the provisions set out in XI-1.

In the absence of male or female candidate(s), the positions listed in XI-1 will remain vacant until the next General Assembly.

An additional round is possible, if needed, in the event of a tie.

3. Ballot papers which do not have as many names ticked as the posts to be filled, without any deletions or additions, as part of the list presented by the Secretary General for each vote (or ballot) are invalid.

2) Meeting of the Executive Committee

The ICMG EC shall meet at least twice a year at the ICMG headquarters, or in the organizing city of the Games, or in the city designated to organize the next Games, or in any other place if circumstances so require.

The Secretary General, on the President's authorization, sends out the notices of the meetings one month before, setting the place, the date and the agenda for the meeting. The EC can decide on the organization of its meetings in virtual format if specific circumstances justify such a decision.

The ICMG EC is considered legally in session if the majority of its members are present (of which mandatorily the President or one of the Vice-Presidents).

The decisions of the EC are adopted by the majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the vote of the President of the ICMG or his/her substitute will be the casting vote. Exceptionally, in case of urgency, a vote by correspondence may be requested by the President.

During the Games, the decisions of the EC, which concern the Games exclusively, are taken by a simple majority of the members present, regardless of their number. In the event of a tie, the President or his/her substitute will have the casting vote.

3) Powers and Duties

The ICMG EC is the decision-making body of the ICMG and manages the affairs of the ICMG. In particular, it performs the following duties:

- 3.1.** It attends to the observance of the ICMG Charter.
- 3.2.** It implements the decisions taken by the GA.
- 3.3.** It presents to each GA an activity report by the Secretary General and a financial report by the Treasurer for the period elapsed since the last GA. These reports are submitted to the GA for its approval. The financial report may only be voted after the Auditor has addressed the GA.
- 3.4.** It submits to the GA a draft budget for the next two years.
- 3.5.** It decides and approves the long-term strategic plan of the ICMG and all general policies
- 3.6.** It sets the dates, the venue and the programme of the Games in agreement with the OCMG.
- 3.7.** It recruits and may terminate the contracts of the paid staff of the ICMG.
- 3.8.** It makes the necessary contacts with the IOC, the IFs, the NOCs, the Mediterranean Sports Unions or Confederations and, more generally, with any organisation concerned by the programme of the Mediterranean Games. It may, however, on the basis of a clearly stated decision, delegate its powers, in whole or in part. Such delegation, however, is not possible in respect to relations with the IOC or with the official authorities of a country.
- 3.9.** It establishes the conditions imposed on the cities applying for the organisation of the Mediterranean Games.
- 3.10.** It fixes the amount of the candidature rights and the rights payable by candidate cities for the organization of the Mediterranean Games.

- 3.11.** It concludes any contracts, conventions or agreements of any kind, which commit the ICMG in whatever capacity.
- 3.12.** It authorizes the President or, in case of impediment, one of the Vice-Presidents to sign, on behalf of the ICMG, the documents referred to in the preceding paragraph.
- 3.13.** It determines the policy regarding the budgets, investments and global projects of the ICMG.
- 3.14.** It issues the technical and medical regulations of the Mediterranean Games, as well as any modifications thereto.
- 3.15.** It sends out, one year before the opening ceremony of the Mediterranean Games, the official invitations to attend or participate in them.
- 3.16.** It ensures the protection of the ICMG symbol, flag and emblems.
- 3.17.** It determines the role and mission of the Secretary General and of the Treasurer.
- 3.18.** It stipulates the method of payment of expenses.
- 3.19.** It proposes to the GA the amount of the annual fees of the NOCs members of the ICMG.
- 3.20.** It proposes to the GA the designation of ICMG honorary members.
- 3.21.** It establishes an internal regulation providing in detail the operation of the ICMG and monitors its application.
- 3.22.** It determines, as partial coverage of the running costs, the extent of the contribution for access to the procedures of the ICMG Ethics Code.
- 3.23.** It approves the regulations and procedures of the ICMG Standing and Ad hoc Commissions.
- 3.24.** It determines the composition and mission of ad hoc Commissions and regulates all issues pertaining to their operations.
- 3.25.** It interprets all statutory provisions and supervises its implementation and internal regulations.

3.26. It decides on all issues falling within its exclusive competence.

XII.THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU

COMPOSITION AND OPERATION

The Bureau consists of the President, the 2 Vice-presidents, the Secretary General and the Treasurer.

The Bureau meets when needed at the request of the President, to deal with the most urgent problems.

The decisions taken by this Bureau shall be subject to ratification, at the next meeting of the EC, or if necessary, by postal voting on the President's initiative.

XIII.THE PRESIDENT

- 1.** The GA of the ICMG elects by secret ballot a President from among its members, for a period of four years, just before electing the other members of the EC. The President may be re-elected for successive four-year terms.
- 2.** If the President is temporarily incapable of fulfilling his/her duties, he/she shall be replaced by the first Vice-President.
- 3.** The President presides over all ICMG activities and represents it in all civil acts and possibly before justice.
- 4.** With the consent of the ICMG EC, the President establishes the number and denomination of the standing Commissions and appoints their Presidents and members, as well as the other ad hoc Working groups deemed necessary; the composition of the commissions may be renewed every two years and at the beginning of the year following a decision of the ICMG President. Under the same conditions, he/she decides the dissolution of such commissions or working groups once they have fulfilled their mission. No meeting of a commission or working group may be held without the prior agreement of the President of the ICMG and the invitation by the Secretary General of the ICMG. The President and the Secretary

General are members ex officio of all commissions and working groups and shall have precedence whenever they attend one of their meetings.

