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- To mark the death of Prince Faisal Fahd Abdul Aziz, a member of the IOC in Saudi Arabia since 1983, the Olympic flag was lowered to half-mast at the IOC headquarters. The IOC President paid him tribute, saying that *“Prince Faisal was a great contributor to the Olympic Movement, especially in his own country and throughout the Arab World”*. Prince Faisal Fahd Abdul Aziz was also president of his country’s NOC since 1975 and president of the Arab Sports Confederation since 1976. (The Week’s Olympic News, Number 382, August 1999).
 - The IOC has commissioned SOCOG to produce a guide for future Organizing Committees of the Olympic Games, based on the knowledge SOCOG has gained in staging the Games of the XXVII Olympiad. This innovation is part of the Knowledge Transfer Programme and SOCOG will receive US\$3.5 million for the intellectual property rights to this report. The information supplied will enable the IOC to produce management guides to assist future host cities with all levels of organization of the Games. (The Week’s Olympic News, Number 386, September 1999).
 - During an official ceremony held at the Palace of Congress in Zapion, the Athens Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (ATHOC) unveiled the logo for the Olympic Summer Games in 2004. The Greek President Costas Stefanopoulos, the Prime Minister Costas Simitis, the Leader of Parliament Apostolos Kaklamanis, the Mayor of Athens Dimitris Avramopoulos, the IOC President and Executive Board, IOC members: Nikos Filaretos and Greek NOC president Lambis Nikolaou and numerous politicians and sports figures attended the ceremony. (The Week’s Olympic News, Number 387, October 1999).
 - Former Swedish IOC member (1976-1993) and Honorary IOC member Matts Wilhelm Carlgren has died at the age of 82. The IOC President sent condolences on behalf of the Olympic Movement. (The Week’s Olympic News, Number 387, October 1999).
- The doyen of Olympic champions, the Slovenian gymnast Léon Stukelj, who had won several Olympic medals during his career, died on 8 November, a few days short of his 101st birthday. The IOC President, accompanied by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) president and secretary general, Bruno Grandi and Norbert Bueche, and Slovenian NOC president Janze Kocijancic, attended the memorial service in Ljubljana. (The Week’s Olympic News, Number 392, November 1999).
- It was with profound sadness that the Olympic Movement learnt of the passing away of Primo Nebiolo, IOC member and president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) since 1981.
- “Primo Nebiolo was one of the most important sport leaders of the world, who dedicated his entire life to the development of sport in general and to athletics in particular,” said the IOC President in his tribute.
- Primo Nebiolo, who was also president of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) (since 1983) and of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) (since 1961), was a driving force in the development of athletics and a fervent defender of Olympism.
- At a memorial service held at the Marmi stadium in Rome, the IOC President placed the chain of the Olympic Order in gold, awarded posthumously, on Mr. Nebiolo’s casket. (The Week’s Olympic News, Number 392, November 1999).
- The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was established on November 10th, 1999 at its provisional seat of Lausanne. Its Board will be composed of at least ten members and no more than 35. The Olympic Movement and the public authorities will each be able to appoint a

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maximum of 16 members. Other members may be appointed by consensus of the Board. The Board will see to it that, when appointing new members, parity between the public authorities and the Olympic Movement is maintained. Members are appointed to a three-year term, which is renewable twice.

WADA's board so far includes representatives from the member states of the European Union, the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) and the Olympic Movement.

They are:

- For the Olympic Movement: representing the IOC: Richard Pound, first vice-president; Arne Ljungqvist, member; Prince Alexandre de Merode, member; and Jacques Rogge, member.
- For the International Sports Federations: Hein Verbruggen, president, International Cycling Union, and Anders Besseberg, president, International Biathlon Union.
- Representing the athletes: elected members of the IOC Athletes' Commission, Robert Ctvrtlik, USA (indoor volleyball); Manuela DiCenta, Italy (cross country skiing); Johann Olav Koss, Norway, (speed skating); and Peter Tallberg, Athletes' Commission chairman.
- For the Public Authorities: representing the member states of the European Union: Suvu Linden, Minister of Culture of Finland; representing the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa: Awoture Eleyae, secretary general, SCSA.

The IOC proposed Richard W. Pound as the first chairman of the Board. Mr. Pound, of Canada, is an Olympic athlete, the first vice-president of the IOC, and the chancellor of McGill University.

