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MINUTES:

of the COMOF General Assembly Meeting held in hybrid format, both online and at the Serbian Orienteering Federation Office in Belgrade, on Saturday, 28 March 2026, from 18:00 to 19:30 CET.

ATTENDEE:

Zoran Milovanovic - President, Jose Angel Nieto Poblete - Senior Vice President, Dudu Erol - Vice President, Pavlos Georgiades - Cyprus Delegate, Rade Goljovic - President Serbia O Federation, Loubna Boufraquech - Morocco Guest, Diana Malaeb - Lebanon Delegate, Abdelrahman Ismail -Egypt Delegate, Tomislav Kaniski – Croatia Delegate, Andreas Theofylaktou – Cyprus Guest

GRATITUDE:

The COMOF Council would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Serbian Federation for their valuable collaboration and support in the realization of the General Assembly at the Federation's headquarters.

AGENDA:

President opened and welcomed all, and put the proposed agenda for voting. Agenda accepted and then the meeting continued with the agenda items.

First, President introduced the agenda of the General Assembly meeting. The agenda included the opening and roll call of delegates, the activity report for the period 2022–2026, and an explanation regarding Algeria's withdrawal from organizing MCO 2026. It also covered the draft activity plan and strategic directions for 2026–2031, the budget plan for 2026, membership statuses and fee payments, the elections for the COMOF Council for the period 2026–2030, the report from the Turkish Orienteering Federation on the preparations for MCO 2027 in Türkiye, the decision on the appointment of the organizers of MCO 2028, as well as other business.

After introducing the agenda, president Zoran go on with the activity report from 2022–2026. During the activity report, the President stated that, throughout the period, efforts had been made to give more opportunities to new countries and to encourage them to

volunteer in terms of organizing events. However, the process showed that countries such as Egypt and Algeria still need more time. He noted that, although a foundation had been laid to expand COMOF membership and increase the number of organized events as originally intended, further effort would still be required to achieve these goals.

He then referred to the cancellations by Egypt and Algeria, while emphasizing that COMOF would continue to provide its support and encourage the inclusion of new countries. He further underlined that, with the recognition and support of regional competitions by the IOF, it would be possible to increase the number of events organized under the IOF umbrella. He also stated that the Olympic goals should continue to be pursued in the new term. Finally, he expressed his gratitude to all Council members and opened the agenda item for discussion.

Pavlos, the new Council member from Cyprus, shared his experience within the Olympic Committee and presented several recommendations regarding the objective of including orienteering in the Mediterranean Games. He emphasized the importance of maintaining closer communication with members of the Olympic community and suggested inviting them to MCO events and competitions.

Zoran reiterated the importance of the signed memorandum and recommended that the new administration continue taking the necessary steps to ensure the completion of the process.

Under the next agenda item, the cancellation of the Algeria MCO 2026 event was summarized by Dudu. The floor was then opened for discussion. Diana asked whether a delegate from Algeria would continue to be involved in the process. As no further comments were raised, the agenda item was closed.

Proceeding to the following agenda item, Zoran presented a summary of the draft Strategic Direction 2026–2031. He highlighted the missing elements and outlined the revisions that had already been made. He further recommended that the new Council complete the missing activity plans for the 2027 period. In addition, he underlined the need for new activity plans and stressed the importance of establishing new forms of cooperation in order to further strengthen the Strategic Direction. The agenda item was subsequently opened for discussion; however, as no comments or requests for the floor were made, it was closed.

Under the next agenda item, Zoran presented the Budget Plan and provided information on the current financial situation. He noted that the budget had not been significantly increased during the previous term. It was therefore proposed that the same membership fee structure be maintained for 2026. It was also noted that a degree of flexibility could be provided for certain countries experiencing difficulties with payment. In addition,

Zoran underlined the importance of developing new proposals in the coming term in order to increase the budget and emphasized the value of carrying out joint projects with the IOF. The agenda item was then opened for discussion. As no differing views were expressed, the item was closed and the meeting proceeded to the next point.

Under the following agenda item, the election of the COMOF Council for the 2026–2031 term was conducted by open vote. By unanimous decision, the new Council members were elected as follows:

- Dudu Erol – President – Türkiye
- Jose Angel Nieto Poblete – Senior Vice President – Spain
- Gianluca Carbone – Vice President – Italy
- Roger Casal i Fernandez – Council Member – Spain
- Pavlos Georgiades – Council Member – Cyprus
- Mohamed Elbaathy – Council Member – Egypt
- Zoran Milovanovic – Secretary General – Serbia

Following the election, Zoran and Dudu delivered speeches. On this occasion, a plaque of appreciation was presented to Zoran in recognition of his efforts, support, and valuable contributions during his eight-year term as President from 2018 to 2026, as well as for the projects and initiatives he carried out for the development of COMOF.

Under the closing agenda item, Dudu provided information regarding the organizational process for MCO 2027.

CLOSING:

There being no further business, the meeting was officially closed.