ICMG Commissions or ad hoc Working Groups may be created for the purpose of advising the ICMG EC, the ICMG President and/or the Secretary General as the case may be.

All standing ICMG Commissions must adopt Internal Regulations approved by the EC.

BYE-LAW TO RULE XIII, PARAGRAPH 4

An Athletes' Commission of the ICMG, whose members shall consist of athletes participating in the Mediterranean Games, is set up.

This shall be a consultative body ensuring the representation and participation of athletes in the institutional life of the ICMG.

Elections will be held in accordance with the provisions established by the ICMG EC.

The regulation and procedures related thereto shall be approved by the ICMG EC. The Chair of the Athletes Commission shall be co-opted into the ICMG EC with voting rights and shall report to the EC the content of their work and proposals.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

BYE-LAW TO RULE XIII, PARAGRAPH 4

1. The President, with the consent of the ICMG EC, must establish a standing Commission, for a renewable four-year term, to deal with ethical matters and with cases of alleged violations of the applicable ethical standards; the Commission formulates recommendations to the ICMG Executive Committee, which takes every decision in full autonomy.
2. The ICMG Executive Committee, with due regard to the ethical rules of the IOC, considering its own organizational structure, shall adopt an ICMG Ethics Code with Rules of Procedure governing cases of possible breach of ethical principles. These documents shall be made publicly available and accessible to all interested parties through their publication on the official website of ICMG.

3. The ICMG Ethics Code and related Rules of Procedure governing cases of possible breach of ethical principles must be respected by the ICMG and its members, by the cities wishing to organize the Mediterranean Games, the organizing committees of the Mediterranean Games, the NOCs that are members of the ICMG, as well as by all the participants in the Mediterranean Games and in general by all those who enter relations with ICMG.

ICMG ETHICS COMMISSION

With reference to the Transitional Provision Bye-law to Rule XIII, paragraph 4, as of the next Ordinary GA of the next four-year period, an ICMG Ethics Commission should be elected by the GA, according to the procedure for the election of the members of the ICMG Executive Committee, with the necessary adaptations under the terms decided by the EC.

The Executive Committee currently in office, on the proposal of the Ethics and Juridical Commission, approves an Internal Regulation of the new elective "ICMG Ethics Commission" to allow its operation starting from the next four-year term.

The Internal Regulation, which includes the structure and the electoral procedure of the Commission, forms an integral part of the Ethics Code.

The ICMG Ethics Commission is composed of five (05) members, one of whom must be an Athlete. The other four (04) members, including the President, are prominent personalities known for their independence of spirit, their competency and their international reputation. The President and members are elected for a term of four years, which may be renewed no more than twice.

All candidates for the ICMG Ethics Commission shall be proposed by the ICMG members.

XIII bis. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

In recalling the obligation to respect the Ethics Code, all activities of ICMG EC and Commissions members in relation to performing their decision-making functions shall exclude them from any personal liability.

ICMG EC members shall also not be personally liable for the financial or other obligations of the ICMG.

No member, staff member or assistant of the ICMG bodies, offices and commissions, can be held personally liable for any act or omission relating to any action, decision, proceeding or opinion, except when the act or conduct in question involves the proven violation of any applicable criminal law and/or of the Ethics Code.

CHAPTER III

THE IOC MEMBERS AND THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

XIV. THE IOC MEMBERS

The active IOC members - for the countries whose NOCs are members of the ICMG - have one vote when they are personally present at the GA.

Apart from participating in the ICMG GA, the members of the IOC shall inter alia:

- Ensure compliance with the ICMG Charter in their countries.
- Help in the development of Sport in the Mediterranean countries.
- Formulate proposals addressed to the ICMG concerning the organization and staging of the Games and the life of the institution.

XV. THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

1. Only the NOCs, which have been previously recognized by the IOC, may be members of the ICMG. NOCs, which are suspended or have their recognition withdrawn by the IOC, will cease ipso facto to be a member of the ICMG.
2. They shall:
 - 2.1. Ensure the observance of the ICMG Charter in their countries.
 - 2.2. Establish between them privileged and regular contacts, exchange information and coordinate their action whenever the interests of Mediterranean sport are at stake.
3. The NOCs, members of the ICMG, have the exclusive powers for the representation of their respective countries in the Mediterranean Games. The same applies for the NOCs non-members of the ICMG which have been exceptionally invited to participate under the conditions laid down in rules X and XIX of the present Statutes.
4. The NOCs, members of the ICMG, have the authority to designate the city, which may apply to organize the Mediterranean Games.
5. The NOCs, members of the ICMG, have the right to:
 - formulate proposals addressed to the ICMG concerning the ICMG Charter, including the organizing and staging of the Mediterranean Games and the life of the institution.
 - propose items to be included in the GA agenda within the specified deadlines.
6. The ICMG members cannot be held personally responsible for the debts and obligations of the ICMG.
7. The NOCs shall actively collaborate with ICMG in applying the ICMG Ethics Code.

BYE-LAW

NOCs, members of the ICMG, as well as those invited to participate in the Mediterranean Games, shall constitute, organize and lead their respective delegations in the

Mediterranean Games. They decide on the entry of athletes proposed by their respective national federations. Such selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of the athletes, but also on their ability to serve as an example to youth. The NOCs must ensure that the entries proposed by the national federations comply with the ICMG Charter.

They provide for the equipment, transportation and accommodation expenses of the members of their delegations. They contract for the latter's benefit insurance covering the risks of death, disability, illness, medical and pharmaceutical expenses and third party liability. They are responsible for the behaviour of the members of their delegations.