It is expected that WADA will invite onto its Board representatives of national governments that are active in the fight against doping, not represented by inter-governmental organizations,

and whose countries are involved in staging major international sports events, particularly the Olympic Games. This could be the case, for example, for the governments of Australia and the United States.

WADA has also invited inter-governmental organizations as observers, such as the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Board will hold its first meeting later this year or at the beginning of 2000. Its initial tasks will include: appointing its other members; reviewing and finalizing its mission statement and policies; developing the procedure by which it will designate its permanent location and chief executive; and adopting the Agency's budget for 2000. No single organization will be in a position to control WADA. The agency was incorporated as a foundation under Swiss law and supervised by the Swiss federal authorities. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 392, November 1999).

OLYMPISM: IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD - ATHENS:

- The Executive Board approved an agreement reached between the different communities of Bosnia-Herzegovina, under the terms of which the country will compete in the 2000 Games in Sydney under a single flag.
- In addition, it decided to suspend the NOC of Afghanistan, as it has no real control over sport in its country. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 388, October 1999).
- As for the report by Mitt Romney, the president of the organizing committee of the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, 2002, the Executive Board agreed to the inclusion of new events and disciplines: 1500 metres men's and women's short track speed skating, women's bobsleigh, men's and women's skeleton (where competitors ride a luge head first), men's and women's sprint in cross country skiing and men's

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Nordic combined sprint. The Executive Board agreed that 20% of tickets for the 2002 Games be reserved for inhabitants of the state of Utah. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 388, October 1999).

OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY

- The results obtained by the Olympic solidarity holders at the recent Pan-American Games held in Winnipeg, Canada, looks as follows:
- A total of 24 NOSs from the American continent currently benefit from one of the Olympic scholarships for athletes programmes. To date, 95 "Sydney 2000" Olympic scholarships and 48 Olympic scholarships for young, promising athletes have been awarded to athletes from American NOCs.

Eighty "Sydney 2000" and 23 youth scholarships holders were present in Winnipeg, where they won 11 gold, 14 silver and 18 bronze medals. In addition, 43 athletes placed between 4th and 8th. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 381, August 1999).

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

- Italy's women's softball team will join Australia, Canada, China, Cuba, Japan, New Zealand and the USA for the Olympic Softball competition at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney next year. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 377, July 1999).
- China's men's Basketball team won the Asian qualifying tournament for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney held last week in Fukuoka, Japan. China will join the ten teams which already qualified: USA, Australia, Yugoslavia, Canada, Angola, France, Italy, Spain, Lithuania, and Russia. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 384, September 1999).
- The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and SOCOG have agreed on the definitive programme for the athletics competitions of the Games of the XXVII

Olympiad in Sydney next year. The announcement was made by IAAF president and IOC member Primo Nebiolo following meetings held in Monaco this week between technical officials of the IAAF and SOCOG. Both parties have adhered to the principle of allowing athletes at least one day's rest between heats and finals of events exceeding 800 metres, and also of the 400 metres hurdles. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 385, September 1999).

- FIE/FENCING: Innovation: For many years, the International Fencing Federation has been searching for a way to eliminate the wire connecting the fencer to the scoring machine, highly unpopular, especially with the media. Several tries were made which federation officials were unsatisfied with because they would seriously modify the way in which athletes fence. But a solution has come from a country which until now has never been interested in producing this kind of equipment - the Ukraine. A company called STM has submitted for consideration a scoring machine that seems to be fully satisfactory. Trials have been conducted, and FIE President René Roch reports: "We have questioned the fencers, who had no complaint whatsoever about this innovation. With 18 months until Sydney, we anticipate that for these Olympic Games, the épée and sabre fencers will no longer be connected by the wire." (GAISF News, in SporTVision, Autumn 1999).
- FIG/Gymnastics: Olympic Programme: The International Gymnastics Federation has sent the International Olympic Committee an official request to increase the quota of athletes attributed to the FIG so that Sports Aerobics and Sports Acrobatics may be included in the Olympic Programme. (GAISF News, in SporTVision, Autumn 1999).
- FIL/Luge: The FIL will try to get the International Olympic Committee to add a natural track luge competition and artificial track team competition to the programme of the Winter Olympic Games from 2006. (GAISF

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News, in SporTVision, Autumn 1999).

