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# IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE TWENTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY OF IOC (3-13 July 2001) AND BY THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOC (10-11 December 2001)

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#### IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE TWENTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY OF IOC (3-13 July 2001)

Resolution XXI-1	The IOC editorial and publishing policy called for by the
Administration and Management	External Evaluation team and by the XXI <sup>st</sup> session of the Assembly was undertaken and is presented in Document <i>IOC/EC-XXXV/2 Annex 4</i>
Resolution XXI-2 IOC and UNCLOS	The respective work of the two established Sub-groups (one on the transfer of marine technology and another on Article 247 of UNCLOS) will be submitted to the Second Meeting of the ABE- LOS to be held in Morocco from 6 to 9 May 2002. The Secretariat will present at the meeting an analysis of the completed IOC second questionnaire on the practice of States in the field of MSR and TMT, in connection with Article 251 of UNCLOS. The report of the meeting, including possible draft resolutions, will be submitted for adoption to the 35 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council.
<b>Resolution XXI-3</b> Preparation for the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)	In compliance with Resolution XXI-3 of the IOC Assembly, the Extraordinary Session of the IOC Executive Council took place on 10-11 December 2001 at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris (see further Resolution EC-Ext.1.1).
<b>Resolution XXI-4</b> IOC Rules of Procedure	The new Rules of Procedure have been published in the four IOC's working languages (reference: IOC/INF-1166). The Secretariat has examined the matter related to Article 42 of the IOC Rules of Procedure. Following comments received by Member States and the Chairman of the Technical Review Committee, it is proposed not to introduce changes in the Rules of Procedure at this early stage of application of the new Rules.
<b>Resolution XXI-5</b> Further Development, Consolidation and Strengthening of IOC	As instructed by the 21st Assembly, the Executive Secretary requested, by mean of a Circular Letter, the views of Member States on how to further address the development, consolidation and strengthening of the Commission. Document IOC/EC-XXXV/2 Annex 6, <i>Results of the Consultation of Member States on Resolution XXI-5</i> synthesizes the main recommendations of Member States.
<b>Resolution XXI-6</b> Restructuring of the Ocean Science Programmes of the Commission	The Ocean Science Programmes have been restructured according to the framework adopted by the Assembly. The terms of reference of the three components have been developed and are presented in document <i>IOC/EC-XXXV/2 Annex 10, Terms of Reference for the programme elements in the structure of the Ocean Science Section.</i>
<b>Resolution XXI-7</b> A Review of the Structure of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)	A review group has been appointed, comprising G. Love (Australia) (Chair), K. Rhadakrishnan (India), I. Asanuma (Japan), J. Field (South Africa), and has begun its work.
<b>Resolution XXI-8</b> International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange System (IODE)	IODE work plan is being implemented. No offers for staff support nor of additional extra-budgetary funds have been received.
<b>Resolution XXI-9</b> Ocean Mapping	In accordance with Resolution XXI-9 the Editorial Board for the International Bathymetric Chart of the South-East Pacific (IBSEP) was established and its inaugural meeting held in Valparaiso, Chile, in October 2001.