CHAPTER IV

THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS AND THE MEDITERRANEAN SPORTS UNIONS OR CONFEDERATIONS

XVI. THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

In order to promote the Olympic Movement around the Mediterranean Basin and to ensure the organization and staging of the Mediterranean Games, the ICMG seeks the cooperation of International Sports Federations recognized by the IOC, which shall:

- 1.** Assume responsibility for the technical control and direction of their respective sports at the Mediterranean Games
- 2.** Formulate proposals addressed to the ICMG concerning the improvement of conditions for the organisation and staging of the Mediterranean Games
- 3.** Participate in the implementation of cooperation programmes and any action for the development of sport launched by the ICMG in favour of its members
- 4.** Promote the creation of Mediterranean Sports Unions or Confederations.
- 5.** The IFs shall also actively collaborate with ICMG in applying the ICMG Ethics Code.

BYE-LAW

As soon as approved by the ICMG EC, the period during which the Mediterranean Games will be held is communicated to the International Federations concerned so that they can incorporate it in their sports calendar.

IFs governing a sport, which is included in the programme of the Mediterranean Games, must proceed to the designation of a technical delegate at least one year before the opening of the Games.

They also appoint their representative to preside the jury of appeal of their sport.

Members thus designated by the IFs must speak fluently one of the official languages of the ICMG.

XVII.THE MEDITERRANEAN SPORTS UNIONS OR CONFEDERATIONS

The International Sports Federations may delegate the powers recognized to them under the preceding paragraph, in whole or in part, to the Mediterranean Sports Unions or to the Mediterranean Sports Confederations to which they have granted recognition.

The ICMG may grant its patronage to the events which they organize and request their participation in the activities of the ICMG Commissions.

CHAPTER V

THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

XVIII. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

1. Celebration of the Mediterranean Games

- 1.1. The Mediterranean Games are held every four years. Their duration shall not exceed thirteen days, including the days of the opening and the closing ceremonies.
- 1.2. The honour of hosting the Mediterranean Games is entrusted by the ICMG to a city which is designated as the host city of the Mediterranean Games.
- 1.3. The non-celebration of the Mediterranean Games during the year in which they should be held entails the cancellation of the rights of the host city.

2. Election of the host city of the Mediterranean Games

- 2.1. The election of any host city is the prerogative of the GA of the ICMG alone taking into account the provisions provided in CHAPTER II, Rule X, paragraph 1.3 abovementioned.
- 2.2. Only a city, the candidature of which is approved by the NOC of its country, can apply for the organization of the Mediterranean Games. The application to organize the Mediterranean Games must be made to the ICMG by the official authority of the city concerned with the approval of the NOC. The official authority of the city and the NOC must guarantee that the Mediterranean Games will be organised to the satisfaction of and under the conditions required by the ICMG. Should there be several candidate cities in one country for the organization of the same Mediterranean Games, it rests with the NOC to decide which one will be proposed for election.

- 2.3.** Candidatures of cities will be accepted only from countries whose governments have ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the UNESCO Convention against Doping and whose NOC and, as the case may be, the National Anti-Doping Organization are in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 2.4.** The organization of the Mediterranean Games shall not be entrusted to a city unless the latter has submitted to the ICMG a document drawn up by the government of the country under consideration, in which the said government commits itself to the ICMG that the country shall respect the ICMG Charter and guarantees the financing of the whole organization.
- 2.5.** Any city applying for the organization of the Mediterranean Games must undertake in writing to respect the "technical norms" laid down by the IF of each sport included in the programme of the Mediterranean Games.
- 2.6.** Candidature files must be submitted to the ICMG Secretariat one year at least before the date for the meeting of the GA which shall proceed to the election in order to allow an eventual visit of the evaluation commission under paragraph 2.8 hereunder.
- 2.7.** Any candidate city shall offer such financial guarantees as considered satisfactory by the ICMG EC. Such guarantees must be given by the city itself, local, regional or national public collectivities, the State or other third parties. A bank guarantee, in the form of security or other, may be required on the decision of the ICMG EC. The guarantees shall also cover the particular obligations specified in the following chapter and pertaining to the arrival and welcome of the ICMG members during the four years preceding the Games.
- 2.8.** The election relating to the designation of the host city takes place in a country having no candidate city for the organization of such Mediterranean Games. The President of the ICMG may, if he/she deems it advisable, appoint an evaluation commission, which shall report to the ICMG on the different candidatures. In such a case, the commission's report must be sent to the members of the GA at least one month before the election of the candidate city. Save in exceptional circumstances, such election must take place six years before the holding of the Mediterranean Games.
- 2.9.** The ICMG enters into a written agreement with the host city and the NOC of its country, which agreement specifies in detail the obligations incumbent upon

them, of which the abovementioned commitments and all the documents of the bid file are an integral part, forming a legal whole which constitutes an indissociable part of this agreement. Such agreement is signed immediately upon the election of the host city.

BYE-LAW TO THE FOREGOING RULE

(Elections of the Host City)

Elections are held as follows:

On pain of being declared null and void, ballot papers must indicate the name of the city and not of the country.

The scrutineers designated by the President may not be nationals of countries whose cities are candidates.

If there are only two candidate cities, the city which obtains the absolute majority of votes cast after the first ballot is declared elected. If such majority is not achieved, a second ballot is held and the city which obtains the greater number of votes (relative majority) is then declared elected. If, at the end of the second round, the two candidate cities have obtained an equal number of votes, as many ballots as are needed to decide between them will be held.

