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Foreword

This is the reference document which governs all of the organisation of the Olympic Congress to be held in Copenhagen (Denmark) from 3 to 5 October 2009.

1. General organisation

In accordance with the provisions of the Olympic Charter, the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has convened an Olympic Congress in Copenhagen from 3 to 5 October 2009.

The Congress is organised by the IOC, which delegates the preparation to the 2009 Congress Commission, chaired by the IOC President. The IOC President also chairs the Olympic Congress itself.

Extract of the Olympic Charter

In force as from 1 September 2004, pp: 13-14

"[...] Rule 4: Olympic Congress*

The Olympic Congress gathers representatives of the constituents of the Olympic Movement, at intervals determined by the IOC; it is convened by the IOC President; its role is consultative.

Bye-Law to Rule 4

1 The Olympic Congress is convened by the President, upon decision of the Session, and organised by the IOC at a place and on a date determined by the Session. The President shall preside and determine the procedure.

2 The Olympic Congress is attended by the members, Honorary President, honorary members and honour members of the IOC, the delegates representing the IFs and the NOCs; it may also include representatives of organisations recognised by the IOC. In addition, the Olympic Congress is attended by athletes and personalities invited in their individual or representative capacity.

3 The IOC Executive Board determines the agenda of the Olympic Congress after consultation with the IFs and the NOCs. [...]"



2. Themes and sub-themes

At the first meeting of the 2009 Congress Commission held on 21 June 2006, the title of the Congress was chosen: "**The Olympic Movement in Society**".

The Congress has five main themes, each of which has three sub-themes.

Themes and sub-themes

Theme 1 : The Athletes

- 1.1 Relationship between the athletes, the clubs, federations and the NOCs
- 1.2 Health protection in training and competition
- 1.3 The social and professional life of athletes during and after elite competition

Theme 2 : Olympic Games

- 2.1 How to keep the Games as a premier event?
- 2.2 Olympic values
- 2.3 Universality and developing countries

Theme 3 : The Structure of the Olympic Movement

- 3.1 The autonomy of the Olympic Movement
- 3.2 Good governance and ethics
- 3.3 The relationships between the Olympic Movement and its stakeholders

Theme 4 : Olympism and Youth

- 4.1 Moving towards an active society
- 4.2 Is competitive sport still appealing?
- 4.3 Youth sport events

Theme 5 : The Digital Revolution

- 5.1 A new management of sports rights
- 5.2 How to increase the size of the sports audience?
- 5.3 Communication with stakeholders in the digital age



3. Composition of the Congress

3.1. Congress participants

IOC members, honorary members and honour members;

Representatives of the International Federations;

Representatives of the National Olympic Committees;

Athlete representatives;

Representatives of Organising Committees for past and future Games of the Olympiad and Olympic Winter Games (2006 – 2008 – 2010 – 2012 – 2014);

Representatives of the athletes' support staff (coaches, doctors and medical staff);

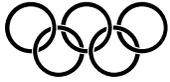
Representatives of the referees, judges and technical officials;

Representatives of the IOC's Olympic Partners;

Media representatives.

3.2. Observers

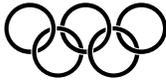
Representatives of sports organisations or other guests of the Congress Chairman.



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4. The various stages of preparation for the 2009 Congress in Copenhagen

	2007						2008												2009										
	07	08	09	10	11	12	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
Call for contributions																													
Opening of virtual Congress																													
Olympic family virtual Congress																													
Contribution to the Congress by the public																													
Close of virtual Congress																													
Selection of contributions																													
Writing of summaries																													
Publication of contributions																													
Drafting of recommendations and draft of final document																													
Communication of list of speakers																													
2009 Olympic Congress																													



4.1. Call for contributions

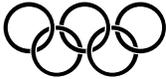
At the 119th IOC Session, taking place from 4 to 7 July 2007 in Guatemala City, the virtual Congress concept will be presented to all the IOC members. **During the Session, the call for contributions will be made formally by the IOC President, in the form of a communication to the whole Olympic family.** The present document is a set of rules for the whole project, and a reference document for the call for contributions.

4.2. The virtual Congress

At the 119th IOC Session, taking place from 4 to 7 July 2007 in Guatemala City, the virtual Congress concept will be presented to all the IOC members. The virtual Congress will last from **1 October 2007 to 31 December 2008.**

Two initiatives will be launched in parallel:

