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Oral report on behalf of the Chair of the IOC Ethics Commission to the 141st IOC Session

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Mr President,

Distinguished IOC Members,

Good afternoon.

Mr President,

The IOC Ethics Commission Chair HE Ban Ki Moon is unable to attend this session in person.

It is therefore a great honour and privilege for me to convey his best wishes and to present the Ethics Commission's oral report on his and the members behalf to this August assembly.

I would like to refer to the written report, which was distributed as part of the documentation for this IOC Session and that you already had the opportunity to see. For transparency reasons, the same report will also be made available to media.

Mr President, our Chair expresses his appreciation to members of the IOC Ethics Commission and the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer (CECO) for their commitment in delivering the mandate assigned to them within the IOC.



Since our last report, the Ethics Commission has had a number of discussions, held as always in strict confidentiality, on the basis of which we made some recommendations to the IOC Executive Board; these recommendations are on the IOC Ethics Commission webpage; you are welcome to refer to it.

The Ethics Commission confirms that best way to prevent ethical issues from arising is, of course, prevention through better governance.

Over the past years, good governance standards have evolved with demands for an increased level of compliance, with respect to transparency, to checks and balances and to anti-bribery measures. This evolution has had an impact on the general public's expectations regarding the management of sports, as well as of athletes: there is also the acknowledgment that sport organizations can't be governed as they were in the past.

To meet these urgent governance expectations, the IOC Executive Board approved last year a new set of Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance, to be implemented by the Olympic Movement's constituents. The Ethics and Compliance team provides support to various stakeholders for the implementation of these principles, as per recommendation 14 of the Olympic Agenda 2020+5.

Support for integrity in sports and efforts to reduce the prevalence of threats to the IOC's credibility is a unique responsibility that the IOC undertakes to contribute to the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. To that end the IOC was at the centre of the establishment of the International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS).



Recently, in fact, IPACS has been directly mentioned in the UN General Assembly Resolution “Sport as an enabler of sustainable development” of December 2022. Through its growing recognition and the commitment of its official stakeholders, IPACS aims to continue its important work by addressing the challenges and proposing pragmatic solutions to tackle the risk of corruption in sport.

One important element of the good governance is the prevention of conflict of interest.

Since the Autumn 2020, all the IOC Members complete the necessary preventive disclosure of interests in a confidential and secure electronic tool. This mechanism is currently in the process of being extended to all the IOC Commissions’ Members. Regularly we invite IOC Members to review their previous disclosure within a specific timeframe; please, do not hesitate to contact the CECO’s team if you encounter any technical challenge.

I wish to thank you for your contribution to greater transparency through your disclosure.

Another significant element of good governance is to raise awareness of the principles. For this purpose, the IOC Members are regularly informed, through a dedicated programme on ethical principles. The new edition of this programme will be made available through the IOC Members portal by the end of this year. We strongly recommend it to you. Carefully read its content, sign the dedicated page and return it to the CECO’s office.

As the mandate of the IOC President will come to an end in 2025, the IOC Ethics Commission will review and update all the necessary elections regulations, starting with the Directives for the Election of the IOC President which will be updated by the end of this year.



We can assure you that as soon as the Directives are finalised and approved by the IOC Executive Board, they will be largely disseminated and explained.

We have already received some questions on the application of the Olympic Charter's Rules for candidates for the IOC Presidency and for the IOC President. For this, the Ethics Commission can give a clear answer:

1. the IOC President must be a member of the IOC;
2. the Olympic Charter applies to the IOC President as to all the other IOC members;
3. It includes the Rules on the end of IOC membership, such as reaching the age limit or losing the function for which they were elected.

In this respect, the Olympic Charter does not provide for any exceptions, neither for the President nor for IOC Executive Board Members.

Dear IOC President, dear IOC Members,

Finally, on behalf of the IOC Ethics Commission Chair, the entire Commission can assure you that it will continue to hold firm positions to protect the integrity of the IOC, as it has done in the past, within the scope of the application of the IOC Code of Ethics. It will also ensure that the IOC adheres to the highest possible ethical standards.

This concludes my presentation to you today and I thank you for your attention.