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- C.c. : Permanent Delegates / Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States Chair and Vice-Chairs of IOC and Major Subsidiary Bodies

Subject: Re-constitution of the Open-ended Intersessional Financial Advisory Group for the period January–June 2024

In pursuance to <u>Resolution A-32/4</u> adopted by the IOC Assembly at its 32nd session (21–30 June 2023), the open-ended Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (IFAG) is being re-constituted under the chairmanship of Vice-Chair Juan Camilo FORERO HAUZEUR. Technical secretariat support will be provided by Xenia Yvinec.

I invite IOC national coordinating bodies to designate members to work within the IFAG in accordance with its mandate as defined in the Terms of Reference (<u>Resolution XXVIII-3</u>). As in the past, the group will work mainly by correspondence. It is therefore imperative that we have up-todate nominative email addresses for all designated members. I would appreciate receiving your letters of nomination by 20 January 2024.

While all relevant documentation will be posted online as the work of the group progresses at <u>https://oceanexpert.org/event/2996</u>, I would like to call your attention to the important mandate of this group which is expected to facilitate Member States' intersessional consultations on the matters of Governance, Programming and Budgeting, including the review of the IOC Programme and Budget 2024–2025 (42 C/5) and the Executive Secretary's Preliminary Proposals for 2026–2027 (Draft 43 C/5).

The first communication from IFAG Chair will follow the initial discussion of these matters by the IOC Officers at their annual meeting on 22–24 January 2024.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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