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**THE NEXT ANOCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE AN ELECTIVE SESSION, AND IS SCHEDULED FOR 14 AND 15 MARCH 2025 IN ALGIERS. THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT, MUSTAPHA BERRAF, AN ASTUTE AND EXPERIENCED LEADER WITH A GLOWING TRACK RECORD, IS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# TOGETHER, LET US RISE TO THE CHALLENGES OF 2025!

**D**ear friends, we have just come to the end of a year punctuated by a number of major events, foremost amongst them the Paris Olympic Games. Africa's presence at this global event was one of the many ways in which the African Sports and Olympic Movement was able to put sport at the service of the youth of Africa. The message of these Games was unequivocal and quite promising for our youth: *"Inspiring a generation"*. In the French capital, our athletes flew the colours of the Continent with remarkable performances, thereby consolidating Africa's place on the world stage. The

growing number of disciplines in which we won medals and, even more so, the fact that some of the Continent's NOCs were able, for the first time in history, to win precious metals in sports hitherto reserved for the *"big sports nations,"* gave us yet more reasons to believe in the future. This convinced us that the reality of African sport can and will improve considerably. By sharing what sport has to offer with young Africans in Paris, we displayed the vitality of the continental sports and Olympic Movement. We will not rest on our laurels, because the challenge of tomorrow is the youth of today.

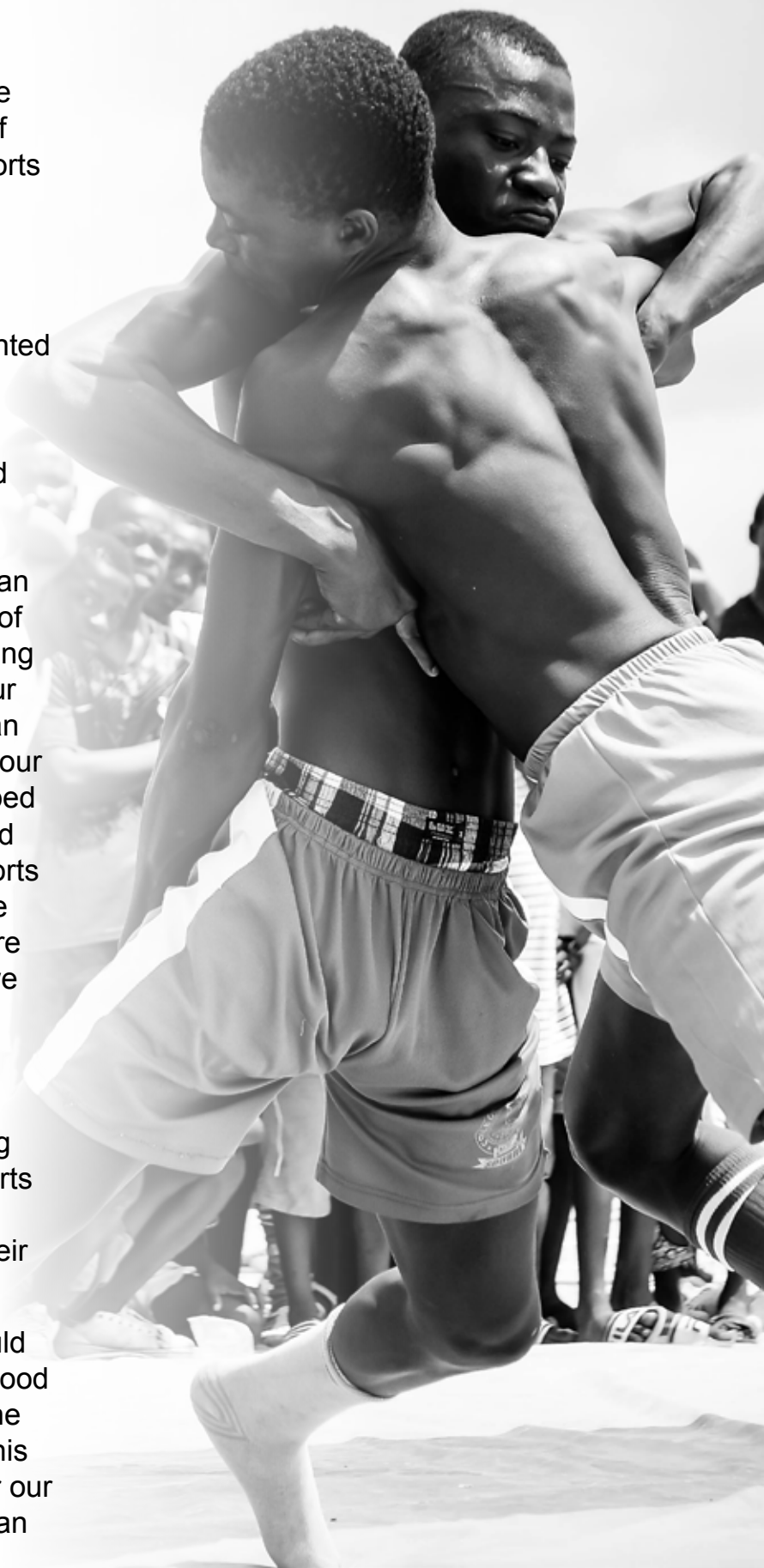


The year 2024 was also marked by the creation, on 12 October in Yaounde, of the Association of African Olympic Sports Confederations (AOSC), with Hamad KALKABA MALBOUM as its pioneer President, following the constituent assembly which brought together 26 African sports confederations represented by their Presidents, and witnessed by ANOCA leaders.

