DRAFT RESOLUTION EC-XLIX/DR.(3.3.1)

Submitted by: India and supported by the Islamic Republic of Iran and Kuwait

FIFTH SESSION OF THE IOC COMMITTEE FOR THE CENTRAL INDIAN OCEAN (IOCINDIO-V)

The Executive Council,

1. Recalling Resolution XXV-2 adopted by the IOC Assembly at its 25th session in June 2009 requesting the Executive Secretary to re-activate the IOC Committee for the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO), and Resolution XXVII-2 adopted by the IOC Assembly in 2013 which set out, inter alia, support for governments in national activities and strengthening of Regional Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission as part of the Guiding Principles that shall continue to guide the Secretariat,

2. Noting with satisfaction the organization of the 5th Session of the IOCINDIO, 25-27 April 2016, Chennai, India, at the invitation of the Government of India, and with the support of the IOC Secretariat,

3. Expressing its appreciation to the Government of India for hosting IOCINDIO-V,

4. Takes note of the Executive Summary Report of the 5th Session of the IOCINDIO together with its recommendations as contained in the summary report;

5. Decides to approve the recommendations of IOCINDIO-V and identify extra budgetary resources and staff time, in order to convene a technical workshop to finalise the work programme and to initiate priority areas/activities during the current biennium 2016-2017 prior to the 29th Session of the IOC Assembly;

6. Recommends that the IOC Assembly identify and allocate (in the context of the next programme and budget (39 C/5)) the required regular budgetary resources, staff time and extra-budgetary contributions commensurate with the priority need for reactivation of IOCINDIO as recommended in Resolution XXV-2 of the IOC Assembly at its 25th session in June 2009;
7. **Requests** the IOC Executive Secretary to:

(i) **appoint** a Secretariat Focal Point to be responsible for liaison between the Member States and the regional officers;

(ii) **identify** specific dedicated IOC assistance in order to help IOCINDIO become fully functional and self-sustaining and contribute effectively to IOC programmes and strategy;

(iii) **Develop** a proposal in support of IOCINDIO in the Complementary Additional Programme proposals for 2016–2017, and to work with the Member States of IOCINDIO as well as other Member States to explore, as a matter of priority, all possibilities for mobilization of additional extra-budgetary resources, including contributions to the IOC Special Account, to fund core activities as well as the possible organization of the Sixth Session of IOCINDIO in 2017.