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## **AGENDA ITEM 5.2**

**Karim Hilmi, IOC Vice-Chair & Chair of the Financial Committee**

**8 February 2021**

## FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

29 EC Member States:

**Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Germany, Grenada, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea (Republic of), Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom; Uruguay**

6 Observers:

**Belgium, Gabon, Malaysia, Norway, Qatar, USA**



# OUR MANDATE: Documentation reviewed & agreed at 3 meetings

[IOC/EC-53/3.1.Doc\(2\)](#) – ‘Report on budget execution 2018–2019 and outline of 2020–2021 budget’,

[IOC/EC-53/5.1.Doc\(1\)](#) – ‘Draft IOC Medium-Term Strategy for 2022–2029’,

[IOC/EC-53/5.1.Doc\(2\)](#) **and Corr.** – ‘Draft Programme and Budget for 2022–2025’,

Draft Resolution EC-53/[5.2]

*Currently under review by the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group*

**GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING MATTERS OF THE COMMISSION**

- Further edits to IOC/EC-53/5.1.Doc(1) suggested in the Draft Resolution
- Secretariat to make adjustments and circulate to IFAG 2021 for comments
- The final version will be presented to the IOC Assembly in June 2021

One Planet, One Ocean



- IOC OUTPUT 2022-2025
- Drafting Group: Brazil, Portugal, UK & USA
- Review of Guiding Principles for Programming & Budgeting

**‘Member States critically supported in strengthening their capacity to conduct marine scientific research, generate knowledge, and develop and implement science - based tools, services, and policies in order to reverse the decline in ocean health and accelerate the transition towards sustainable management of ocean-related risks and opportunities.’**

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING

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1. Support governments in national activities and strengthen regional subsidiary bodies of the Commission;
2. Incorporate the scope of Member States participation (inclusiveness);
3. Maximize synergies between UNESCO and IOC programmes and interlinked functions;
4. Preserve/sustain core programmes, while raising extrabudgetary funds for capacity development actions;
5. Provide some seed money for new high potential impact programmes and emerging ocean science issues (likely to attract extrabudgetary funding);
6. Balance IOC's strong engagement with the ocean science community and its strong focus on applications and services;



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7. Programmes should develop strong partnerships which would increase financial resilience in the event of funding pressures, enabling partners to take a greater share in supporting these programmes, on the condition that those partners respect the objectives and guidelines established by the IOC's governing bodies and respond to the IOC Secretariat in this regard;

8. Identify Member States willing to establish funded and staffed offices to take a larger share of an IOC programme based on existing good practices, on the condition that those Member States respect the objectives and guidelines established by the IOC's governing bodies and respond to the IOC Secretariat in this regard;

9. Identify activities that can be sustained with extrabudgetary funding and in-kind contributions, and, according to that, prioritize the allocation of resources from the regular budget to activities and functions of the IOC that cannot be sustained with extrabudgetary funding, in order to ensure that resources from both the regular budget and extrabudgetary sources will be expended in a way that enables the adequate and balanced implementation of all IOC's functions;

## Review:

- DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY 2022-2029 REVIEWED BASED ON EC RESOLUTION & RECOMMENDATIONS
- FULLY DEVELOPED DRAFT PROGRAMME & BUDGET 2022-2025
- PROPOSALS FOR THE UPDATE OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ON-LINE MEETINGS
- GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS
- FINAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PRESENTED TO ASSEMBLY IN JUNE 2021