1. After the call for contributions, the first initiative consists in opening the Congress extranet to all the Congress participants defined in article 3. Anyone registered for the Congress and recognised by the various constituents of the Olympic Movement thus has the possibility of sending contributions to the Congress secretariat from **1 October 2007 to 31 December 2008 at the latest.** Contributions must be in French or English, and sent in electronic format based on the model defined by the Congress secretariat. They must not be longer than 1,000 words (two A4 pages). Every author may present several contributions, provided they are not on the same subtheme. All contributions will be submitted to the editorial committee, which will summarise and shorten them where necessary to avoid redundancies and any overlapping. They will be published on the extranet once they have been certified, and can be consulted by all registered Congress participants who have received their extranet access codes. The extranet for the virtual Congress will be accessible as of **1 October 2007; it will be closed on 31 December 2008 at the latest.** Contributions may be consulted until the time of the Congress, but none will be taken into consideration after 31 December 2008.
2. After the call for contributions, the second initiative consists in opening an area on the IOC website for the public. This area will list all information on the purpose of the Congress and will present some themes and sub-themes. Using an electronic document with a pre-defined format the public will be able to send the IOC a contribution, in French or English, on one or more of the Congress themes and sub-themes. A maximum of two contributions per person will be taken into consideration, provided that the contributions are not on the same theme. They must not be longer than 1,000 words (two A4 pages). A selection of contributions from the public will be submitted by the Congress secretariat to the members of the editorial committee, who will decide which are worth publishing in the Congress proceedings. The public may send contributions by electronic mail to the address indicated on the IOC website from **1 January to 31 December 2008 at the latest.**



4.3. Congress contributions

At the end of the virtual Congress, the contributions submitted during this phase which have been published on the extranet will then be bound to form volume 1 of the Congress proceedings. Wherever possible, this volume will be sent to all the Congress participants or distributed to them upon their arrival in Copenhagen.

4.4. Summaries and recommendations

After the virtual Congress, the editorial committee will analyse the various contributions to identify the main trends by theme and sub-theme. These summaries will be submitted to the members of the 2009 Congress Commission.

Based on the summaries produced by theme and sub-theme, the members of the 2009 Congress Commission will establish the main orientations for the recommendations to be included in the draft final document. The editorial committee will produce the draft of the final document.

4.5. The final document of the Congress

The final document of the Congress will consist of a succinct written declaration, in the form of recommendations, which will reflect the main thrust of the orientation which it is desirable to give to the work of the Olympic Movement.

After the three days of the Congress in Copenhagen, from 3 to 5 October 2009, the draft final document will be adapted in line with the discussions. It will be submitted to the members of the 2009 Congress Commission.

The IOC President will present the draft final document of the Congress to the Congress at its closing session.



4.6. The Olympic Congress in Copenhagen from 3 to 5 October 2009

The Congress format will be as follows:

The discussions on each theme and sub-theme will take place at the Olympic Congress to be held in Copenhagen from 3 to 5 October 2009.

The Congress timetable will be as follows.

Congress timetable

The Congress will be held over three days, in accordance with the programme below.

Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
9h00-9h45	Opening ceremony	9h00-10h30	Theme 3 (Plenary session)	9h00-10h30	Theme 5 (Plenary session)
9h45-10h00	Break				
10h00-11h30	Theme 1 (Plenary session)	10h30-10h45	Break	10h30-10h45	Break
11h30-11h45	Break	10h45-12h00	Theme 3 Sub-themes 1, 2, 3 (Discussion sessions)	10h45-12h00	Theme 5 Sub-themes 1, 2, 3 (Discussion sessions)
11h45-13h00	Theme 1 Sub-themes 1, 2, 3 (Discussion sessions)	12h00-14h00	Meal	12h00-14h00	Meal
13h00-15h00	Meal	14h00-15h30	Theme 4 (Plenary session)	14h00-15h30	Adaptation of final document by the 2009 Congress Commission
15h00-16h30	Theme 2 (Plenary session)	15h30-15h45	Break	15h30-15h45	Break
16h30-16h45	Break	15h45-17h00	Theme 4 Sub-themes 1, 2, 3 (Discussion sessions)	15h45-17h00	Presentation of final document and end of the Congress
16h45-18h00	Theme 2 Sub-themes 1, 2, 3 (Discussion sessions)				

Each theme will be addressed during three hours (including break).



Plenary session for each theme

The work on each theme will begin with a 90-minute plenary session. During this session, the first speaker will give a 30-minute general presentation. Then, representatives of the IOC, the IFs, NOCs, the athletes OR the Organising Committees OR the media (tbd depending on the theme) will each give a 15-minute presentation to establish the general framework for the discussions. The Congress Chairman decides who will be the first speaker who opens the plenary session of each theme.

The plenary sessions will be organised as follows:

Timing	Plenary session for the theme		
00 mins -> 30 mins	First presentation by a keynote speaker		
30 mins -> 45 mins	An IOC representative		
45 mins -> 60 mins	An NOC representative		
60 mins -> 75 mins	An IF representative		
75 mins -> 90 mins	An athlete OR Organising Committee OR media representative (tbd depending on the theme covered)		
90 mins -> 105 mins	Break		
	Discussion sessions for each sub-theme		
105 -> 180 mins	Sub-theme 1	Sub-theme 2	Sub-theme 3

The theme will be covered in a plenary session held in a specific location. After the break, a discussion on each sub-theme will be organised in three different locations.



