

CONSTITUTION

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CLAUSES OF INTERPRETATION

A.N.O.C.A. : Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa.

N.O.C. : National Olympic Committee

I.O.C. : International Olympic Committee

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S.C.S.A. : Supreme Council for Sport in Africa.

ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF AFRICA

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PART I: - GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER I: NAME - HEADQUARTERS - DURATION

Clause 1: An Association is hereby constituted among National Olympic Committees of Africa called: ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF AFRICA (ANOCA)

Clause 2: The Headquarters of ANOCA shall be in YAOUNDE (Cameroon) It may be transferred elsewhere only by decision of a two-thirds majority of member NOC's present at the General Assembly. Such decision shall be taken by secret ballot.

Clause 3: The duration of ANOCA shall be indefinite.

CHAPTER 2: AIMS

Clause 4: ANOCA shall abide by the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter.

For that purpose, it shall, pursuant to the IOC Charter, pursue the following aims:

- 4.1.** Promote understanding, cooperation and mutual assistance among NOCs of Africa.

- 4.2. Help African NOCs propagate, develop and protect the Olympic ethics throughout the African continent.
- 4.3. Plan and co-ordinate the action of African NOCs in order to better rationalize the intervention of the Olympic Solidarity fund.
- 4.4. Organize and coordinate the preparation and participation of Africa in the Olympic Games.
- 4.5. harmonize cooperation relations of African NOCs with the International Olympic Committee and the Association of National Olympic Committees.
- 4.6. Celebrate in close cooperation with the NOCs concerned, African Sports Confederations and the S.C.S.A., the All- Africa Games pursuant to the Olympic Charter.
- 4.7. Cooperate in general with governmental and non- governmental sports bodies in order to facilitate the elaboration and implementation in Africa of a coherent strategy for sports development which translates in terms of operational programmes the right for all to practise sports and physical activities.
- 4.8. Forster through the introduction and support of training programmes and planned action, a more rational and an improved preparation of African athletes for the Olympic Games.
- 4.9. Help African NOCs combat all forms of racial, political and religious discrimination within the Olympic Movement.
- 4.10. Encourage the participation of women in the Olympic Movement.
- 4.11. Secure in accordance with the fundamental principles that govern the Olympic Movement funding sources likely to support the action of African NOCs.

PART II ADMINISTRATION - FUNCTIONING

CHAPTER 3: ORGANS

Clause 5:

5.1. ANOCA shall carry out its activities through the following organs:

- The General Assembly which shall be the legislative organ;
- the Executive Committee which shall be the executive organ ;
- the Secretariat General which shall be the administrative body.

5.2. ANOCA may set up permanent or Ad hoc Committees to assist it in the performance of its functions.

CHAPTER 4 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DEFINITION

Clause 6: The General Assembly shall be the highest governing body of ANOCA.

COMPOSITION

Clause 7: The General Assembly shall comprise:

- a) Delegates of member NOCs
- b) Members of the Executive Committee
- c) IOC Members in Africa.

DUTIES AND POWERS

Clause 8:

- 8.1.** The General Assembly shall determine the date and the venue of each meeting.
- 8.2.** Transportation cost and board and lodging expenses for delegates shall be borne by their respective NOCs.
- 8.3.** The General Assembly shall elect members of the Executive Committee and shall ratify the nomination of members representing zones on the Executive Committee.
- 8.4.** It shall appoint the Auditors
- 8.5.** The General Assembly shall elect the representatives of ANOCA to the Executive Council of ANOC.

ORDINARY SESSIONS

Clause 9:

- 9.1.** The General Assembly shall compulsorily meet once every two years that is a year after and a year before the summer Olympic Games.
- 9.2.** The General Assembly shall draw up its agenda which must compulsorily include the following items:
 - a)** Adoption of the Minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting
 - b)** Progress report of the Executive Committee covering the period since the previous General Assembly.
 - c)** Consideration and approval of the financial balance sheet
 - d)** Presentation of the auditor's report and approval of the balance sheet.
 - e)** Approval of the budget estimates
 - f)** Election of members to the various governing bodies of ANOCA and renewal of term of office of the auditors
 - g)** Affiliation or resignation of members.