When there are more than two candidate cities, the city which obtains the absolute majority of votes cast after the first ballot is declared elected. If no city obtains such absolute majority, a second ballot shall be held in which the city which obtained the smallest number of votes in the first ballot may not take part. The necessary number of ballots will thus be held until there are only two cities participating in the vote and then the procedure described in the previous paragraph will be followed to decide between them.

If two cities find themselves in the situation of being eliminated from the next ballot with the same number of votes, an additional vote involving only these two cities will be held to decide between them.

3. Site of the Mediterranean Games

- 3.1.** All sports must take place in the host city of the Mediterranean Games or in its close vicinity, unless the ICMG gives its authorisation to organize certain

events in other cities of the same country. The opening and/or closing ceremonies must be organized in the host city itself.

- 3.2.** Under exceptional circumstances, the ICMG may authorize, when evaluating the conditions, that one or more specific sports may take place in other city(ies) of neighboring country(ies), whose NOCs are recognized by ICMG as full members.

For this purpose:

- the application of the city which presents the candidacy to host the MG must contain a cooperation agreement that must be signed between the interested parties - the Cities, the NOCs, the Country's official Authorities - specifying the distribution of the sports disciplines.
- the city that presents the candidacy to host the MG, as well as the interested city(s) of neighboring country(ies), must send the ICMG - in full compliance and acceptance of the ICMG Charter - all the necessary declarations relating to the commitments of the respective NOCs and Country's official Authorities.
- the selected city(ies) of the neighboring country(ies) shall also form part of the application process foreseen in the ICMG Statutes, and must send to ICMG a written engagement to accept the contents of the candidature manual with all its appendices, to be considered binding documents for the GA decision.
- the Host city contract shall be signed also by the relevant NOC President(s) and Mayor(s) of the city(ies) of neighboring country(ies) which will host only some specific sports disciplines, in order to guarantee their full accession to the term and conditions of the Host City contract and their coherence with the organizing city decisions and policies.

- 3.3.** The NOC, the OCMG and the host city shall ensure that no other important meeting or event, national or international, shall take place in the other competition sites during the Games and during the preceding or following week, without the consent of the ICMG EC.

4. Organizing Committee

- 4.1.** The organization of the Mediterranean Games is jointly entrusted by the ICMG to the NOC of the country of the host city and to the host city itself. The NOC shall form, for that purpose, an Organizing Committee (OCMG), which, from the time it is constituted, communicates directly with the ICMG EC, from which it receives instructions.
- 4.2.** The OCMG shall have the status of a legal person.
- 4.3.** The OCMG must be constituted within a period of 6 months following the award of the Games to a city by the ICMG GA, unless the ICMG President formally agrees to an extension of time of 6 months maximum.
- 4.4.** The headquarters of the ICMG must be established in the host city of the Games.
- 4.5.** The executive body of the OCMG shall include:
- The IOC member or members in the country, unless they are members of the ICMG EC.
 - The President and/or Secretary General of the NOC of the Organizing Country, unless they are members of the ICMG EC.
 - At least one member representing, and designated by, the host city.
 - The executive body may also include representatives of the public authorities and other personalities.
- 4.6.** From the time of its constitution to the end of its liquidation, the OCMG shall conduct all its activities in accordance with the ICMG Charter, with the contract entered into between the ICMG, the NOC and the host city, as well as with the instructions of the ICMG EC.
- 4.7.** In the event of violation of the prescribed rules or breach of the commitments entered into the agreement and its appendices the EC of the ICMG is entitled to withdraw – at any time and with immediate effect – the organization of the Mediterranean Games from the host city, the OCMG and the NOC without prejudice to compensation for the damage thereby caused to the ICMG.
- 4.8.** Specific obligations:

The City, the NOC or the OCMG as of its constitution shall bear during the Games and during the period of preparation, starting from the designation of the host city concerned, all travel and accommodation expenses of natural and legal persons designated by the ICMG, in accordance with the terms of the agreement concluded between the ICMG and jointly with the host city and its NOC.

The OCMG will also assume all travel and accommodation expenses for the ICMG EC members who have been duly authorized by a decision of the ICMG EC to visit the organizing country for special circumstances outside regular meetings of the ICMG EC.

The OCMG will also assume, for the duration of the Mediterranean Games only, the accommodation expenses (accommodation and catering) of IOC Members, members of the ICMG, with one guest, as well as those of one guest for each ICMG EC member and the Presidents of the ICMG Commissions. For the duration of the Mediterranean Games, the OCMG shall only assume the accommodation expenses (accommodation and catering) of the guests of the ICMG EC whose number is determined by the agreement entered into between the ICMG and the host city. These guests, as well as the individual guests of each member of the ICMG EC and of the Presidents of the ICMG Commissions, will be entitled to the same accreditation as the members of the ICMG EC.

The OCMG will also assume all travel and accommodation expenses of the IOC members, members of the ICMG, the Honorary members of the ICMG as well as the ICMG EC members and Commissions who attend ordinary or extraordinary ICMG GAs which are held in the country of the OCMG.

5. Liabilities

The NOC, the OCMG and the host city are jointly and severally liable for all commitments entered into force and assume complete legal, administrative and financial responsibility for the organization of the Mediterranean Games. The ICMG shall have no financial responsibility whatsoever in respect thereof. The ICMG may demand at any time progress reports, in connection with the abovementioned guarantees.

