



RESOLUTION

REFORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Adopted at the YEPP Council of Presidents
In Athens, Greece, on the 6th of the December 2014

Recognising that:

- In 1894 the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded. It has organised the Olympic Games since that time;
- The current IOC-president Tomas Bach has promised to reform the Olympic movement. He has put forward a 40-point plan to be discussed at the next important IOC meeting in December;
- The cost of the Olympic Games has increased. The winter games reached a record-high \$51 billion in Sochi, five times over original estimates;
- For the 2022 games only Almaty (Kazakhstan) and Beijing (China) are remaining as candidate-cities after Oslo (Norway), Krakow (Poland), Stockholm (Sweden), Lviv (Ukraine) and München (Germany) withdrew;
- The debate in western democracies around applying to host the winter Olympics has been dominated by criticism. Public opinion has expressed that the cost of the games is too high, and that many of the demands of the IOC to applicant cities are illegitimate;
- After the Olympic Games in London, where the costs were four times higher than estimated, the IOC had a profit of approximately 3 billion pounds;
- Every Olympic Game since 1960 has gone over estimated cost. Allison Stewart (Oxford University) has shown that no other event exceeds costs to such an extent, on average 180%.

Acknowledging that:

- The IOC is registered as a non-profit organisation in Switzerland, making it close to impossible to have transparency as to how the organisation's finances are run;
- Due to its tough demands from applicant cities, the IOC pays close to no taxes to national governments;

- The Olympic Games original values have been eroded and instead the games have become a commercial product.
- Western democracies should also have an interest in arranging the Olympic Games, both summer and winter.

YEPP calls on:

- The IOC to reform its current structures, giving the organisation increased transparency, reduced excessive spending and fewer unpopular demands from applicant cities.
- Western, democratic cities to strive to arrange the games, given popular support. The games should be arranged in as much of a sober and correct manner as possible.