Draft Decision IOC-XXVIII/Dec.4 was revised by the Sessional Working Group on the ‘Future of the IOC’ and also by the Assembly after discussion of the item in plenary session on Friday 19 June.

**IOC-XXVIII, Dec.4. Rev.**

**The Future of the IOC**

The Assembly,

1. **Having considered** the report of the Chair of the Inter-sessional Working Group on the Future of IOC (IOC-XXVIII/2 Annex 4),

2. **Noting the consensus** reached by IOC Member States that the IOC Governing Bodies should maintain in their agendas an item and mechanism to enable Member States to continuously reflect and exchange ideas on this highly strategic and important subject,

3. **Recognizing** the financial difficulties currently faced by UNESCO and the IOC,

4. **Expresses its appreciation** to Professor Peter M. Haugan for his leadership and contribution to the work of the inter-sessional working group;

5. **Decides** that the process to be followed in order to frame the action of the Governing bodies of IOC will be structured in two phases:

   (i) one for immediate action by entrusting the Officers of the Commission with the mission of raising awareness on, and clarifying within UNESCO the special statutes of IOC, emphasizing its functional autonomy and its role of intergovernmental specialized mechanism within the framework of UNESCO and in cooperation with the relevant UN system organization whose interest and activities are related to its purposes;

   (ii) a second phase, during the intersessional period, for in depth consideration by Member States, with a view of ensuring to the Commission the required institutional and
operational sustainability exploring, among others, the possibilities offered by Article 10 of the IOC statutes;

6. **Requests** the Officers with the support of the Executive Secretary to finalize the message about the societal benefits of IOCs mission, programmes and activities based on the input from the sessional working group and the discussions in plenary, and to convey it clearly and explicitly in a timely fashion to UNESCO and other UN organizations;

7. **Encourages** Member States to use this common message as a reference to assist them in raising the profile of the mandate and work of the IOC and related capabilities in fostering a common national approach in intergovernmental fora;

8. **Further requests** the Executive Secretary, in close communication with the Officers, to explore ways of increasing IOCs visibility using a range of communication tools, and develop its contribution to Sustainable Development Goals consistent with IOCs vision;

9. **Decides** that the inter-sessional work on this subject should continue under the leadership of the IOC Officers with a view of providing a fully developed document with recommendation to the IOC Executive Council at its 49th session in 2016.