6. Liaison between the NOCs and the OCMG

6.1. The Mediterranean Attachés:

- 6.1.1.** In order to facilitate cooperation between the OCMG and the NOCs, an attaché may be appointed by each NOC after consultation with the OCMG.
- 6.1.2.** The attaché acts as an intermediary between the OCMG and his/her NOC and must be in permanent contact with these two committees in order to assist in solving travel, accommodation and other problems of his/her delegation.
- 6.1.3.** The attaché must necessarily reside in the host country of the Games.
- 6.1.4.** During the period of the Mediterranean Games, the attaché must be accredited as specified in the chapter on the protocol hereafter.

6.2. Chefs de Mission

- 6.2.1.** During the period of the Mediterranean Games, the competitors, officials and other team personnel of an NOC are placed under the responsibility of a Chef de Mission, appointed by his/her NOC and whose task – in addition to any other functions assigned to him/her by his/her NOC – is to liaise with the ICMG, the IF technical delegates and the OCMG.
- 6.2.2.** The Chef de Mission stays in the athletes' village and has access to the medical, training and competition facilities, as well as to the media centres and the ICMG hotel.
- 6.2.3.** Within a period of 6 to 9 months before the opening of the Mediterranean Games at the latest, the OCMG will organize a seminar of the Chefs de Mission for a visit to the sports venues and the Mediterranean Village, as well as a meeting with the heads of every organization department, in order to provide them with all the information and documents that will be useful for their mission.

7. Mediterranean Village

- 7.1.** With the objective of bringing together all competitors, officials and other team personnel in one place, the OCMG shall provide a Mediterranean Village which shall be available at least three days before the opening ceremony and two days after the closing ceremony of the Mediterranean Games. The

Mediterranean Village shall meet the requirements established by the ICMG EC.

- 7.2.** The number of officials and other team personnel accommodated in the Mediterranean Village comes under the rule that applies during the Olympic Games.
- 7.3.** The daily accommodation rate at the Mediterranean Village must be approved by the ICMG EC and may not be modified without its approval. The above rate must be definitely fixed one year prior to the opening ceremony of the Games.
- 7.4.** Should the ICMG authorize the OCMG to hold events in a location relatively remote from the host city, the ICMG EC may require that the OCMG provide another Village, under the same conditions as above.
- 7.5.** The OCMG shall make all necessary arrangements for the accommodation of referees, judges and media representatives.
- 7.6.** During the Mediterranean Games, the OCMG shall finally provide, at its own expense, the IFs governing the sports included in the programme of the Games, with the premises and facilities necessary to address issues of a technical nature.

8. Cultural programme

- 8.1.** The OCMG must organize a programme of cultural events which shall be submitted to the ICMG EC for its final approval, one year prior to the date of the opening ceremony of the Games.
- 8.2.** This programme must be devised both for the participants in the Mediterranean Games and those attending.
- 8.3.** It should enhance the feeling of belonging to the same Mediterranean culture and should include:
 - 8.3.1.** Cultural events organized in the Mediterranean Village (as well as in any ancillary village or villages).
 - 8.3.2.** Other events held in the host city and possibly in other sites, with a certain number of seats being reserved free of charge for participants accredited by the ICMG.

9. Specific provisions relating to sports betting

The OCMG must preserve the integrity of the Mediterranean Games by fighting against any threat to their integrity, in particular as a result of illegal and/or irregular sports betting activities.

Therefore, the OCMG shall:

- Forbid any participant in the Mediterranean Games and any person linked to their organization from engaging directly or through an intermediary in betting associated with the Mediterranean Games;
- Develop a training and prevention program about the risks associated with sports bets and the risks of corruption and manipulation of competition results and cooperate for that purpose with the competent public authorities;
- Forbid any participant in the Mediterranean Games and any person linked to their organization from communicating to third persons for betting purposes any privileged information obtained during their participation in the competition or in the exercise of functions unknown to the public.

XIX. PARTICIPATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

1. Participation of NOCs

Only NOCs which are members of the ICMG or have been invited to take part in the Games by the GA may participate in the Mediterranean Games.

BYE-LAW TO THE FOREGOING RULE

- 1.1.** The ICMG may invite the NOCs which are not members of the ICMG to take part in the Mediterranean Games. Such decision may only be taken by a three-fourths majority of the ICMG members present at the GA.
- 1.2.** Requests for invitations may only be made by the NOCs of countries which are close to the Mediterranean Basin. They must reach the ICMG Secretariat at least four months before the meeting of the GA which is convened two years before the celebration of the Mediterranean Games.

- 1.3.** The invitation to participate is valid only for one celebration of the Mediterranean Games. It may only be renewed by means of a new vote of the GA by a three-fourths majority of the ICMG members present at the GA.
- 1.4.** There may not be more than two NOCs invited to the same celebration of the Mediterranean Games.
- 1.5.** For their participation in the Mediterranean Games, the invited NOCs are subject to the same rules which apply to the NOC members of the ICMG. However, for practical reasons, the size of their delegations may be limited by decision of the ICMG EC, on the request of the OCMG. The maximum number authorized will be notified by the ICMG to the candidate NOCs before the vote on this item at the GA.
- 1.6.** The vote on the invitation of NOCs non-members to take part in the Mediterranean Games will be held in accordance with the procedure determined by the ICMG EC.

2. Eligibility Code

To be eligible for participation in the Mediterranean Games, a competitor must comply with the ICMG Charter as well as with the rules of the IF concerned as approved by the IOC and must be entered by his/her NOC. He/she shall in particular:

- respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly on the sports field;
- refrain from using substances and procedures prohibited by WADA, the rules of the IOC, of the IFs or of the NOCs.

In the case of change of nationality of competitors, the Bye-laws to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter shall apply to the Mediterranean Games.

