A meeting of the Executive Council of the General Assembly of NOCs was held in Mexico City on 10th and 11th April 1978.

After announcing the resignation from the Council of Mr. K. Shibata, because of his extremely heavy commitments as President of the Japanese Olympic Committee, Mr. Giulio Onesti, President of the General Assembly, reported on activities for the period until the end of March 1978, mentioning various topics to be studied by the Council and outlining future activity programmes.

The report was approved and the Council passed a vote of thanks for Mr. Shibata in recognition of his contribution to the executive work of the General Assembly of NOCs. It will be necessary for the committees of the Asian continent to elect his successor.

As requested during the meeting of the Council held in Lausanne in October 1977, Mr. David McKenzie submitted a draft constitution for the General Assembly. His work was greatly appreciated and proved highly interesting to the councillors who, after an overall study, assigned to an inner commission the task of modifying the McKenzie text. The definitive text will be submitted to the NOCs in time for it to be approved and to come into force at the next meeting of the General Assembly at Puerto Rico in 1979. It should be noted that it was unanimously agreed that the new denomination of the world organisation of National Olympic Committees should henceforth be "The Association of National Olympic Committees".

Mr. Gafner, Chairman of the Commission for Strengthening the NOCs, submitted a detailed report in which he gave a series of practical pointers for the application of Olympic Rules 24 and 25. These pointers will be distributed to all NOCs.

Mr. Martinsky, Chairman of the Commission for the Olympic Congress, was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting but submitted his report on the work performed by his working party concerning the steps to be taken to ensure a concrete and constructive presence of NOCs at the 1981 Baden-Baden Olympic Congress. The councillors passed a vote of thanks for Mr. Martinsky, reserving the possibility, should this prove necessary, to ask him for further explanations or to send him their suggestions.

The Council then went on to a detailed examination of relations in the world of Olympic sport, considering the IOC, the NOCs, the IFs and various public, political and administrative organisations that are involved in sport, and passed the following unanimous resolution:

"Having received the Statement dated 20th March 1978 from the Tripartite Commission of the IOC which has been released to the press:

The Council of the General Assembly of NOCs

a) acknowledges the preliminary work done by the Tripartite Commission but regrets that the release of the Statement was made without prior consultation of the NOCs;

b) considers that, while it is very desirable to continue a dialogue with all public and governmental authorities concerned with sports activities with a view to mutual cooperation and the solution of common problems, it is premature to contemplate the creation of any supreme body to represent world sport at this stage. Further study is required;

c) fears that the Statement may be erroneously construed as inferring the establishment of such a controlling body;

d) supports the expressions of the Tripartite Commission concerning the existing and respective roles of the IOC and the NOCs."

Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, expressed his great satisfaction with the work performed by the General Assembly of NOCs and was applauded at length by all present.

Marcello Garroni
The European National Olympic Committees

The 9th General Assembly of the European National Olympic Committees (ENOCs) will take place on 17th and 18th June 1978 at Sofia (BUL). Accommodation and the meeting rooms are located at Moscow Parkhotel, situated in the magnificent Freedom Park close to various sports grounds, and tennis courts in particular. Those interested take note!

The meeting programme has been established as follows:

16th June
Arrival of the Executive Committee delegates at 18 h.

17th June
Official opening at 9 h.

The meeting of the General Assembly will start at 10.30 h. In the evening, around 19 h, we will be visiting the famous Alexander Newsky Cathedral and its crypt which contains a collection of icons. We will be privileged to attend a concert of mediaeval music-Bulgarian-Slav religious chants performed by the Kouzouzel Choir. At 21 h, Mr. Trendafil Martinski, President of the Bulgarian Physical Culture and Sports Union, will receive us at the traditional Vodenitcharski Mekhani Restaurant (The windmill).

18th June
General Assembly at 9 h. Press conference at 18 h. Ballet performance of “Romeo and Juliet” at 19 h by the Malyi Theatre Company of Leningrad. General Vladimir Stoytchev, IOC member in Bulgaria, will be our host in the Sofia Grand Hotel at 21 h.

19th June
Excursion to Rila Monastery.

The ladies’ programme provides for a visit to the town of Plovdiv and a shopping expedition in Sofia. Those delegates who would like to make other excursions are requested to contact the Bulgarian Olympic Committee. Our Bulgarian friends are available for all information and reservations.

As was the case in Vaduz, we hope that we will once again be registering just about all the NOCs.

I look forward to seeing you in Sofia.

Jean Weymann
Secretary General

The Central American Sports Organisation (ORDECA)

- New Executive Committee of the ORDECA:
  - PT: Col. José Larios Guerra (SAL);
  - VPT: Col. Rodrigo Garcia (PAN);
  - SG: Lic. Manuel de J. Rivas (SAL);
  - T: Mrs. Ingrid Keller (GUA);
  - Ms: Messrs. Rafael Barquero (CRC) and Federico Fortin (HON).

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- The city of Managua (NIC) will be organising the 3rd Central American Games in 1981. The first of these Games was held in Guatemala and the second in San Salvador last year.

International Sports Press Association (AIPS)

1978: AIPS Mini-Congress

The delegates of the International Sports Press Association will be taking part in various meetings between 11th and 14th May at San Teresa di Gallura in Sardinia. A full meeting is scheduled on the morning of 12th May, with working groups divided by continent getting together at the end of the afternoon.

The agenda of the Executive Committee meeting on 13th May is as follows:

1. Minutes of the meeting in Istanbul.
2. AIPS cards.
3. AIPS delegates.
4. Statutes.
5. Continental sections.
7. Contacts with the OCOGs and other bodies.
8. Prizes, competitions, trophies.
10. Other business.

International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS)

- The 1978 FIMS Congress has been convened at Brasilia (BRA) from 7th to 22nd September.