Agenda item 5.2

Draft IOC Medium-Term Strategy for 2014–2021

The Executive Council,

Having examined document IOC/EC-XLV/2 Annex 9,

Takes note of the initial concept of the Draft IOC Medium-Term Strategy for 2014–2021 presented at the session;

Decides to reconstitute the open ended group Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (IFAG) under the leadership of a Vice-Chair to further develop the Draft IOC Medium-Term Strategy for 2014–2021 and draft Programme Objectives and Expected Outcomes for 2014–2017, to be submitted to the Assembly at its 27th Session for approval;

Recognizes the need to take into account:

(i) The debate at the 45th Session of the Executive Council,
(ii) The report of the Ad hoc Advisory Group for the IOC Ocean Sciences Section,
(iii) Inputs from IOC Subsidiary Bodies and other relevant organizations and processes, in particular the follow-up to United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20),
(iv) The development of the UNESCO Medium-term Strategy for 2014–2021 (37 C/4),
(v) The future of the IOC;

Invites the IFAG to:

(i) Minimize the number of high-level objectives, making them more strategic, aspirational and reflective of societal concerns, such as climate change and disaster risk reduction,
(ii) Prioritize those strategic actions that reflect IOC’s unique mandate within the UN system,
(iii) Recognize different mechanisms and partnerships for implementation for IOC.