Any question inherent in the point referred to in the paragraph above shall be the subject of a detailed assessment by the ICMG EC.

3. Medical Code

The general principles of the Medical code established for the Olympic Games by the IOC shall be used as a point of reference for the Mediterranean Games.

The competent Commission of the ICMG submits to the approval of the ICMG EC the adoption of a Medical Code for the Mediterranean Games.

3 bis. Anti-doping Rules

The ICMG Anti-Doping Rules, as approved by WADA, shall apply during the MG.

On the matter, the ICMG Executive Committee can adopt other resolutions or decisions in line with the applicable IOC and WADA provisions and standards.

4. Entries

- 4.1.** Only NOCs, members of the ICMG, or those which have been authorized by the ICMG to participate may enter competitors in the Mediterranean Games. The right of final acceptance of entries rests with the ICMG EC.
- 4.2.** An NOC shall only exercise such attributions upon the recommendations for entries given by national federations. If the NOC approves these recommendations after having ascertained that they do comply with this Charter, it shall transmit them to the OCMG which must acknowledge their receipt.
- 4.3.** Should there be no national federation for a particular sport in a country whose NOC participates in the Mediterranean Games, the latter may enter competitors individually in such sport in the Mediterranean Games, subject to the approval of the IF concerned and of the ICMG EC, following the opinion of the competent commission.
- 4.4.** The procedures and the deadlines for the entries are laid down in the ICMG Technical Regulations.
- 4.5.** The rule that determines the number of delegation officials for the Olympic Games shall apply to the Mediterranean Games.
- 4.6.** The withdrawal of a duly entered delegation or team shall, if effected after the limit date set by the technical regulations and without the consent of the ICMG EC, constitute an infringement of the ICMG rules and may be the subject of disciplinary action.

5. Specific provisions regarding sports betting

Any accredited person, including athletes and their circle, judges, referees, members and officials of IFs, NOCs and the OCMG, as well as any person exercising functions under any capacity, must in particular:

- Contribute to the protection of sport's integrity by abstaining from influencing or attempting to influence the result or any of the elements of the competition, in a manner incompatible with sports ethics.
- Disclose to the ICMG EC and to the OCMG any information relating to any behavior or any approach that may cause harm to the integrity of the Mediterranean games and their proper staging, in particular any case of corruption or manipulation or any attempt of corruption or manipulation aimed at rigging or influencing the result or one of the elements of the competition, in a manner incompatible with sports ethics.
- Respect the ban on engaging, directly or through an intermediary, in betting associated with the Mediterranean Games.
- Respect the ban on communicating to third persons for betting purposes privileged information obtained during their participation in competition or in the exercise of duties unknown to the public.

6. Infringement of the ICMG Charter

The EC of the ICMG may withdraw accreditation from any person who infringes the ICMG Charter. Furthermore, the team or competitor at fault shall be disqualified and lose the benefit of any ranking obtained. Any medal or diploma received shall be withdrawn and the table of results shall be modified accordingly.

XX.PROGRAMME OF THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

1. Sports Programme

Upon proposal of the competent Commission of the ICMG, the EC of the ICMG determines, thirty months prior to the date of the opening ceremony of the Games, the final list of the sports, the minimal conditions required for the organization of an event, as well as the minimum number of entries per NOC for each event.

2. Technical Arrangements

The final decision as to the schedule and daily timetable of events lies with the ICMG EC upon the proposal of the OCMG and following an opinion by the competent Commission of the ICMG.

Each IF is responsible for the technical control and direction of its sport; all competition and training sites and all equipment must comply with its rules.

One year at the latest before the opening of the Mediterranean Games, the OCMG must inform the ICMG and the NOCs of the choice of the technical installations, sports gear and equipment approved by the IFs to be used during the Mediterranean Games.

The OCMG must provide facilities separate from the Mediterranean Village for the accommodation of all technical officials appointed by the IFs. Technical officials and members of the juries may not be accommodated in the Mediterranean Village. They do not belong to the NOCs delegations and answer only to their respective IFs.

3. International Youth Camp

The OCMG may, under its own responsibility but with the ICMG EC's authorization, organize an international youth camp, during the period of the Mediterranean Games, for young athletes aged 18 to 22, selected by the NOCs which are members of the ICMG or have been invited to participate in the Games.

4. Media Coverage of the Mediterranean Games

All necessary steps to ensure the media coverage of the Mediterranean Games shall be determined by the ICMG EC and implemented by the OCMG.

All questions concerning the mass media at the Mediterranean Games, including the granting and the withdrawal of accreditation cards, rest with the competence of the OCMG, under the control of the ICMG EC.

5. Publications

The following publications, after approval by the ICMG EC, shall be printed and distributed by the OCMG at its expense:

- 5.1.** For all sports, a brochure containing the general regulations.
- 5.2.** For each sport, an explanatory brochure approved by the IFs containing the general programme and arrangements, shall be printed in French, English and Arabic, as well as in the language of the host country. It shall be distributed by the OCMG to the ICMG, to the relevant IFs and to all NOCs, at least one year before the opening of the Games.

- 5.3.** A medical brochure with all the relevant information on the medical arrangements, doping tests and femininity controls, shall be prepared under the same conditions and distributed to the same addresses at least six months before the opening of the Games.

The antidoping code shall be submitted to WADA's approval before any distribution and before the opening of the Games.

- 5.4.** The brochures which are the guides for protocol, transports and the media, must be validated before any distribution by the ICMG EC.
- 5.5.** A complete official report on the celebration of the Mediterranean Games shall be printed by the OCMG for the ICMG within one year from the closing of the Games.