The year that just ended also recorded other major achievements, born of our collective commitment and shared vision of an inclusive, performing African sport. The successful implementation of Olympafrica initiatives, directly impacting thousands of young people through our centres and programmes, symbolise an Africa on the move. The expansion of our range of strategic partners, which helped boost our organisational capacities and speed up the modernisation of our sports infrastructure, as well as support in the organisation of major sports events, are also grounds for satisfaction in what we have undertaken to guarantee the full youth development on the continent.

Indeed, the year 2024 was also a particularly trying one, with the passing of some key figures of the African Sports and Olympic Movement. We hereby extend our deepest condolences to their families.

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Suffice it to say, these successes have laid the foundation for an even more promising and pivotal year for African sport in 2025.

This year promises to be a turning point in ANOCA's history, with major events that will obviously shape the future of African sport. It promises to be a year of multiple opportunities, both on and off the field of play. Together, we are looking forward to some key moments. Among them, the ANOCA Elective General Assembly scheduled for 14 and 15 March 2025 in Algiers. This meeting will be an opportunity to assess the progress made, determine new strategic priorities and elect the leaders who will guide our organisation towards new horizons. This event embodies our commitment to

transparency, democracy and excellence in the governance of African sport.

Another milestone for 2025 will be the organisation of the maiden African School Sports Games in August 2025. This event, to hold in Algeria, will provide a unique platform for revealing emerging talent and promoting education through sport. They symbolise our conviction that the future of African sport begins at school.

The year 2025 will also be the year of the 4<sup>th</sup> African Youth Games, to hold in Angola in December. This will be a major celebration of the excellence and potential of our youth. This event will also be a key stage in preparing our young athletes for world competitions, in particular the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.

It is thus evident that the year that has just begun will also be the year leading up to the organisation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Olympic Games which, we are all well aware, will hold in Dakar in 2026. Olympic Africa will have to support Senegal in this final phase of preparations for the great event that will, for the first time on the Continent, bring together young athletes from all over the world. We will spare no effort to ensure the best possible preparation for the organisation of these Games alongside Senegal.

In 2025, we will also need to consolidate the partnerships we have forged with various organisations and maintain the good relations we have with our traditional partners: the IOC, Olympic Solidarity, ANOC, WADA, the African Union, etc.

The expansion of the Olympafrica programme, which should be extended



to every country on the continent, will also be a major concern. Young people have found in these various facilities and activities a platform for self-expression and development that enables them to cultivate the values inherent in Olympism.

In view of these historic events, I would like to appeal to all African sports stakeholders (NOCs, federations, partners and athletes), that we continue to work hand in glove, with ambition and determination, to make these events resounding successes that will strengthen the place of African sport on the world stage.

Dear friends, the year 2025 will be a year of challenges as well as one of exceptional opportunities. With our talents, our values and our resources, we have all it takes to build a promising future for African sport. Together, let us reassert our commitment to transforming sport into a driver of development, inclusion and cohesion for our communities.

I would also like to call, once again, on all the leaders of African NOCs to make judiciously use of funds allocated by Olympic Solidarity, a development instrument that finances transformational sports projects. The case of Olympic Solidarity is particularly relevant: it should



be ensured that the funds are available to all NOCs, regardless of their size, in order to deal with all the material and technical difficulties: grants for athletes, capacity-building courses, modernisation of the administration, etc. These are all items supported by this structure for sport development. ANOCA thus encourages all 54 African NOCs to make the most of the resources made available to them by this Olympic structure.

ANOCA, through my humble voice, urges our athletes, our 54 member NOCs and the entire African Olympic family to pursue and achieve their dreams in 2025, in the name of the Olympic values.

I avail myself of this opportunity, once more, to express my best wishes for the

New Year to you all. May this year bring us good health, prosperity, long life and, above all, success in all our endeavours and activities that contribute to the growth of the African Sports and Olympic Movement.

Thank you for your unrelenting commitment as we continue, together, to write the next chapters of a strong, sporting and united Africa.

*Mustapha Berraf*

ANOCA President  
IOC Member  
Vice President of ANOC



# ANOCA ELECTIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SLATED FOR 14 AND 15 MARCH 2025

**P**ursuant to Articles 15 (1) and 21 (8) of the ANOCA Constitution, an Elective General Assembly will hold on 14 and 15 March 2025 in Algiers, Algeria. It is aimed at renewing the Executive Committee of the supreme governing body of the African Sports and Olympic

Movement. Suffice it to note that the statutory members of the ANOCA General Assembly are: Presidents and Secretaries General of African NOCs, IOC Members in Africa, Honorary IOC Members in Africa and ANOCA Executive Committee Members.



