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**S T A T U T E S  
Of THE GEORGIAN NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE-UNION  
(New edition)**

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### **Foreword**

Georgian National Olympic Committee (GNOC) was established on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1989 at the Conference convened in Tbilisi, Palace of Chess. The meeting approved the Statutes and text of Declaration. Mrs. Nona Gaprindashvili was elected as President of the NOC.

On 23 September 1993, 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Olympic Committee organized in Monaco recognized GNOC as its full and plenipotentiary member.

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## **STATUTES**

### **Of the Georgian National Olympic Committee (GNOC)-UNION**

#### **1. General Provisions**

Georgian National Olympic Committee (GNOC) – Union hereinafter referred to as GNOC, represents a voluntary public organization of unlimited duration aimed at promoting development of the Olympic Movement and sport in Georgia.

Georgian National Olympic Committee guides in its activities with the Constitution of Georgia, legislation in force, norms of the International Justice, the Olympic Charter, International Sport Federations (IFs) and current Statutes in close co-operation with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Association of the National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the European Olympic Committees (EOC).

Georgian National Olympic Movement is the composite part of the International Olympic Movement and takes responsibility to protect the provisions of the Olympic Charter and carry out decisions taken by the International Olympic Committee.

Bearing in mind its mission and role, at the national level GNOC takes active part to promote peace, support initiatives for women's mass involvement in sport, protect and reinforce sport ethic, approve and implement requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code, fight against any form of racism and pay proper attention to the issues of environmental protection.

GNOC recognizes the highest power of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and supremacy of the Olympic Charter.

GNOC jurisdiction and authority covers entire territory of Georgia and within the framework of its goals operates inside and outside of the country.

GNOC has its symbols (flag, Emblem, lapel pin, anthem), round seal, separate balance, property, banking accounts in the national and foreign currency.

GNOC is an independent organization from the state authorities, local governing and self-governing bodies, political parties and public organizations co-operating with them subject to the agreement.

*GNOC is authorized:*

- To purchase in its name property and non-property rights, sign agreements, establish based on the determined rule organizations, branches (representations) both in Georgia and abroad having the right to possess, use and administer its shares pursuant to the Georgian legislation and defined goals being authorized to act as a plaintiff and defendant at the Court and Arbitration.
- To conclude any dealing according to the defined rule both in Georgia and abroad, including contracts on foreign trade and other legal acts signed with the Georgian and foreign associations, enterprises, organizations and companies.

- To establish enterprises, institutions, commercial organizations, attract investments including foreign investments which will promote implementation of the GNOC goals, tasks and rights.
- To organize lotteries, auctions, cultural, sport and other events. GNOC has the exclusive right to carry out advertising and sponsorship activities on the Georgian National Olympic team, Georgian Olympic delegations and its separate members, ensure with the texts and images formation of the advertising activity and its exploitation.

Subject to the rules of the Olympic Charter and as mentioned under Paragraph XII of these Statutes, GNOC may use on the territory of Georgia the Olympic emblem, symbol, flag, slogan and terms (“Olympic”, Olympi”, etc.)

GNOC has the exclusive advertising rights including TV coverage, on all the events organized on the territory of Georgia by the National Olympic Committee or with its aegis.

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## II. GNOC Mission and Role

1. Mission of the Georgian NOC is to promote, support and protect the Olympic Movement in Georgia pursuant to the Olympic Charter.

### 2. Role of Georgian NOC

2.1 to propagate fundamental principles and values of Olympism in Georgia in the field of sport and education through implementation of Olympic educational programs at all levels- schools, institutes, and universities. To encourage also creation of such institutions, which will be specialized on Olympic education, for instance National Olympic Academy, Olympic Museum, and carry out other programs (inclusive cultural) associated with the Olympic movement;

2.2. GNOC provides full support for promotion of high sport performances countrywide, mass involvement of population in “Sport for All” activities and contributes to the preparation of sport personnel;

2.3. GNOC has special task to ensure exclusive protection of the Olympic Charter in the country;

2.4. to support development of top performance sport and Sport for All;

2.5. to ensure training of sport specialists (coaches, judges, administrators) through organization of seminars, courses, trainings thus encouraging promotion of fundamental principles of Olympism;

2.6. to take measures against any kind of discrimination and violence in sport;