6. Propaganda and Advertising

No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in the areas (stadia, villages, media centres, etc.) placed under the responsibility of the ICMG during the Mediterranean Games.

Advertising in or around those sites may be authorized by the ICMG under the conditions stipulated in the contract entered into with the OCMG. Such advertising cannot refer to tobacco or alcoholic beverages under any circumstances.

BYE-LAW

No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn by the athletes or other participants in the Mediterranean Games, except for the identification of the manufacturer.

An exception to this principle may, however, be granted by the ICMG to the OCMG for the numbers which are worn by the competitors. The request must be presented to the ICMG EC one month at least before the opening of the Games.

All contracts of the OCMG containing any element whatsoever of advertising, including the right or license to use the emblem or mascot of the Games, must be in conformity with the general provisions of the contract entered into between the ICMG and the NOC of the country of the host city.

The OCMG shall ensure the protection of the property of the emblem and the mascot of the Mediterranean Games for the benefit of the ICMG, both nationally and internationally, under the conditions laid down in the contract entered into force between the ICMG and the host city, when the Games were awarded to the city. However, the OCMG and, after the OCMG has been wound up, the NOC of the host country, may exploit such emblem and mascot, as well as other marks, designs, badges, posters, objects and documents connected with the Mediterranean Games, during their preparation, during their holding and during a period terminating not later than December 31st of the year of the Games. Upon the expiry of this period, such rights shall thereafter belong entirely to the ICMG.

The manufacturer's identification on all technical gear, installations and other apparatus required for the competitions, including timing equipment and scoreboards, may not exceed the norms accepted by the IFs for international competitions.

XXI. PROTOCOL

1. Invitations

The invitations to take part in and to attend the Mediterranean Games shall be sent out by the ICMG one year before the opening ceremony. They shall be sent to all NOCs, members of the ICMG, and to the NOCs which have been invited to participate in the Games, as well as to the IOC members who are members of the ICMG and to the Honorary members of the ICMG. They will be signed by the President and the Secretary General of the ICMG.

The invitations to attend the Mediterranean Games shall be sent out, within the same time limit, by the ICMG.

2. Opening and Closing Ceremonies

The opening and closing ceremonies shall be held in accordance with the protocol decided by the ICMG and whose main points are described below.

The detailed programme and the scenario of these ceremonies put forward by the OCMG must be submitted to the prior approval of the ICMG EC at least one year before the opening ceremony.

2.1. Opening Ceremony

The Mediterranean Games shall be proclaimed open by the Head of State of the host country.

The Head of State is received at the site of the opening ceremony by the President of the ICMG, the President of the IOC, if personally present, and the President of the OCMG who introduce the IOC members and the members of the EC of the ICMG to him/her before showing him/her into his/her box in the official stand. The Head of State is greeted by the national anthem of his/her country.

The delegations participating in the Mediterranean Games are then presented to the public, each delegation in its official uniform with a name-board and flag provided by the OCMG. The parade of delegations begins with the delegation of Greece and ends with the delegation of the host country. The other delegations are presented in alphabetical order according to the language of the host country.

The President of the ICMG, accompanied by the President of the OCMG, proceeds to the rostrum erected for that purpose in front of the official stand. The President of the OCMG gives an address lasting a maximum of three minutes, then adds these words: "I have the honour of inviting Mr/Mrs..., President of the ICMG, to speak".

The President of the ICMG then gives a welcoming speech lasting a maximum of three minutes, after which he/she invites the President of the IOC, if personally present, to deliver a short address from the official box.

At the end of the speech of the President of the IOC, the President of the ICMG invites the Head of State to proclaim the opening of the Mediterranean Games saying:

"I have the honour of inviting ... (the Head of State) to proclaim open the ...th Mediterranean Games celebrated in ...".

The Head of State proclaims the Games open by saying: "I declare open the ...th Mediterranean Games of... (name of the host city)". Then, to the sounds of a trumpet and to the strains of a cantata, the flag of the ICMG is hoisted on the flagpole erected for that purpose.

At this moment, the symbolic ceremony illustrating the union of the people living around the Mediterranean will be held.

The solemn oath is then taken during the following ceremony:

- The flag bearers of all the countries form a semi-circle behind the rostrum erected for that purpose.
- An athlete of the host country mounts the rostrum with the flag of the ICMG and, raising his/her right hand, takes the following oath: "In the name of all competitors, I promise that we shall take part in these Mediterranean Games, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, committing ourselves to a sport without doping and without drugs, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honour of our teams".
- Immediately afterwards, a judge from the host country mounts the rostrum and, in the same manner, takes the following oath: "In the name of all the judges and officials, I promise that we shall officiate in these Mediterranean Games with complete impartiality, respecting the rules which govern them and abiding by the principles of the true spirit of sportsmanship".

The oath of the judge marks the end of the official part of the opening ceremony.

2.2. Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony must take place after the end of the last event. The flag bearers of the participating countries form a semi- circle behind the rostrum where the President of the ICMG and the President of the OCMG will stand, while the athletes mingle fraternally, without distinction of nationality.

To the strains of the national anthem of the host country, its flag is hoisted on the flagpole erected for that purpose to the right of the central flagpole. The flag of the country of the city chosen for the organisation of the next Mediterranean Games is then hoisted on the lefthand flagpole, to the strains of its national anthem.

The Mayor of the host city then joins the President of the ICMG and hands him/her the flag of the Mediterranean Games. The President of the ICMG hands it over to the Mayor of the host city of the next Mediterranean Games.