- ISSF/Shooting Sport: OG 2000: For the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, Technical Delegates for shooting events will be Gary Anderson (USA), former Olympic champion and 1st vice-president of the ISSF, and Jesus Elizonda (MEX). (GAISF News, in SporTVision, Autumn 1999).
- WTF/Taekwondo: Taekwondo will appear for the first time as an official sport of the Olympic Games in Sydney next year. Eight titles will be attributed: four for women (-49, 57, 67, and +67 kg) and four for men (-58, 68, 80 and +80 kg). (GAISF News, in SporTVision, Autumn 1999).
- Japan's football team has qualified for the men's football tournament at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad, Sydney, after a win against the team from the Republic of Kazakhstan. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 392, November 1999).

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

- Marshall Wayne, American Olympic diving medallist at the Games of the XIth Olympiad in Berlin in 1936, has died at the age of 78. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 374, July 1999).
- The Danish NOC has announced that the IOC has granted permission for Wilson Kipketer, - a native of Kenya - to run for Denmark in the Summer Games in Sydney next year. The 800 metres world champion became a Danish citizen in 1998, but the Olympic Charter states that an athlete must seek permission from his native country, and subsequent ratification by the IOC, to represent his adoptive country if citizenship is changed less than three years before an edition of the Games. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 376, July 1999).
- Ernst Nievergelt, Olympic medallist in the road cycling events at the Games of the XIth Olympiad in Berlin, in 1936, has died at the age of 89. Mr. Nievergelt was the first Swiss national to win an Olympic medal. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 376, July 1999).

- According to a survey commissioned by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), 80% of Americans are positive about the Olympic Games. Some 88% indicated their support for Olympic sponsors, compared to 73% in an earlier survey in January, while 66% agreed that sponsors deserved consumer business. The random survey was conducted in June by Wirthlin Worldwide Research among 1,003 adult respondents. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 377, July 1999).
- Germany's six-times Olympic dressage champion, Reiner Klimke, has died at the age of 63. He was national champion nine times between 1967 and 1988. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 381, August 1999)

SYDNEY 2000

- After consultation with the National Indigenous Advisory Committee (NIAC), the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) has agreed to the Aboriginal flag and Torres Strait Islander flag being flown alongside that of Australia at six locations during the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney next year. Sites will include Sydney Olympic Park, the Olympic Village and within the Sydney Opera House Olympic precinct. SOCOG president Michael Knight said that the decision reflected SOCOG's commitment to recognize Australia's indigenous cultures. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 380, August 1999).
- The Sydney Super Dome, which will host the Olympic gymnastic events and basketball finals next year, opened to the public last Sunday. The 21,000-seat venue will be opened officially on 6th November with a concert given by tenor Luciano Pavarotti. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 384, September 1999).
- A high technology traffic control centre aimed at improving traffic flow during the Games was opened in Sydney this week. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 384, September 1999).

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- The Olympic flame lighting ceremony for the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney next year, in Olympia, Greece has been brought forward from 12th May 2000 to 10th May.

SALT LAKE CITY 2002

- Following a line-by-line budget review in each Salt Lake City Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (SLOC) functional area, the organizing committee submitted a revised operating budget this week, showing a further US\$113 million reduction in expenses. The revised base budget thus stands at US\$ 1.34 billion, as against the original figure of US\$ 1.45 billion. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 375, July 1999).
- On its two-year anniversary, the web site of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) recorded the highest number of visits to its Internet site, the figure standing at 7.2 million for the month of July. This all-time high far exceeds the previous record 4.3 million in February 1998, during the Nagano Olympic Winter Games. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 379, August 1999).
- Mitt Romney reached his six-month anniversary as SLOC president and CEO on 11th August. During his tenure, SLOC has signed up four corporate partners, solidified its senior management team and reduced the potential budget shortfall from 300 million to 187 million dollars. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 381, August 1999).

ATHENS 2004

- The Greek Prime Minister Costas Simitis has appointed the vice-governor of the Bank of Greece, Panayotis Thomopoulos, as president of the Athens Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (ATHOC), and Niki Tzavela as vice-president. (The Week's Olympic News, Number 378, July 1999).

