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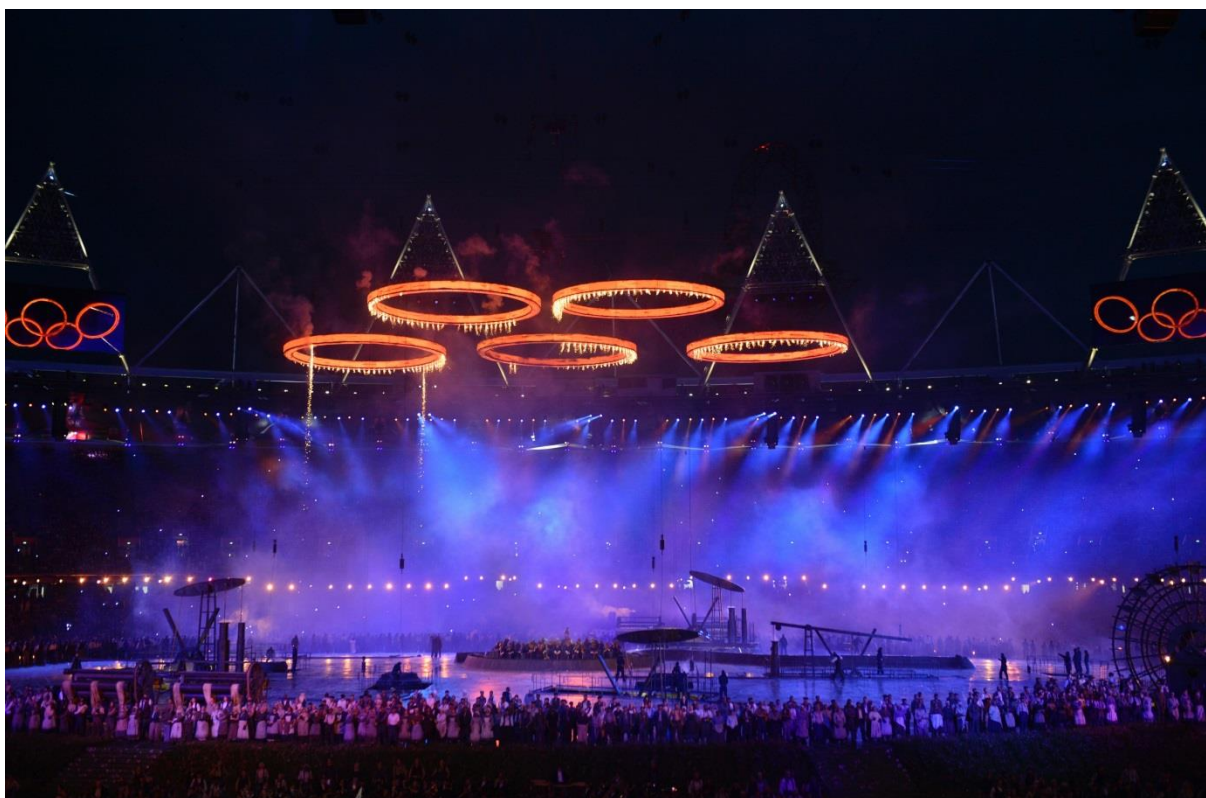
Historical Archives
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Olympic Movement Commission

Fonds list

Overview of the content of the archives concerning the history, missions and activities of the Olympic Movement Commission for the period 1979 to 1988

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Level of description: Sub-series
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Name of creator

International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Administrative / Biographical history

The Olympic Movement Commission was created by the IOC on the recommendation of the XI Olympic Congress, held in Baden-Baden (Germany) in 1981. The idea was to expand the remit and competences of the Tripartite Commission¹ and to replace it with a new larger Commission with the same objectives and specific functions². In a letter dated 16 December 1981³ sent to Mr Vázquez Raña, IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch officially announced the creation of the Olympic Movement Commission.

This new Commission was responsible for ensuring better cooperation and coordination between the organisations it represented, i.e. the IOC, the International Sports Federations (IFs) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs). It also helped to guarantee the independence and autonomy of sport in order to advance the Olympic sports movement⁴ and contribute to realising the goals fixed by the Fundamental Principles of the Olympic Charter. Its mission also included organising Olympic Congresses, studying the practical implications of the final resolutions of the Congresses and working on their follow-up⁵.

The Olympic Movement Commission was made up of:

- IOC Executive Board members
- representatives chosen by the IFs
- representatives chosen by the NOCs.