2.7. to carry out relevant activities to fight against using of substances and procedures prohibited by the International Olympic Committee and International Sport Federations and to **adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code, thereby ensuring that the GNOC’s anti-doping policies and rules, membership and-or funding requirements and results management procedures conform with the World Anti-Doping Code and respect all the roles and responsibilities for NOCs that are listed within the World Anti-Doping Code”.**

3. GNOC has exclusive authority to determine, prepare, organize and administer its delegation at the Olympic Games as well as at the regional, continental and world multi-

- sport competitions held with the patronage or aegis of the IOC and the European Olympic Committees. Moreover, the GNOC is obliged to participate in the Games of the Olympiad by sending athletes.”
4. GNOC is authorized to nominate a city which can submit application for preparation and organization of the sport competitions in Georgia with the aegis and patronage of the IOC and the EOC.
  5. GNOC provides equipment (in agreement with the delegation members), makes travel and accommodation arrangements and signs insurance against all kinds of accidents (death, illness, medical, pharmaceutical expenses) and takes civil responsibility against the third parties. GNOC is responsible for behavior of its delegation members.
  6. GNOC has a sole and exclusive authority to take decision and define clothing and uniform to be worn by its delegation members at the Olympic Games, any sport competitions related to the Games and ceremonies. This exclusive right does not apply to the sport specific uniform worn by athletes during competitions.
  7. With the purpose of popularization of the Olympic Movement in association with the interested organizations GNOC annually organizes Olympic weeks and other sport events, which are composite part of the mass runs dedicated to the International Olympic Day and Olympic Day of Georgia.
  8. GNOC submits its candidate for inclusion into the composition of the International Olympic Committee or IOC Commissions.
  9. GNOC encourages propagation of culture and art in the field of sport and Olympism and participates in the Olympic Solidarity programs.
  10. GNOC shares its views with the IOC on the Olympic Charter, Olympic Games, its preparation and organization as well as other issues of the Olympic movement.
  11. Georgian NOC supports establishment of co-operation with the International Olympic Committee, European Olympic Committees, Olympic Solidarity, International Olympic Academy, Olympic museum, NOCs of other countries, their regional and continental associations, International Sport Federations and Associations.
  12. Georgian NOC makes necessary arrangements to fight against any kind of discrimination and violence in sport and Olympic movement prohibited by the IOC and the International Sport Federations (IFs).
  13. GNOC protects interests of the athletes, disabled sportsmen, coaches, judges, other sport officials and sport veterans pursuant to the determined rule.
  14. Within its capacity and competence Georgian NOC takes active part in the events planned for environmental protection and ecologic security.
  15. GNOC supports women’s extensive involvement in mass and high performance sport promoting their recruitment within the managerial structures of sport and Olympic movement.
  16. GNOC actively participates in the “Fair Play” events and ensures extensive observation of principles of sport ethics in the country.
  17. With the purpose of fulfilling its mission defined by the Olympic Charter GNOC has the right to co-operate with governmental organizations establishing with them harmonious relationship, however, it should not be related to such activity which is in contradiction with the Olympic Charter.
    - 17.1. Georgian NOC may also cooperate with the non-governmental organizations.
  18. GNOC recognizes and grants membership to the National Federations of Georgia, who are members of the IOC recognized International Sport Federations carrying out their activities in compliance with the Olympic Charter and own Statutes.
    - 18.1. GNOC recognizes only one national sport federation in each sport.
  19. During co-operation with the Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations GNOC preserves its autonomy and remains apart from any kind of political, religious and

economic impact which may hamper implementation of the Olympic Charter requirements in Georgia.