Discussion sessions for each sub-theme

The discussion sessions will last 90 minutes each. The three sub-themes will be addressed in parallel in three different rooms. Each session will be chaired by a moderator chosen beforehand by the 2009 Congress Commission. The discussion sessions on the sub-themes will take place as follows:

Timing	Timing	Discussion sessions for sub-themes 1, 2 and 3
105 -> 180 mins	105 -> 115 mins (10 mins)	1 moderator
	115 -> 120 mins (5 mins)	1 IOC representative
	120 -> 125 mins (5 mins)	1 NOC representative
	125 -> 130 mins (5 mins)	1 IF representative
	130 -> 135 mins (5 mins)	1 athlete OR Organising Committee OR media representative (tbd depending on the theme covered)
	135 mins -> 180 mins (45 mins)	Discussions

The moderator will spend 10 minutes introducing the sub-theme. He or she will then give the floor to the representatives of the IOC, IFs, NOCs and the athletes OR the Organising Committees OR the media (tbd depending on the theme), who will have 5 minutes each. The moderator will then open the floor to discussion for 45 minutes by all the Congress participants present in the room.

The moderator will ensure the proper conduct of the discussion and manage speaking times.

The moderator will ensure that each Congress participant who wishes to speak has the chance to do so. He or she will also ensure that there is a fair balance of speakers from among the various Olympic family representatives.

When the moderator invites someone to speak, he or she will ask the person to introduce him or herself and speak in French or English, and to speak for no more than two minutes, to allow the maximum number of Congress participants to take the floor.

If he or she deems it necessary, the moderator may ask a representative of the IOC, the IFs, the NOCs and the athletes OR the Organising Committees OR the media (tbd depending on the theme), or a person taking part in the session, if he or she wishes to respond to the speaker. In such cases, the moderator will point out that the length of this response must not exceed two minutes.

The moderator may intervene at any time if he or she feels it necessary to reframe the discussion.

Access to the Congress

The Congress sessions are not public, and only duly accredited persons may take part in the discussions. Duly accredited media (press, radio and television) may follow all the work of the Congress.

All the discussions will be filmed and recorded.

After the Congress, the recordings may be consulted at the IOC Information Management Department.



4.7. Languages

The official languages of the Congress are French and English. All official documents will be distributed in these two languages only.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the plenary sessions, in French, English, German, Spanish, Russian and Arabic.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the discussion sessions in French and English. In the discussion sessions, speakers may speak only in French or English.

4.8. Congress proceedings

The Congress proceedings will be composed of:

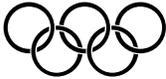
- the contributions submitted by the Congress participants during the virtual Congress (volume 1);
- the official minutes of the Congress discussions;
- the final document of the 2009 Congress.

The drafting, publication and distribution of the Congress proceedings in French and English will be performed exclusively by the IOC.

Any dispute arising from these proceedings will be settled by the IOC Executive Board.

4.9. Follow-up to the Congress recommendations

The final document and recommendations of the Congress will be presented to the IOC Session.



4.10. Key dates

4 to 7 July 2007	Call for contributions for the 2009 Congress
1 October 2007	Opening of the virtual Congress
1 October 2007 to 31 December 2008	Receipt and publication of contributions on the extranet created for this purpose
1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008	Receipt of contributions from the public and selection of the most relevant documents
31 December 2008	Close of virtual Congress and collation of contributions
1 January 2009 to 31 May 2009	Writing of summaries
June 2009	Publication of volume 1 of the Congress proceedings containing all the contributions
1 June to 30 September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Drafting of recommendations and draft of final document○ Communication of official list of Congress speakers
3 to 5 October 2009	Olympic Congress



5. Roles and responsibilities

5.1. 2009 Congress Commission

The 2009 Congress Commission coordinates the entire project.

The 2009 Congress Commission is responsible for:

- establishing the general framework of the Congress;
- determining the themes and sub-themes of the Congress;
- validating the content of the Congress publications, as proposed by the editorial committee;
- approving the list of speakers at the Congress;
- drafting the recommendations;
- producing the draft of the final document.

5.2. The 2009 Congress editorial committee

The editorial committee coordinates all the content and presentations at the Congress.

The editorial committee for the 2009 Congress is responsible for:

- certifying the contributions published on the virtual Congress extranet;
- proposing to the 2009 Congress Commission all the contributions published in volume 1 of the Congress proceedings;
- helping to draft the recommendations;
- helping to produce the draft of the final document.



5.3. The 2009 Congress secretariat

The 2009 Congress secretariat endeavours to provide all the support needed for the efficient coordination of the whole project.

The 2009 Congress secretariat is responsible for:

- implementing the support needed for the efficient holding of the Congress;
- ensuring that the contributions are forwarded to the editorial committee;
- coordinating the publication of volume 1 of the Congress proceedings containing the contributions;
- assisting the moderators responsible for chairing the discussions;
- helping to draft the recommendations;
- helping to produce the draft of the final document.

The 2009 Congress secretariat is provided by the IOC.