ELECTIONS

Clause 10:

- 10.1.** Nomination for post of President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer General shall be submitted by the NOCs of the respective candidates. Such nominations shall be filed with the Secretariat General at least three months before the scheduled date of the Assembly having this item on the agenda.
- 10-02** The Secretariat General shall communicate such nominations to member NOCs along with the agenda of the General assembly.
- 10.3.** Nominations received after the deadline shall be automatically rejected.
- 10.4.** Members of the Executive Committee provided for under clause 8.3. Shall be elected by NOCs of each zone.
- 10.5.** Elections shall be by secret ballot.
- 10.6.** The President of ANOCA shall as of right be Vice-President of ANOC.
The President, Secretary General and two Zonal representatives elected by the General Assembly shall represent Africa on the Executive Council of ANOC.
The duration of their term of office shall be laid down in the Constitution of ANOC.
- 10.7.** In case of vacancy on the Executive Board of International bodies Referred to under paragraph 10.6. Above the Executive Committee shall elect substitutes who shall act until the expiry of the term of office of their predecessors.
- 10.8.** In case of vacancy on the Executive Committee, the Zone concerned shall elect a substitute who shall act until expiry of the term of office of his predecessor.
- 10.9.** Election results shall be by simple majority in the first ballot. In case of an inconclusive vote, candidates who shall obtain the lowest number of votes in successive ballots shall be eliminated until absolute majority is got.

EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS

Clause 11: An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at the written request of two-thirds of member NOCs or of the Executive Committee.

INVITATION

Clause 12: For ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies, invitations accompanied by the agenda shall be sent to members at least 60 days before the date of the meeting.

QUORUM - VOTE

Clause 13:

- 13.1.** Deliberation of the General Assembly shall only be valid in the presence of a constituted quorum of half plus one of member NOCs of ANOCA.
- 13.2.** Where the quorum is not met, the General Assembly shall be convened 24 hours later. The quorum in this case will be constituted by the presence of at least one-third of the members.
- 13.3.** Votes on all questions shall be by show of hands or by roll call unless otherwise stated by the Constitution.
- 13.4.** Each NOC shall be entitled to be represented by a maximum of two delegates with the right to participate in the debates. Each NOC shall be entitled to one vote only.
- 13.5.** Vote by proxy or by correspondence shall not be allowed and a delegate may represent only his own NOC.
- 13.6.** Unless otherwise provided, decisions shall be taken by simple majority. In the case of a tie and only in this case shall the President of ANOCA who has a casting vote cast a ballot.
- 13.7.** Unless otherwise provided decisions taken by the General Assembly shall be implemented within a time-limit of 50 days.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Clause 14:

- 14.1.** Minutes of the General Assembly shall be circulated to NOCs within 90 days following the closure of the Assembly.
- 14.2.** Minutes shall be considered as tacitly approved if no opposition is notified by registered letter within 60 days following their posting.

**CHAPTER 5: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
COMPOSITION, DUTIES AND POWERS****Clause 15:**

- 15.1.** The Executive Committee shall comprise:
- The President
 - Three Vice-Presidents
 - 7 members representing the Zones
 - 1 Secretary General
 - 1 Treasurer General
- 15.2.** The Executive Committee shall be responsible for implementing decisions of the General assembly.
- 15.3.** The Executive Committee shall manage and administer ANOCA.
- 15.4.** It shall have the option of delegating its powers to specialized committees.
- 15.5.** The duration of the term of office of the Members of the executive Committee shall be four years.
- 15.6.** Out-going members shall be eligible for re-election.
- 15.7.** Members of the Executive Committee shall not receive any remuneration.

SESSIONS

Clause 16 : The Executive Committee shall meet at last once every year. It shall draw up the agenda for the next General Assembly. Invitations and the agenda shall be circulated at least 60 days before the date of the meeting.

QUORUM AND VOTE

Clause 17:

- 17.1.** The Executive Committee may deliberate validly if half plus one of the members are present.
- 17.2.** In of the absence of the President, he shall be successively replaced by the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents who shall chair the meetings.
- 17.3.** Decisions shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast by members present. In case of a tie, the chairman of the sitting shall have the casting vote.
- 17.4.** Each member shall have only one vote. Vote by proxy or by correspondence will not be allowed, should the need arise; the President may conduct consultations by correspondence.

CHAPTER 6 - DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE TREASURER GENERAL.

Clause 18: THE PRESIDENT

- 18.1.** The President shall chair all meeting of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.
- 18.2.** The President may, in during recess of the Executive Committee, deal with any urgent matter requiring an immediate decision that falls within the competence of the Executive Committee.
- 18.3.** He shall represent ANOCA in court and in all public ceremonies.

Clause 19: THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- 19.1.** The secretary General shall be the head of the secretariat General.
- 19.2.** He shall be responsible for all correspondence, draw up, minutes of meetings of all organs of ANOCA and attend all meetings.
- 19.3.** He shall be accountable before the Executive Committee in respect of the performance of duties by staff of ANOCA.
- 19.4.** The Secretary General of ANOCA shall be assisted in his duties by a permanent administration the composition of which shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Clause 20: THE TREASURER GENERAL

- 20.1.** The Treasurer General shall be the sole officer to manage the funds, assets and securities of ANOCA.
- 20.2.** He shall be responsible for the organization and functioning of the accounting service.
- 20.3.** He shall ensure the keeping and conservation of account books, documents and records.
- 20.4.** He shall be the officer responsible for settling expenditure committed and collecting revenue approved by the Secretary General.
- 20.5.** He shall manage the assets of ANOCA for which he shall draw up an inventory at the close of each financial year.
- 20.6.** He shall prepare the income and expenditure reports and the annual balance sheet for submission to the governing body of ANOCA.