### **III. Rights of the Georgian NOC**

1. Only GNOC has exclusive right to be registered in Georgia and carry out its activities referring to itself as “Georgian National Olympic Committee”.
2. GNOC has the right to:
  - ensure participation of the Olympic delegation (athletes, team officials and other team personnel) in the Olympic Games in compliance with the Olympic Charter;
  - benefit from the assistance of Olympic Solidarity;
  - use certain Olympic properties as authorized by the IOC and in compliance with its Rules and BLR;
  - belong to associations of the NOCs recognized by the IOC;
  - give its opinion concerning the candidates for the organization of the Olympic Games;
  - participate, on request from the IOC, in the activities of the IOC commissions or activities organized by the IOC or its aegis, including regional games;
  - collaborate in the preparation of Olympic Congresses;
  - exercise other rights as granted to GNOC by the Olympic Charter or by the IOC;
3. GNOC receives assistance from the IOC various departments and Olympic Solidarity to fulfill its mission.
4. Apart from the measures and sanctions provided in the case of infringement of the Olympic Charter, the IOC Executive Board may take any appropriate decisions for the protection of the Olympic Movement in the country of an NOC, including suspension of or withdrawal of recognition from such NOC if the constitution, law or other regulations in force in the country concerned, or any act by any governmental or other body causes the activity of the NOC or the making or expression of its will to be hampered.
5. Country government collaborates with the GNOC only subject to the agreement in any form determined by the law, unless such cooperation directly or indirectly contradicts regulations of the Olympic Charter and GNOC activities and aims, as specified in this Statute.

### **IV. GNOC Members**

1. GNOC member may become any legal person of Georgia as well as physical person who recognize the Olympic Charter, current Statutes and make special contribution to the development of high performance sport and Olympism.

Recommendation on admission to GNOC membership is submitted by the National Sport Federations, GNOC regional organizations, associations or other sport organizations recognized by the GNOC.

GNOC President, Executive Board member are authorized to submit (at the EB meeting, session) a candidate to GNOC membership.

- 1.1. After realization of the procedures envisaged by the current Statutes Georgian NOC members may become:

- All National Sport Federations recognized by the International Federation concerned and their sports included in the program of the Olympic Games;
- Member of the International Olympic Committee in Georgia (if applicable) who represents the IOC is considered as member of the GNOC and its Executive Board

having the right to vote at the GNOC General assembly and its executive Board Meetings;

- Members of the IOC and EOC Sport Commissions (if applicable);
- All Olympic champions who are citizens of Georgia;
- Georgian Olympians Association;
- Georgian Olympians Club;
- GNOC Athletes Commission;
- GNOC Regional Organizations;
- National Olympic Academy;
- Olympic Museum;
- Georgian Sports Writers Association;
- Association of Olympic Philately;
- Georgian Paralympic Committee;
- Georgian Anti Doping Association;
- National Sports Medicine Association;
- "Sport For All" Movement;
- GNOC Honorary Presidents, honor members elected for life;
- Physical and legal persons with special contribution to the Georgian Olympic Movement (with the proposal of GNOC President/Executive Board member);
- GNOC Executive Board members;
- Non Olympic Federations (associations) of Traditional Sports in Georgia having special contribution to the development of sport, its popularization, reinforcement and extension of the Olympic ideals in the country;
- With the proposal of GNOC President and consent of the Executive Board, the decision on withdrawal or inclusion of the individuals in the list shall be approved by the next General Assembly.

2. The Government or any other state body may not appoint any member of the Georgian NOC. However, GNOC is authorized (with the candidate's consent) to take a decision at its discretion on admission of the representative from the state body into its membership.

3. GNOC Member may become:

At least two active athletes, one male and one female selected from the NOC Athletes' Commission having the right to vote within the general assembly and having taken part in the Olympic Games.

One representative from those National Federations sports of which are not included in the program of the Olympic Games, but they are members of the International Federations concerned recognized by the IOC.

4. GNOC member may also become 1 representative from each National Federation of traditional fundamental sports for Georgia.

5. Government or any other state body shall not designate any members of the GNOC. However, GNOC may decide, at its discretion, to elect representatives of such authorities as a member.

6. The voting majority of GNOC and of its executive body shall consist of the votes cast by the national Olympic sport federations as referred to in paragraph IV article 2.1 above. When dealing with questions relating to the Olympic Games, only the votes cast by the GNOC Executive Board members and National Olympic Sports Federations are taken into consideration.

