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**Indian Olympic Association – Joint meeting on 27 September 2022 in Lausanne / Olympic House  
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**Summary of the joint meeting which took place on 27 September 2022 in Lausanne at the initiative of the IOC**

**Participants:**

- IOC Member
  - o Mrs Nita Ambani, IOC Member in India (online) / Srinivasan Bodapti (Chief of Staff)
- IOC:
  - o Mr James Macleod, Director, NOC Relations and Olympic Solidarity
  - o Mr Jérôme Poivey, Associate Director, NOC Relations, Institutional and Governance Services
- OCA:
  - o Mr Husain Al-Musallam, Director General & Technical Director
  - o Mr Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Director, International and NOC Relations
- Mr Abhinav Bindra, Athletes' representative
- IOA:
  - o Mr Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General
  - o Mr Adille Sumariwalla, Vice President
- Government of India:
  - o Mr Sandip Pradhan, Director General, Sports Authority of India
  - o Mr Kunal, Joint Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

**Main conclusions:**

1. All parties agreed to work together to address and resolve the governance issues affecting the IOA, and hold the IOA elections by December 2022, in line with the IOC EB directives and decision on 8 September 2022 (attached for reference).
2. All parties took note of the decision of the Supreme Court of India on 22 September 2022 to appoint a former judge to work on the amendments of the IOA Constitution, prepare the electoral college and supervise the IOA elections.
3. The whole process will have to be conducted in close coordination with the IOC/OCA, and in accordance with the Olympic Charter and the basic principles of good governance within the Olympic Movement.



#### 4. Roadmap :

##### a. First step :

- The IOA Constitution will be amended to include the necessary governance reforms.
- To this effect, the IOC/OCA will work together with the judge appointed by the Supreme Court of India on the draft revised Constitution.
- In principle, most of the points raised by the High Court of Delhi in its decision dated 16 August 2022 are agreeable for the IOC/OCA and compatible with the Olympic Charter and the basic principles of good governance of the Olympic Movement, except:
  - o the 2/3 majority required for a re-election (a simple majority, i.e. more than 50% of the votes validly cast, should be sufficient, like in any election process); and
  - o the appointment of 25% “sportspersons” as voting members within the IOA General Assembly and Executive Committee (which should be refined and the mechanism of which should be re-discussed to make it workable and in line with the basic requirements relating to the membership of any NOC, as per the Olympic Charter, and with the usual standards within the Olympic Movement).
- The IOC/OCA will also propose additional elements (such as changing the position of elected Secretary General into an appointed position, so that the Secretary General would serve as a CEO appointed/hired by the Executive Committee, and including an independent ethics commission, a properly functioning athletes commission as per the IOC guidelines and safeguarding practices).
- Once the draft is finalised by the judge in agreement with the IOC/OCA, it will be formally adopted by the IOA General Assembly.

##### b. Second step :

- The IOA elections will be held in accordance with the newly approved IOA Constitution and the Olympic Charter, under the supervision of the former judge appointed by the Supreme Court and the IOC/OCA.

The whole process (including the elections) will have to be completed prior to the IOC EB meeting in December 2022.

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