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1) Olympic Programme

LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Madam President, Mister President,

Please find below an extract of the Press Release CP-055-06 sent on 28 November 2006 by the International Olympic Committee, to the members of the Olympic Movement :

Olympic programme updates

28 November 2006

The IOC Executive Board (EB) today heard the recommendations of the Programme Commission regarding the composition of the programme of future Olympic Games.

The Programme Commission is responsible for reviewing and analysing the programme of sports, disciplines and events, as well as making proposals on the principles and structure of the Olympic Programme for the Olympic Games and the Olympic Winter Games.

For reference, the EB is the body responsible for deciding on **events and disciplines**; the Session remains responsible for the composition of the Olympic Programme as far as **sports** are concerned.

Based on the report of the Olympic Programme Commission, which met last October in Lausanne, the EB approved recommendations in three main areas:

Evaluation of the Olympic Programme review process:

The evaluation of the review process of the Summer Olympic Programme, which included discussions with stakeholders - International Federations (IFs), National Olympic Committees (NOCs), Recognised Federations and athletes, resulted in a series of recommendations that were unanimously approved by the EB:

On the general review process:

- EB to make recommendations to the Session in terms of the composition of the Olympic Programme
- EB to propose to the Session a list of 25 sports to be voted as a block, except for the 2016 review where 26 sports would be proposed.
- EB to propose to the Session a list of selected recognized sports to be considered for possible inclusion
- Modify the Olympic Charter to establish that a simple majority of votes decides on the inclusion of new sports to the Programme

- Schedule the review of the Olympic Programme so that it can be finalised seven years prior to the Olympic Games (which is already the case)

On the Olympic Programme:

- Increase the minimum number of sports in each edition of the Games from 15 to 25 and modify the Olympic Charter accordingly
- Keep maximum number of athletes at 10,500
- Keep maximum number of sports at 28
- Allow flexibility regarding the number of events, disciplines and teams.

As you can notice it, the Olympic Programme Commission is responsible for the structure of the Olympic programme as regards the sports.

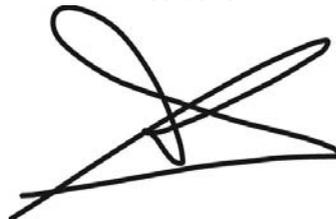
The IOC Executive Committee is responsible for the number of events and disciplines at the OG.

It must therefore be understood that the problem of our two additional medals is within the competence of the IOC Executive Commission.

2) 2007 veteran World Championships

On request of the Australian Fencing Federation, the veteran World Championships will be held on September 14 to 16, 2007. The place remains unchanged.

René Roch
President

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