7. Pursuant to the Olympic Charter IOC member in Georgia representing the IOC is considered as member of GNOC and its Executive Board having the right to vote at the GNOC general assemblies and Executive Board meetings.
8. GNOC members shall not be personally responsible for the debts, liabilities, obligations, etc. unless they are at fault.
9. GNOC members fulfill their functions on a voluntary basis, exclusive administrative staff employees.
10. Decision on admission to membership and suspension of member's rights is taken by the Session (General Assembly)

## **V. GNOC Membership and Withdrawal**

1. Affiliation of the legal and physical persons specified in Paragraph IV of the current Statutes and withdrawal from membership is voluntary.
2. A person wishing to become a member will submit in person to the GNOC Executive Board relevant application within 5 (five) calendar days before convocation of the Executive board meeting.
3. The issue on admission to the GNOC membership is reviewed subject to the following rule: After receiving relevant application GNOC President (Executive Board member) is authorized to submit the proposal for approval or withdrawal to the GNOC executive Board. The Executive Board is responsible to take decision on admission or withdrawal of the application in full observation of the Olympic Charter and relevant procedures envisaged by the current Statutes. Decision of the GNOC Executive Board is submitted for final approval to the next Session (General assembly).
4. Admission to the GNOC membership, suspension or termination of member's rights is decided by the Executive Board meeting to be approved later by the next Session (General assembly).

## **VI. GNOC Members Liabilities**

1. Georgian NOC ensures and guarantees with the current Statutes following rights of the member:
  - to represent GNOC members interests and organizations;
  - to elect or be elected to all the NOC elective positions;
  - to submit proposals and take active part in the decision making processes, execution of resolutions, preparation and organization of joint events;

to receive information on GNOC activity and get actively involved in the work of GNOC elective bodies;

to participate with the request of GNOC Executive Board in the meetings, conferences and congresses organized by the IOC and international sport associations. The member is also authorized to get acquainted with the work of national sport federations and their representatives at the International Federations;

to apply GNOC Executive Board with the proposal as per defined rule and submit proposals on the strategic and important issues for their review at the Session.

to leave GNOC membership;

to take part in the activities of the Georgian NOC commissions and federations recognized by GNOC.

2. GNOC members are responsible:

to observe and fulfill GNOC Statutes;

to protect the Olympic Charter and require the same from other members;

to consider and identify recommendations of GNOC managerial bodies in their activities;

to prevent and fight against any action harmful for GNOC and its member organizations;

to promote popularization of the principles of Olympic Movement and ensure their observation;

to fulfill properly and in the defined term all the responsibilities assigned by GNOC;

to protect and support GNOC autonomy within the IOC jurisdiction;

Member organization is responsible to inform GNOC on any modifications and addendums introduced to the own Statutes as well as resolutions adopted on key issues concerning modifications in the administrative organs and other important points;

to submit statistic reports and results to the GNOC in compliance with the defined forms and terms;

to benefit from other rights granted to them by the Olympic Charter and the IOC;

GNOC members, except administrative employees, do not take reimbursement or any bonus in compensation of their work.

3. GNOC Member loses his status when:

- organization is liquidated

- member changes citizenship or is called back with the request of organization, which recommended him as GNOC member (except honorary member, if any);

- member resigns.

4. GNOC member's responsibility:

**GNOC member may be ceased his membership with the decision of simple majority of the Executive Board members until the next Session, if:**

- the member violates requirements set up in the Olympic Charter and current Statutes or commits any misconduct incompliant to the GNOC membership;

- does not attend GNOC sessions during two years (except honorary members);

- fails to fulfill assigned responsibility.

**However, final decision on cessation of membership is finally approved by the NOC Session and the member is entitled to be heard before such decision is taken by the Session.**

5. After the long term and effective work at the GNOC the retired person may be elected with recommendation of the Executive Board as GNOC Honorary President, honorary member or honour member.

5.1. The above status is effective for life, unless the case concerns situation outlined in paragraph 4.1.

5.2.

- Honorary President;

- Honorary Members;

- Honour Members

are invited by NOC President to the events organized by the Georgian NOC and they attend proceedings of the sessions and executive board meetings.

5.3. They do not have right to vote but may offer consultations with President's request.

5.4. Honorary President benefits from the right of discussions at the Sessions and Executive Board meetings and is authorized to offer them his/her advice or recommendation.

## **VII. GNOC Governing Bodies**

1. Georgian NOC Regional Olympic Committees (GNOC branches) are established with the purpose of accomplishing statutory goals and ensuring close collaboration with the NOC.
2. President creates permanent or other regular, special commissions and work groups when necessary to provide consultations to the GNOC Executive Board and President.
3. GNOC Governing bodies are:
  - the Session (general meeting);
  - the Executive Board.

