

# Olympism

## *The Inquiry*

The Ad Hoc Inquiry Commission was established in December 1998 by the IOC Executive Board after formal evidence was presented to the IOC which indicated certain members, and the Salt Lake City bidding committee, may have breached IOC rules and guidelines.

The Ad Hoc Inquiry Commission has worked diligently to obtain all appropriate information and documentation relating to the conduct of certain IOC members involved with Salt Lake City's bid for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

After receiving written testimony from thirteen IOC members, and oral testimony from six members, the Ad Hoc Inquiry Commission submitted its report to the Executive Board. In summary, the result is:

- To date, fourteen [14] IOC members have been implicated by substantiated allegations of inappropriate behaviour.
- Four [4] members, Pirjo Häggman (Finland), Bashir Mohamed Attarabulsi (Libya), David Sikhulum Sibandze (Swaziland) and Charles Nderitu Mukora (Kenya) have resigned.
- Five [5] members are temporarily excluded with a proposal for their expulsion.
- Three [3] members will be further investigated by the Ad Hoc Inquiry Commission.

- One [1] member is viewed to have breached guidelines and rules, but the Executive Board has decided to issue only a warning.

- One [1] member was implicated in the findings but died in 1998.

The IOC Executive Board has therefore decided:

- To recommend to the IOC President that he exercise his powers to temporarily exclude the following five members from the IOC, and recommend their expulsion at the Extraordinary Session of the IOC, 17-18 March 1999: Agustin C. Arroyo (Ecuador), Jean-Claude Ganga (Congo), Zein El Abdin Ahmed Abdel Gadir (Sudan), Lamine Keita (Mali), Sergio Santander Fantini (Chile).
- To continue the Ad Hoc Inquiry Commission's mandate to further investigate the cases of the following three IOC members: Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye (Côte d'Ivoire), Un Yong Kim (Korea), Vitaly Smirnov (Russian Federation).
- To address a warning to one IOC member: Anton Geesink (Netherlands).
- To establish an Ethics Commission composed of outstanding senior persons, a majority of whom will be independent, out-

side members. To aid in its formation, the Board appointed a working group, composed of IOC vice-president Kéba Mbaye, Executive Board member Kevan Gosper and IOC Director General François Carrard. The working group will propose the mandate of the Ethics Commission to introduce globally-accepted guidelines and procedures to ensure that the IOC conforms with the world's best practices in self-governance.

As a confirmation of the IOC's resolve to eliminate all forms of inappropriate behaviour with respect to the bid city selection process, the Executive Board has decided to:

- Further investigate any inappropriate or unethical conduct as it relates to other bidding cities.
- Reform the election process for the XX Olympic Winter Games in 2006 by recommending to the IOC Session that it establish an Election Committee to select the host city.
- Consider what further changes should be made to the bidding and election processes for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008 and future Games.
- Confirm that the sites for the upcoming Games in Sydney in 2000, Salt Lake City in 2002 and Athens in 2004 will not be moved.