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To : IOC National Official Coordinating Bodies for Liaison with IOC (Member States)

C.c. : Permanent Delegates / Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Chair and Vice-Chairs of IOC and Major Subsidiary Bodies

Subject: Re-constitution of the Open-ended Intersessional Financial Advisory Group for the period September 2025 – June 2026

In pursuance to [IOC Resolution A-33/3](#) adopted by the IOC Assembly at its 33rd session (25 June – 3 July 2025), the open-ended Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (IFAG) is being re-constituted under the chairmanship of Vice-chair Carlos Zúñiga Araya (Chile). Technical secretariat support will be provided by Xenia Yvinec.

I invite IOC national coordinating bodies to designate members to work within the IFAG in accordance with its mandate as defined in the Terms of Reference (Annex 2 to [Resolution XXVIII-3](#)).

In line with IOC Resolution A-33/3, IFAG will not only work by correspondence as was the practice until now, but will have regular online meetings so as to ensure that Member States are appraised of and involved with all relevant developments during the intersessional period, including the 43 C/5 preparations and the Consultation Process – IOC and the Future of the Ocean.

It is therefore imperative that we have up-to-date nominative email addresses for all designated members. I would appreciate receiving your letters of nomination by 10 September 2025.

As per usual, all relevant documentation will be posted online as the work of the group progresses at <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4834> and, given the open-ended nature of the Group, all the information on its work will be shared with all Member States.

Yours sincerely,

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