## **VIII. The Session (General Meeting)**

1. The Session is the GNOC general meeting. It is the supreme organ of the NOC. The Session is convened by the Executive Board at least once a year. **GNOC shall, in particular, include on the agenda of its Session the presentation of annual reports and audited financial statements and as the case may be, the election of officers and members of the executive body. The officers and members of the GNOC Executive Board shall be elected in accordance with these Statutes, for a term of office not exceeding four years; they may be eligible for re-election;**
  - 1.1. NOC Elective-Reporting Session **must** be convened once every four years after completion of the Summer Olympic Games, in the first decade of October.
  - 1.2. **Extraordinary elections may be organized with the Executive Board decision in case of necessary motivation.**
  2. **Convocation of the Extraordinary Session is possible with the written request of the NOC President if this is approved by the majority of the EB members or by the initiative of ¼ of the members of the General Assembly.**
  3. The date and agenda of the Elective-Reporting Session is announced by mass media sources at least 30 days before the event.
    - 3.1. Prior to each Elective -Reporting session GNOC Executive Board defines relevant quotas of attending organizations defined subject to Paragraph IV of the GNOC Statutes. These organizations submit their delegates to the Session with the decision of the highest electoral body (Session, Executive Board).
    - 3.2. **The necessary quorum for the Session is simple majority of the GNOC voting members present (50%+1)**
  4. Subject to article 2 of the current paragraph Extraordinary Session excluding Elective Session, is convoked at least 15 days before opening of the Session.
  5. GNOC Executive Board is responsible to prepare and organize the Sessions
  6. Official invitation to the Session is subject to President's decision.
  7. The President, or, in case of the latter's absence or incapacity, the attending First Vice President, or in the latter's absence or incapacity, the attending Vice President, who is senior in the office, chairs the Session.

8. President establishes the regulations for organization of all Sessions, except for the election of President.

The regulations for the election of President are established by the Executive Board with the President's request.

9. Any matter of procedure concerning the Sessions and votes, which are not covered by the Olympic Charter or in the present Statutes are determined with the President's request by the NOC Executive Board or the Session.
10. Minutes of the Sessions and other proceedings are established under the authority of the President.
11. The quorum required for a Session is half the total voting membership of the GNOC plus one. Decisions of the Session are taken by simple majority of the votes cast, except other circumstances envisaged by the law.
  - 11.1. Introduction of the modification into the GNOC Statutes requires approval by two-thirds of the votes cast.
12. Each delegate has one vote. Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority. The Session is authorized to work if majority of the attending delegates represent national Olympic sport federations which for their part are members of the IFs concerned. **Voting may be held by open or secret ballot as the case may be. In case of elections of officers and members, voting shall be held by secret ballot.**
  - 12.1. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
  - 12.2. In the event of a tie, the decision is taken by the Chairman.
13. With the decision of two-thirds of the attending members the Session may delegate its certain powers to the Executive Board.
14. Any decision of the Session, except for the introduction of modifications to the Statutes, becomes immediately effective, unless the Session takes different decision.
  - 14.1. The issue not entered in the agenda of the Session may be discussed with the request of attending majority (50%+1).
15. During the Session is established Minutes signed by the Chairman and the Secretary.
- 16. The powers of the Session are the following:**
  - 16.1. Both Ordinary and Extraordinary Sessions are authorized to adopt and amend the GNOC Statutes;
  - 16.2. To hear and approve annual reports and accounts;
  - 16.3. To determine major directions of the GNOC activities;
  - 16.4. To hear the issues on the development of the Olympic movement and participation in the International Olympic Movement;
  - 16.5. To take decisions on preparation for the Olympic Games and participation in this event;
  - 16.6. To decide on GNOC liquidation and reorganization and to approve liquidation committee;
  - 16.7. To elect the GNOC members from state structures; for instance such member may be governmental representative;
  - 16.8. To review and approve status of GNOC honorary president, honorary members and honour members.
  - 16.9. To hear and evaluate submitted financial report and auditor's resolution;
  - 16.10. To take decision on awarding or withdrawal of recognition to or from the National Sport Federations, Associations and other organizations;
  - 16.11. To expel GNOC members and to withdraw the status of honorary president, honorary members and honour members;
  - 16.12. To decide rules, conditions and forms on presenting GNOC awards;
  - 16.13. To decide upon all other matters assigned to it by the law and by the Olympic Charter.