LATEST NEWS:

The International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) Council met in Monaco on Thursday and confirmed that, following the death of IOC member and IAAF president Primo Nebiolo last week, Lamine Diack will remain as acting president until 2001. The council also agreed that Istvan Gyulai would continue as secretary general.

The Mayor of Rome, Francesco Rutelli, has announced that the Rome marathon, on 1st January 2000, starting from St Peter's Square in Vatican City, will be dedicated to the memory of Dr Nebiolo.

(The Week's Olympic News, Number 393, November 1999)

IOC LAUDS NIKE SOCOG AOC ANNOUNCEMENT

Lausanne, 12 December, 1999

The International Olympic Committee today welcomed an announcement by the Australian Olympic Committee.

Nike, SOCOG and the Australian Olympic Committee have concluded discussions which will lead to an agreement between Nike and SOCOG for Nike to become a SOCOG sponsor. The discussions involved both Michael Knight, Minister for the Olympics and John Coates, President of the Australian Olympic Committee. Nike will outfit the Australian Olympic and Paralympic Teams and provide value-in-kind to SOCOG. The IOC would like to congratulate all parties on the speed with which this partnership was culminated.

Nike will provide uniforms and sporting equipment to the athletes of the Australian Olympic and Paralympic teams for the Games in 2000, as well as the Olympic Winter Games in 2002 and the Olympic Games in 2004.

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IOC APPROVES ALL RECOMMENDED REFORMS

Lausanne, 12 December 1999

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) overwhelmingly adopted all 50 reforms proposed by the IOC 2000 reform commission during its two-day Session in Lausanne. The Extraordinary 110th Session of the IOC approved major changes that will result in a more open, responsive, and accountable organization, including the elimination of member visits to bid cities, the application of terms of office, and today's election of ten active athletes to the IOC membership.

Upon the approval of the reform to add ten active athletes to the membership, the IOC President decided to propose for election the ten athletes elected to the IOC Athletes Commission by their peers during the Olympic Games of Atlanta and the Winter Olympic Games of Nagano.

This was accepted by acclamation, and marks the first time active athletes have become members of the IOC.

"In January we said we would reform; today we have delivered. Tomorrow we begin to implement," said IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch. "I have called the Executive Board together tomorrow morning to determine the next steps toward ensuring the spirit of this reform becomes a lasting part of our culture."

Of the changes to the IOC's structure, the main reforms are:

- the addition of 15 active Olympic athletes elected by their peers as full IOC members. Ten were elected today.
- the lowering of the age limit for new members to 70 years
- the application of eight-year, renewable terms of office by reelection
- the setting of the eventual composition of the IOC membership to a maximum of 115, 15 of which will be chosen from active Olympic

athletes, 15 from National Olympic Committee (NOC) presidents, 15 from International Sports Federation (IF) presidents, and 70 as individuals

- the creation of a nominations committee for the election to the IOC. The Commission will be comprised of three members chosen by the IOC, three by the IOC Ethics Commission, and one by the IOC Athletes Commission. The IOC chose James Easton (USA), Francisco Elizalde (PHI), and the Prince of Orange (NED) to be its initial members.
- the enlarging of the IOC Executive Board to allow for a better representation of the new composition of the IOC membership
- the application of term limits to the IOC presidency. The next IOC president will be eligible to serve on eight-year term and a following four-year term if reelected.

The adopted reforms will create an improved host city election process that will clarify both the qualifications necessary to bid for the Games and the responsibilities and obligations of all parties involved in the process.

Among the major changes are:

- the addition of a bid acceptance procedure that would review the organizational capacity of the interested cities in order to accept them as candidates
- the elimination of member visits to the candidate cities on the basis of having the benefit of knowledge gained from a strengthened Evaluation Commission. It should be noted the IOC membership also would be able to rely on a bid acceptance process that would bring forward only the candidates most qualified to host the Games.
- the strengthening of the obligations of the NOCs to oversee and counsel the bidding committees in their countries
- the signing of a contract between the IOC, the bid cities, and their NOCs outlining the

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obligations of each party, the applicable code of conduct, and the sanctions for breach of the terms.