It also included a board comprising a member of each of the organisations that formed the Commission. This board was responsible mainly for studying the proposals submitted to the Commission, for preparing the meeting agendas, ensuring that the Commission's recommendations were applied, and for rapidly consulting the members in emergency situations⁶. The board could meet several times a year, when necessary.

The Commission elected a tripartite working group responsible for preparing for the Olympic Congress. It could also select working groups to study other predefined matters. It met once a year in a plenary session.

The first meeting of the Commission was held on 23 May 1982 in Rome (Italy). The Commission was chaired by IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch.

The Commission meeting initially scheduled for 27 May 1984 was cancelled⁷. It was replaced by an extraordinary meeting, which was held on 18 May in Lausanne (Switzerland). During this meeting, the

¹ The Tripartite Commission was created in 1971 to work on preparations for the X Olympic Congress in Varna in 1973. Its remit was expanded in 1973 to include general issues of interest to the NOCs, the IFs and the IOC. It also covered the preparations for the XI Olympic Congress in Baden-Baden held in 1981. Source: Welcome at the Commission meeting of 23 May 1982 (annex 1 of the minutes).

² Final Declaration of the XI Congress in Baden-Baden, 1981. Source: IOC Archives / B-ID06-11BAD/079 (SD 5)

³ Source: IOC Archives / B-ID04-MVTOL/001

⁴ Source: Minutes of the meeting of 23 May 1982. In: IOC Archives / B-ID04-MVTOL/003

⁵ Source: Minutes of the meeting of 10 November 1984. In: IOC Archives / B-ID04-MVTOL/006

⁶ Source: Annex 4 of the minutes of the meeting of 10 November 1984. In: IOC Archives / B-ID04-MVTOL/006

⁷ Source: IOC Archives / B-ID04-MVTOL/001



Commission received in turn a Soviet delegation and a delegation from the Los Angeles 1984 Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (OCOG) to discuss the situation following a declaration by some NOCs that they would not enter their athletes in the Olympic Games⁸.

In 1988, the Commission helped to organise the International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS) held in Moscow (USSR) in November. During this Conference, "a recommendation of support from the IOC for the Olympic Movement and the protection of the Olympic Games, in collaboration with UNESCO" was discussed⁹.

On 1 February 2014, the Olympic Movement Commission was no longer active.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer

The sub-series was transferred to the IOC Historical Archives in 1993, following the construction of the new Olympic Museum in Ouchy.

Scope and content

The sub-series records the main activities of the Olympic Movement Commission, particularly its functioning, the cooperation and coordination between the IOC, the IFs and the NOCs, as well as the organisation and monitoring of the Olympic Congresses. It also focuses on the activities of this Commission's board.

The sub-series contains correspondence, mainly linked to the Commission's activities, as well as the organisation and holding of meetings. We can also find general correspondence between the Commission members, IF and NOC representatives or between the Commission Chair and the IOC.

It also contains documents linked to the Commission meetings, i.e. minutes, roll calls and working documents.

It also contains documents concerning the activities of the Commission office, in the form of correspondence, reports, summaries, meeting minutes and working documents in particular.

The minutes have been digitised and are available on site in electronic format.

The sub-series contains conservation copies of minutes of this Commission's meetings (incomplete collection).

Accruals

Yes

System of arrangement

The files are classified by subject, by document type or by activities in alphabetical order. The documents in the files are classified chronologically, from latest to earliest.

Conditions governing access

The documents are freely accessible, subject to the provisions established by the IOC to this effect.

Language / scripts of material

The documents are written in French and English.

⁸ The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 18 May 1984 give more precise indications about this situation. Source: IOC Archives / B-ID04-MVTOL/005.

⁹ Source: IOC. Commissions report. In: *Olympic Review* [online], November 1988, no. 253, pp. 615-621 <http://library.la84.org/OlympicInformationCenter/RevueOlympique/1988/orf253/orf253k.pdf> (Consulted in February 2014)



Additional resources

Internal resources

Tripartite Commission: B-ID04

XI Congress, Baden-Baden 1981: B-ID06-11BAD

Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games – Boycott: C-J01-1984-BOYCO

IOC Executive Board: B-ID02

IOC Session: B-ID01

IOC members: B-ID05

United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO): E-RE02-UNESC

USSR National Olympic Committee: D-RM01-RUSSI

USA National Olympic Committee: D-RM01-ETATU

Notes

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Date(s) of description

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