## **IX. GNOC Executive Board**

1. Administrative functions between the Sessions are accomplished by the GNOC Executive Board elected by the Elective-Reporting Session.
2. GNOC Executive Board consists of 17 members: the President, First Vice President, two Vice Presidents, the Secretary General and twelve other members personal list of these persons who should be members of this Session is submitted by the President and approved by the Session.
3. GNOC member not attending the Session may be nominated as a candidate to the Executive Board if the letter has written consent from such member.
4. The duration of the terms of office of EB members lasts till the next Elective Session, but only for a maximum of two successive terms (8 years).
5. Due to specific reason in case of necessity to withdraw or change Executive Board member (members), it is possible to elect new members until the next Session and review their candidatures at the Executive Board meeting. However, later they are submitted for approval to the NOC Session.
6. If the issue of withdrawal or change of EB member is supported by majority of the Session separate members may be replaced with the new one subject to final ratification by the NOC Session.
7. Majority of the EB must be represented by national Olympic sports federations, who are affiliated in the IFs concerned.
8. Executive Board meets with the President's request at least once in 6 months (extraordinary meeting is scheduled with the request of President or half of the EB members).
9. The agenda of the EB meeting is sent to each member in the written form, by e-mail or other sources of communication at least 10 days before the meeting.
10. EB meeting is chaired by the President or in his absence or incapacity by the attending First Vice President or in the latter's absence or incapacity, by the Vice President, who is senior in the office.
11. The Executive Board is authorized to work if majority of its members are present.
12. Decisions of the EB are taken by a majority of the votes cast.
13. Each member has one vote.
14. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
15. Voting is held by open ballot, or secret ballot, if so required by more than half of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall decide.
16. Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration.
17. The President is responsible for the organization and preparation of all GNOC Executive Board meetings. He may delegate part of his powers to the First Vice President, the Vice President or the Secretary General.
18. Any matter of procedure concerning EB meeting which is not covered by the Olympic Charter is determined by the President.
19. GNOC President may hold EB meetings in the form of TV-audio conference or a survey.
20. GNOC President in his daily activities guides with the GNOC Statutes and decisions taken by the Session.
21. Minutes of all the EB meetings and other procedures are established under the authority of the President approved by his signature or by the signature of the person who is fulfilling President's duties.
22. In addition to the above mentioned duties of the Executive Board, **the letter also takes decisions on the following issues with the simple majority of the votes cast.**  
Implementation of the GNOC Statutes and fulfillment of the decisions taken by the Session;  
GNOC general administrative, technical and operational management pursuant to the budget approved by the Session;

- GNOC Session agenda;
- Recognition of the sport federations, societies and associations;
- Invitation of the auditor and his report;
- Persons to be affiliated to the GNOC subject to final ratification by the NOC Session;
- Persons to be retired or expelled from the Georgian NOC subject to final ratification by the NOC Session;
- Current and future plans of the Georgian NOC, drafting the program and ensuring its implementation;
- GNOC executive Board takes decision on property administration and management as well as on obtaining financial recourses and their appropriate use.
- Takes decisions on property management and financial sources;
- Creation of reserve, charity and other funds from GNOC revenues;
- Preparation of annual GNOC report;
- Preparation of GNOC annual report on revenues and expenditures;
23. approves the list of GNOC financial and administrative activities and establishes control on their fulfillment;
  24. In case of violation of the current Statutes by the GNOC members Executive Board studies the issue and reacts preparing proposals upon them for execution of special measures.
  25. In association with the Georgian national sport federations and other sport structures reviews and approves plans for preparation of the team for the Olympic Games and ensures further control on their fulfillment and establishes major regulations related to funding, approving composition of the teams for the Olympic Games and other competitions organized with the IOC patronage.
  26. Resolves all disputable questions raised from the GNOC members;
  27. Creates and approves GNOC structural sub-divisions (or branches) and sport commissions on the territory of Georgia;
  28. Reviews and reacts on the decisions received from the GNOC Commissions and boards;
  29. Executive Board reviews within at least a month's period messages and incoming correspondence (except those issues where the term is determined differently)
  30. With the purpose of establishing co-operation with the Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games Executive Board may appoint its representative (Attaché) and create Liaison Commission with the OCOG.