Regarding IOC policies relevant to the work done leading up to and in-between the Games, the major reforms will have the IOC:

- publish additional financial reports that clearly illustrate the flow of the sources and uses of IOC revenues in order to enhance its financial transparency;
- require that every entity that receives funds from the IOC provide the IOC an accounting of the use of those funds, again, to enhance financial transparency;
- require all NOCs participating in the Summer Olympic Games to limit both the number of events and athletes in order to control the growing size of the Games and the resulting managerial challenges;
- work with the World Anti-Doping Agency to distribute “passports” containing all necessary information to carry out efficient doping controls and to monitor the athletes’ health; and
- refuse participation to sports that do not apply the Olympic Movement’s Anti-Doping Code or perform out-of-competition testing.

Some reforms will have immediate effect, such as the election of the active athletes; others will need up to three years, such as reaching the target number of 115 members, to be fully implemented. During this time, the number of members is expected to grow above the 115 target.

The IOC members convened in Lausanne to vote on the reforms and finalize required amendments to the Olympic Charter needed to implement these policy changes. Ninety-three members were present to vote on the adoption of the IOC 2000 recommendations one through 38. Ninety-two members were present to vote on recommendations 39 through 48. With the addition of the active athlete members, 100 members were present to vote for recommendations 49 and 50.

The members of the IOC 2000 reform commission and the IOC Ethics Commission were in attendance to view the debate.

The IOC Session was open to the media via closed-circuit television, as were the IOC 2000 plenary meetings and the 109th IOC Session in Seoul this June.

With the election of the active athletes, the IOC membership now stands at 113.

THE ETHICS COMMISSION ADOPTS THE IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE IOC CODE OF ETHICS

Lausanne, 10th December 1999

With the aim of guaranteeing strict compliance with the rules laid down by the IOC Code of Ethics, the IOC Ethics Commission, during a meeting held today in Lausanne, adopted the Implementing Provisions of this Code of Ethics (see annex). This text makes provision in particular for the appointment, by the Commission, of a delegate who will be known as a “Special Representative of the IOC Ethics Commission” and will assist the Commission in its task of implementing, monitoring and enforcing the IOC Code of Ethics.

The Special Representative will be responsible in particular for encouraging the Olympic parties, using the appropriate means, including conferences, seminars, workshops or interviews, to be scrupulous in their respect of the IOC Code of Ethics. It will also be responsible for investigating complaints of breach of the Code of Ethics, by conducting inquiries or gathering evidence.

The Special Representative may also assist the Olympic parties, upon their request, within the framework of ensuring respect of the IOC Code of Ethics. The Special Representative will also report regularly on his activities to the Ethics Commission or to its chairman.

In order to nominate its Special Representative as

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quickly as possible, during the coming weeks the Ethics Commission will examine the various proposals made to it by its members and by experts in the field of ethics.

The Ethics Commission has continued examining the case of an IOC member, which had been referred to it by the IOC Executive Board

It has also continued its examination of allegations regarding events which occurred during the city of Atlanta's bid to organize the Olympic Games in 1996.

The Ethics Commission has set the date for its next meeting for 6th March 2000 in Lausanne.

The IOC Ethics Commission is an independent, permanent commission, composed of eight members, five of whom are eminent personalities from outside the Olympic Movement, and three of whom are IOC members.

The commission is chaired by Judge Kéba Mbaye, and is made up of Messrs Robert Badinter, Howard Baker, Kurt Furgler, Javier Perez de Cuellar, Kevan Gosper and Chiharu Igaya and Ms Charmaine Crooks.

IOC ELECTS LAMINE DIACK AS NEW MEMBER

Lausanne, 11th December 1999

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) elected Lamine Diack, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), as its 103rd member today, during its 110th Session being held this weekend in Lausanne. The IOC President said "The IAAF holds a central role in the world of sports and the IOC is particularly pleased to welcome its president as new member."

Mr. Diack, from Senegal, assumed the office of acting president of the IAAF on 8 November 1999, following the death of former president Primo Nebiolo. Prior to that, he was vice-president of the IAAF since 1976 and senior vice-president since 1991. Mr. Diack also has been a member of the National Olympic Committee of Senegal since 1974. His sports career include the French/West African record of long jump from 1957 to 1960 and the title of French long jump champion in 1958.

Mr. Diack, 66, is also president of the Société Nationale des Eaux du Sénégal (SONES).