Memorandum of Understanding between the
International Olympic Committee (IOC)
and the
International World Games Association (IWGA)

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International World Games Association (IWGA) share the same value of promoting physical and sporting activities for the well-being of society.

The IOC recognises the importance of the World Games as a multi-sport event and agrees to support the IWGA and provide assistance based on the following principles:

The IOC will provide its expertise when needed and will maintain its cooperation with the IWGA through its Department of Sports, Olympic Games Coordination and Relations with International Federations, and will help to promote IWGA’s activities within the Olympic Movement.

The IOC agrees to grant its patronage to Organising Committees of the World Games and to provide technical assistance through the transfer of knowledge programme.

The IWGA recognises the importance for athletes and officials in all sports to participate as a national multi-sport delegation at the World Games, and will therefore implement this new concept in future World Games.

The IOC will encourage the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to support and assist their national multi-sport delegations taking part in the World Games.

The IWGA is willing to review and further develop the sports programme of the World Games with the help and input of the IOC.

The IWGA accepts that disciplines/events of sports that are not on the Olympic Games programme could be included on the programme of the World Games.

The IWGA shall ensure that only sports whose International Sports Federations are recognised by the IOC (ASOIF, AIOWF, ARISF), or are full members of GAISF, or are existing members of the IWGA, will be included in the World Games programme.

The IWGA shall continue to develop a close working relationship with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

The IOC also agrees to grant funding to the Organising Committees of the World Games for doping control, according to the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code.

Done in Monaco on this 27th day of October 2000, in two originals in the English language.

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