Resolution XXI-10	The Steering Committee of the Black See GOOS was established
IOC Black Sea Regional Committee (BSRC)	in Erdemli, Turkey. A list of the priority actions was elaborated and approved, a Memorandum of Understanding of the Black Sea GOOS was signed by all countries of the region, financial support of US\$ 10,000 was obtained from UNESCO office in Venice. The Black Sea Fluxes Workshop will take place in Varna in July 2002 to elaborate an action plan for this project.
<b>Resolution XXI-11</b> African	(i) Res. EC-XXXIII.12: IOCEA-V implementation:
Priorities	<ul> <li>a. The IOCEA project office was officially established at NIOMR, Lagos, Nigeria in January 2002.</li> <li>b. Production of IOCEA project office flyers for circulation</li> <li>c. Development of project concept for GLOSS</li> <li>d. ODINAFRICA meeting in Nairobi took place in November 2001.</li> <li>e. Development of training proposal for the IOCEA and IOCINCWIO regions for Art. 76 of UNCLOS is being undertaken.</li> </ul>
	(ii) Res. EC-XXXIII.13: African Concerns: a. The GOOS-Africa meeting took place in Nairobi in November 2001.
	b. IOC has continued to play a leading role together with ACOPS and UNEP in supporting the African Process and in providing technical assistance for the development of project proposals to be presented at the Partnership Conference (5 technical meetings have been organized in South Africa, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana). c. Development of project proposals for GOOS-Africa for the Partnership Conference has been completed. The proposals have been included in the Programme of Intervention of the African Process.
	(iii) UNESCO Cross-cutting projects: The project implementation has started in January 2002. A Training Course and Editors meeting for the IOC Regional OceanPortal has been held at UNESCO HQ in May 2002. The portal software has been installed and submissions have been started. [note that this is provisional as we are only March]
	<ul> <li>(iv) Capacity building on Article 76 of UNCLOS (<i>Definition of the Continental shelf</i>):</li> <li>Co-operation on the building of capacity through the design and delivery of training courses on Article 76 of UNCLOS, is underway with the IOC/IHO/IAG Advisory Board of Experts on the Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea (ABLOS). ABLOS will assist IOC in the drafting of an IOC curriculum based on the CLCS Scientific and Technical Guidelines.</li> <li>Consultations were made with Responsibles for IOCEA and IOCINCWIO Projects Offices, African experts as well as with institutions experienced in delivering courses on Article 76. They were involved in the preparation of the courses on Article 76 and will participate in its realisation. UN/DOALOS will provide financial support for trainees. IOC is seeking fund for lecturers.</li> </ul>
	(v) IOCINCWIO-V: Because of political problems in Madagascar, the IOCINWIO-V Session is scheduled to take place in September 2002 in Nairobi.

Resolution XXI-12 Co-operation with the International Ocean Institute	Co-operation with the International Ocean Institute has a long history. The Memorandum of Understanding between IOC and IOI signed in 2000 and Resolution XXI-12 marked a new step in facilitating the co-operation. All necessary arrangements have been made to support the preparation and implementation of <i>Pacem in Maribus</i> 2001 in Africa. IOC Regional Committees in Africa have been informed of the Conference and funds allocated in support of this activity. However, due to different reasons out of the IOC control, the Conference was postponed and will be held in June - July of 2002. As soon as the exact dates and the venue of the Conference are known the IOC Secretariat will implement actions which have been specified by the Resolution. In December and February the IOC Executive Secretary had an opportunity to discuss different co-operative activities with the Executive Directors of IOI and identified joint actions for the WSSD preparations. They are now under development. In response to part B of the Resolution related to the IOI Virtual University project, the IOC Executive Secretary nominated Dr. Thomas Ajayi, IOC Vice-Chairman to represent IOC in the IOIVU Board of Governors to assist the network design and to ensure that the network responds to IOC needs. The nomination was accepted with appreciation and the IOI Executive Director has informed the IOC Executive Secretary accordingly.
Resolution XXI-13 Programme and Budget for 2002- 2003	The 31st UNESCO General Conference approved the Programme and Budget of IOC for the biennium 2002-2003. In the Regular Budget an amount of \$3,243,900 is authorized for activities and it is expected to raise extrabudgetary funds of \$6,500,000 for the biennium.

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Resolution EC-Ext. 1.1 Preparation for the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)	The Member States of the Executive Council approved the "Declaration by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO to the World Summit on Sustainable Development" and instructed the IOC Executive Secretary to convey this document at the earliest opportunity to the WSSD Preparatory Committee to be consequently incorporated in their discussions and to be made available at the World Summit in Johannesburg, 2002. The IOC Declaration was transmitted to the second Preparatory Committee for WSSD (January 2002, New York), distributed as an official document, and presented in plenary by the IOC Chairman.
	document <i>entitled Sustainable Development and the</i> <i>Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO</i> was circulated to Member States for comments and was finalised. It emphasizes the importance of the ocean in the global environment and specifically stresses the unique role of the IOC for ocean sciences and services within the UN System; the measures by which IOC has already implemented Agenda 21 of UNCED; and its strategy for continuing to address the sustainable development agenda in the next ten years. The document, translated in the six languages of the UN System is in press and will be submitted to the WSSD.
	The Resolution and Declaration were conveyed to the IOC Member States and relevant UN agencies and international organizations; as well as to the Director-General of UNESCO to assist the IOC in its efforts to raise the awareness of the importance of the ocean, and to further assist in promoting the IOC Declaration through the WSSD process.