CHAPTER 7 - ZONES OF ACTIVITIES

Clause 21 :

- 21.1.** The zones of activities of ANOCA shall be the 7 (seven) Sports development Zones as laid down by the Constitution of SCSA.
- 21.2.** ANOCA may, if necessary, set up in each zone a decentralized administrative unit.

PART III: COMPOSITION**CHAPTER 8 - MEMBERSHIP****Clause 22:**

- 22.1.** African NOCs, founding members of ANOCA, who participated in the constituent Assembly of ANOCA shall as of right be members of ANOCA.
- 22.2.** Other African NOCs recognized by the IOC who file a written application for membership and accede to this Constitution may become members.
- 22.3.** The Executive Committee may grant provisional membership which shall be submitted to the next General Assembly, sole competent body to full member ship.

CHAPTER 9 - RESIGNATION**Clause 23:**

- 23.1.** Any member NOC who wishes to resign from ANOCA shall inform the Secretariat General by registered letter.
- 23.2.** Readmission of an NOC that resigned may only be decided upon in the case where such an NOC has honoured its financial commitments to ANOCA for the period preceding its resignation

CHAPTER 10 - HONORARY MEMBERS

Clause 24: The General Assembly may, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, confer the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member to any person who has rendered outstanding services to African sport or to the Olympic Movement.

PART IV: RESOURCES - PENALTIES - LANGUAGES

CHAPTER II - REVENUE

Clause 25: ANOCA's financial resources shall be constituted by.

- a) Annual contributions the amount of which shall be determined by the General Assembly. Contributions due as from 1 January each year shall be callable as from 1 April each year.
- b) Donations and grants - in-aid from member NOCs or from any other international institution involved in the development of Olympism.
- c) Funds the IOC or ANOC may put at its disposal through Olympic Solidarity.

CHAPTER 12 - EXPENDITURE

Clause 26: The financial resources of ANOCA shall cover:

- a) Expenditure relating to the activities of ANOCA including travel and living expenses of Members of the Executive Committee.
- b) Cost of running the Secretariat.

CHAPTER 13 - PENALTIES

Clause 27:

27.1. Member NOCs who shall not remit their contributions for over 2 financial years shall be suspended and shall lose their right to participate in the General Assembly and in activities of ANOCA.

27.2. Any NOC that shall cease to be recognized by the IOC shall no longer be member of ANOCA.

CHAPTER 14 - AUDIT

Clause 28:

28.1. One or two auditors appointed by the General Assembly shall in keeping with the required professional ethics, be responsible for auditing ANOCA accounts.

28.2. The duration of the term of office of the auditors shall be four years. It shall be renewable.

28.3. The auditors shall submit to the General Assembly a report on the balance sheet and a financial and accounting report drawn up by the Treasurer General.

28.4. Remuneration of the auditor or auditors shall be determined by the General Assembly pursuant to legislation in force in the host country.

CHAPTER 15 - OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Clause 29

29.1. The official languages of ANOCA shall be Arabic, English and French.

29.2. In case of disagreement in respect of the interpretation of instruments, the Executive Committee shall decide on the exact meaning of the text and its decision shall be final.

CHAPTER 16 - CASES NOT PROVIDED FOR

Clause 30: All cases not provided for in this Constitution shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee pursuant to the Olympic Charter. Such decision shall be submitted to the General Assembly for ratification.

PART V: AMENDMENTS - DISSOLUTION- ADOPTION

CHAPTER 17 - AMENDMENTS

Clause 31:

- 31.1.** Only the General Assembly may amend the constitution.
- 31.2.** Any draft amendments to the Constitution shall have to be submitted by a member NOC or by the Executive Committee.
- 31.3.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be filed with the Secretariat General at least six months before the scheduled date of the General Assembly.
- 31.4.** The General Assembly may only rule on amendments to the Constitution if at least two- thirds of member NOCs are present.
- 31.5.** The proposed amendment must obtain two-thirds of the votes cast for approval.

CHAPTER 18 - DISSOLUTION

Clause 32: ANOCA may only be dissolved by decision of a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of member NOCs. In case of dissolution, all financial obligations must be honoured and the credit balance put at the disposal of an African Sports Organization.

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