## **X. Election of the GNOC President**

1. GNOC President may become a citizen of Georgia at birth, who lived in Georgia at least 10 years and lives in Georgia at the period of elections. GNOC President is elected by secret ballot.
2. Candidature to the post of GNOC President may be nominated by the GNOC Executive Board, National Olympic Sports Federations, and Georgian Olympians Association-Union through their electoral administrative bodies and National Confederation of Olympic Sports (if any).
3. Relevant application form on the candidate to the post of GNOC President must be sent to the Georgian National Olympic Committee at least one (1) month prior to the Electoral-Reporting Session.

The Session elects, by secret ballot, a President from among its members for a term of four years. The term of their presidency may be subject to renewal with the approval of the NOC Session. Candidate to the post of President is responsible to submit a week before the Session to

the GNOC Executive Board and inform the society on the names of the First Vice President, Vice Presidents and the Secretary General.

4. GNOC President elected at the Elective-Reporting Session submits his proposals to the participants on the personal composition of the GNOC Executive Board which is subject to final approval by the NOC Session.
5. The Minutes on the GNOC Reporting Session, organized elections and renewal of the Executive Board members shall be sent to the International Olympic Committee. All the documents must be approved by the GNOC President and the Secretary General.

#### **6. The President:**

- the President represents Georgian NOC, governs all the activities and acts for NOC in relation with the third parties;
- takes responsibility on execution of functions and tasks assigned to the GNOC;
- manages staff issues;
- administers activities of the Olympic Committee personnel;
- conducts international relations;
- signs agreements and acts on behalf of the NOC both inside the country and abroad;
- coordinates relations with sponsors;
- takes responsibility on preparation of all GNOC EB meetings and chairs these meetings;
- studies and takes decisions on business trips of sport delegations, EB and staff members;
- is authorized to take a decision on utilization, administration and reallocation of the aids, grants and other special funds received from the IOC and other international or local organizations;
- is entitled in agreement with the GNOC Executive Board to take a credit at any bank (credit) institution, take use of any product (credit) and resolve necessary issues connected with these procedures;
- is authorized to reallocate revenues gained from publications and licensing rights for usage of GNOC Emblem;
- acts on behalf of the GNOC and takes decisions, if circumstances do not allow to resolve such issues urgently by the Session or Executive Board;
- approves GNOC staff, organizes signing labor contracts with them, decides on appointment, amount of salary and dismissal of the personnel;
- takes decisions in agreement with the EB on governance of GNOC property assets and approval of bonus fund;
- submits to the Executive Board candidacy to the Heads of Olympic delegations or Chef de Missions;
- studies and approves with the interested organizations and persons composition of the Olympic delegation;
- determines functions among the Vice Presidents, the Secretary General and Executive Board members. He may delegate his power, at his discretion, to the First Vice President or other EB members.

#### **7. First Vice President**

- replaces for the interim the President in case of his absence and fulfills his functions;
- **coordinates**: implementation of the quadrennial program of the IOC Olympic Solidarity defined for the NOCs;
- fulfillment of the EB decisions;
- Activities of the GNOC regional sub-divisions(branches);
- Represents GNOC at the international sport organizations and events;
- Reviews and submits to the President social, disciplinary and motivating issues of the staff;

- Runs preparation of the GNOC Action Plan and controls its implementation;
- In agreement with the President coordinates issues of international relations;

#### **8. Vice President:**

- represents GNOC with the request of President in the absence of President and First Vice President;
- ensures daily coordination on:
  - a) the activities of Sport Directorate;
  - b) preparation of the athletes for the Olympic Games, European and World Championships, Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Festivals;
  - c) improvement of athletes' and coaches' social conditions and their financial motivation;
- accomplishes control on high organizational and sport management of the trainings, sport practices and competitions;
- coordinates athletes' medical service and anti-doping issues, actively co-operates with the Sport Medicine Association and Anti-Doping Agency;
- participates in preparation of the calendar plan for sport competitions and establishes control over its fulfillment.

#### **9. Vice President:**

- represents GNOC with the request of President in the absence of President and First Vice President;
- manages promotion of Olympism in the country;
- coordinates NOC relations with mass media sources;
- prepares press conferences and the meetings;
- manages organization of Olympic weeks, art and literature contests and decades on Olympic thematic, organization of mass runs dedicated to the Olympic Day;
- coordinates operation of the NOC website;
- supports development of the Olympic museum and library;

#### **10. Secretary General:**

- represents GNOC with the request of the President in concrete situations;
- coordinates NOC relations with other organizations;
- takes active part in drafting NOC agreements signed with other organizations and controls fulfillment of GNOC duties within the framework of these agreements;
- takes active part in implementation of acts, resolutions and decisions taken by the NOC;
- prepares Executive Board meetings with the First Vice President;
- in association with the Vice Presidents coordinates the issues on improvement of athletes' and coaches' social conditions.