The President of the OCMG then gives a speech of thanks and invites the President of the ICMG to proclaim the closing of the Mediterranean Games.

After the closing speech by the President of the ICMG, the flag of the ICMG is slowly lowered from the central flagpole to the strains of a cantata and unfurled horizontally, is carried out of the arena. The exit of the flag of the ICMG marks the end

of the official part of the closing ceremony which may continue with an artistic programme.

3. Victory, Medals and Diplomas Ceremony

Victory ceremonies must be held in accordance with the protocol determined by the ICMG. The medals and diplomas shall be provided by the OCMG for distribution by the ICMG, to which they belong.

- The medals shall be presented only by:
- The Members of the ICMG EC.
- The Honorary members of the ICMG.
- The Members of the IOC.
- The Members of the OCMG EC and the personalities proposed by them.
- The Presidents and Secretaries General of participating NOCs.
- The Presidents and Secretaries General of the IFs.
- The Presidents and Secretaries General of the Mediterranean Sports Confederations or Unions recognized by the IFs.
- The Members of the ICMG Commissions.
- The delegates of the IFs.
- The Members of the OCMG.

It rests with the President and Secretary General of the ICMG to appoint, in collaboration with the OCMG Head of Protocol, the list of persons who shall present the medals at each ceremony.

The persons who shall present the medals may also be accompanied by members of the jury of the sport in question or by the medal- winners at the Olympic Games, the world championships or the Mediterranean Games.

This ceremony will be held, if possible, immediately after the event and at the place where the competition was held, in the following manner:

The competitors who are first, second and third, wearing their official or sports dress, take their places on the podium facing the official stand, with the winner slightly higher than the second- placed who is on his/her right, and the third-placed who is on his/her left. The national flag of the winner is hoisted on the central flagpole and those of the second and third on adjoining flagpoles, to the right and to the left of the central flagpole, looking towards the arena.

Whilst the abbreviated version, which may not exceed fifty seconds of the anthem of the winner's country is played, the three competitors and spectators shall face the flags.

4. Prizes and Awards

For the individual events, the first prize shall be a gold medal and a diploma, the second prize a silver medal and a diploma, and the third prize a bronze medal and a diploma.

Diplomas, but no medals, will also be presented to the competitors who will have placed fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth place. In the case of a tie for a first, second or third place, all competitors shall also receive a medal and a diploma.

For team sports, all competitors officially entered in the games shall receive an award according to their team's ranking.

For the other team events, only the competitors who have actually competed in the event, either in the preliminaries, semi-finals, or finals shall receive an award according to their team's ranking.

No prizes or awards other than those described above shall be given during the Mediterranean Games.

5. Commemorative Medals

All accredited participants in the Mediterranean Games shall receive a diploma and a commemorative medal. The presentation of such diplomas and commemorative medals to accredited persons in the other categories or to any other person is left to the discretion of the OCMG.

DATE

November 29, 2025

**The President
Davide TIZZANO**

**The Secretary General
Iakovos FILIPPOUSIS**

DECLARATION OF ALMERIA

In a time when all over the world, the political, economic, social and sports environment is evolving, the members of the General Assembly of the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games, met in Almeria on June 22, 2005; conscious of belonging to the same Mediterranean family, they make a solemn commitment to preserve and reinforce the ideals and the spirit that has marked all ICMG actions since it was established. More precisely:

- to reinforce the links of friendship and solidarity among all NOC members,
- to guarantee in the ICMG bodies a fair equilibrium between the NOCs of the north and south banks of the Mediterranean, especially in the Executive Committee,
- to facilitate and promote new candidatures for the organisation of the Mediterranean Games concerning especially the countries that have not yet had this honor,
- to pursue and enhance the cooperation program, already launched to develop the practice of sports and improve the training of sports executives of the NOCs that so request,
- to consult each other in order to attempt to speak with one voice within the global sports bodies.

RULES OF ATTRIBUTION OF THE ICMG ORDER OF MERIT

Preamble:

The Order of Merit of the ICMG is a distinction awarded by the ICMG to personalities or organizations having shown remarkable actions:

- for the propagation of the ideals contained in the ICMG Charter,
- for the development of sports in the member countries of the ICMG, or for the organization of the Mediterranean Games.

The purpose of the following rules is the establishment of the methods of attribution of this distinction.

Article 1: It is created within the ICMG a Commission of the Order of Merit of the ICMG, charged to receive the submitted files with the proposals, to study them and propose to the Executive Committee the attribution of this distinction within the (numerical in particular) limits which will be defined beforehand.

This Commission is composed by:

- the ICMG President
- the ICMG Honorary Presidents
- the ICMG Secretary General.

The Commission decides on the dates of its meetings and their periodicity.

Article 2: The persons entitled to present candidates for the attribution of the Order of Merit of the ICMG are:

- the President and the members of the ICMG Executive Committee,
- the IOC members participating in the ICMG General Assembly,
- the Presidents of the NOCs members of the ICMG.

These competent persons submit their proposals to the Commission of the Order of Merit of the ICMG with a file where the merits (accomplishment) of the candidate are enumerated.

Article 3: The award of the Order of Merit of the ICMG will take place, except contrary decision, within the framework of an ICMG General Assembly in an official and solemn ceremony.

The Order of Merit of the ICMG could be withdrawn from the persons or organizations to which it was awarded for cases refuting the objectives and the interests of the ICMG. The Commission, with the agreement of the ICMG Executive Committee, will take this decision.

Article 4: The ICMG Honorary Presidents are, ex officio, awarded with the Order of Merit of the ICMG as soon as they become Honorary.



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