### **XI. GNOC Resources:**

#### **1. GNOC sources of funding are as follows:**

- Special state subsidy;
- Donations from the state and public organizations, banks, companies, associations, funds, sponsors, societies as well as separate persons granted in the national or foreign currency, which were considered appropriate by GNOC to accept.

- Property given through presentment or by will;
  - Revenues from the publication activities and license given for usage of GNOC Emblem;
  - Revenue obtained from the commercial activity authorized by the Georgian legislation, which does not contradict to the Olympic Charter and GNOC Statutes;
  - Subsidies and grants received from the IOC and other international organizations; GNOC is entitled to allocate IOC special funds and grants;
2. GNOC President is authorized to administer NOC funds.
  3. Fund raising and property collection for the Georgian NOC and administration of these recourses must be accomplished through observation of GNOC dignity and preservation of its independence from the state or other commercial organization.

## **XII. Responsibilities of the Georgian NOC**

1. GNOC is responsible before the International Olympic Committee to protect in Georgia provisions of the Olympic Charter with regard to the Olympic symbol, flag, motto and anthem as well as usage of terms “Olympic” and “Olympiad”.
2. Within the framework of its activities GNOC may use Olympic symbol, flag, motto and anthem which will not be aimed at collection of revenues and which promotes development of the Olympic movement through preservation of its dignity provided that relevant preliminary consent from the IOC Executive Board is given on such exploitation of any of its rights.

## **XIII. GNOC Symbols**

1. If necessary, GNOC may apply to the IOC for support in order to protect the Olympic flag, symbol, flame and motto or to resolve specific disputable issue with the third party.
2. GNOC has its own emblem, design of which is prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Olympic Charter. GNOC emblem must be approved by the IOC.
3. GNOC uses the state flag of Georgia and the anthem at the Olympic Games, continental or regional competitions and other events organized with the aegis of the IOC and GNOC.
4. GNOC may use own flag and anthem in its activities.

## **XIV. Rule for Usage of Symbols**

1. With regard to usage of its own emblem with commercial purposes GNOC takes the following responsibilities before the IOC:
  - not to use the emblem for advertising any alcoholic drinks and tobacco products;
  - submit to the International Olympic Committee for approval any text or item with the IOC emblem;
  - Usage of the GNOC emblem shall not harm prestige of the Olympic movement;
  - If so required by the IOC, Georgian NOC agrees to submit any signed agreement.

## **XV. Resolution of Disputes**

Any disputes when they arise will be solved by the GNOC Legal Commission.

If the dispute can not be solved by Legal Commission Georgian NOC may submit it exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The time-limit for appeal is twenty-one days after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal.

#### **XVI. Structural Subdivisions**

1. Operation of the GNOC structural subdivisions (branches) is governed with the regulation approved by the GNOC Executive Board in compliance with the decisions taken by the board of representatives of GNOC Regional Sub-divisions (branches).

#### **XVII. Definitions on the GNOC Statutes**

1. The statutes of the GNOC shall, at all times, comply with the Olympic Charter to which they must refer expressly.
2. If there is any doubt as to the signification or interpretation of the statutes of the GNOC or if there is a contradiction between such statutes and the Olympic Charter, the latter takes precedence.
3. GNOC Statutes is sent for review and approval to the International Olympic Committee. In case of any further modifications introduced to the approved Statutes the document shall be repeatedly submitted for approval to the International Olympic Committee.

#### **XVIII. GNOC Legal Address**

1. Georgian NOC headquarters is located at #2, Dolidze street, Tbilisi 0171 Georgia.

#### **XIX. Termination of GNOC Activities**

Georgian NOC Session terminates its activity with the support of at least 2/3 of the GNOC members. In case of taking decision on GNOC liquidation the Session appoints liquidation committee and approves procedural rules of its operation.

In the name of GNOC  
and Executive Board members

President  
G. Natsvlshvili