*Mustapha*  
**BERRAF**

**A SEASONED MANAGER  
READY TO PURSUE HIS  
OUTSTANDING WORK  
AT THE HELM OF ANOCA**





**T**oday, Algeria’s Mustapha Berraf stands out as a man with a wealth of experience and as the most charismatic and emblematic figure within the African sports and Olympic movement. He is the embodiment of rigour, dynamism and ethics in the management of sports and Olympic structures. For close to three decades now, he has been a high-profile figure in the corridors of ANOCA, where he was successively 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and, since 2019, President.

Since his accession to the helm of ANOCA in 2019, Mustapha BERRAF has left his imprint on African sport. Driven by a clear and ambition vision, ‘Full Youth Development, Our Priority’, he has been able to harness energies and transform the organisation to a more modern, dynamic and influential structure.

His candidacy for a new term is a response to the call by most of his peers and leaders of the African Sports and Olympic Movement to pursue his far-sighted and fruitful efforts for the benefit of African Olympism.

The actions of this exceptional leader and his colleagues, ANOCA EXCO Members, attest to his commitment and resolve to make this organisation a worthy and respected institution. Some actions credited to his ambition, vision and leadership include:

- **Africa’s historic participation in the Olympic Games**

Under his leadership, Olympic Africa had a remarkable turnout for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, with the sterling performances of African athletes who flew high the colours of the



continent. These successes reflect the extensive work done through, among others, grants to over 120 athletes from 25 NOCs, thus offering the best conditions for success.

- **Africa Station at the Olympic Games Paris 2024**

As an innovative and symbolic initiative, Africa Station showcased the cultural and sporting diversity of the continent, while strengthening the unity among African nations. It helped promote African talents and drew the world's attention to the continent's cultural wealth.

- **Modernisation of Sports Infrastructure**

By rehabilitating and building over 20 Olympafrica centres in countries such as Senegal, Niger, Benin and Guinea Conakry, Mustapha BERRAF showed the importance of modern infrastructure in sports development. Thanks to his strategic partnerships with FIFA and the IOC, some 100 football fields were made available to these centres, offering suitable playgrounds for thousands of youths.



- **Support to NOCs**

The launch of the NOCs HQ Construction Project for 15 NOCs such as Lesotho, Togo, Malawi, and Guinea-Bissau, helped build NOCs' administrative capacities, thus improving their management and efficiency.

- **Organisation of major events**

Many events with a huge impact on African sport were organised between 2019 and 2024:

- **The African Games and the African Beach Games**

ANOCA successfully provided support to the organisation of the African Games in

2019 in Morocco and those in Ghana in 2024, which brought together thousands of athletes. The African Beach Games in 2019 in Cape Verde and in 2023 in Hammamet, Tunisia, helped diversify disciplines, while enhancing Africa's natural sites.

- **Strategic forums and trainings**

Forums such as the Gender Equality and the Sports and Environment forums fostered strategic discussions on sports development. Moreover, specialised training sessions for technicians, coaches and administrators rendered sports structures more professional.

- **Promotion and implementation of Sports diplomacy at the service of Africa**

Under his stewardship, the ANOCA EXCO also strengthened Africa's sports diplomacy. In 2024, IOC President Thomas BACH's visit to five African countries highlighted the continent's potential and gave rise to the shared ambition of an African bid for the Olympic Games 2036.

Also, strategic agreements notably with France, Germany, China, and international federations such as UCI and World Swimming, increased opportunities for athletes and NOCs. These partnerships, in addition to support from sponsors like PUMA and GERFLOR, allowed for a diversification of resources and increased support for projects.



## A VISIONARY CANDIDATE FOR THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN OLYMPISM

**W**ith his wealth of experience and outstanding results, Mustapha BERRAF stands as a serious and credible candidate to continue managing ANOCA. His vision for the next term hinges on clear strategic pillars:

- **Preparing for the YOG Dakar 2026**

Mustapha BERRAF aspires to make the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games a historic milestone for Africa. This event, a first on African soil, will afford a unique

opportunity to showcase African talent and demonstrate the continent's organisational prowess. ANOCA will provide more support to NOCs, with continental training camps and specific scholarships for promising young athletes. These Games will not just be a celebration of sport, but also a lever for promoting inclusion and education through sport.

- **Organising the African Games Egypt 2027**

The 2027 African Games billed for Egypt will be another key event for ANOCA. This continental event will provide



an opportunity to celebrate African excellence in sports, while strengthening ties among the continent's nations. Under the leadership of Mustapha BERRAF, particular attention will be paid to integrating new modern disciplines such as e-sport, and promoting inclusive events that encourage the participation of women and young people. The goal is to make the African Games a benchmark for organising events on a par with the world's greatest sports events.

- **More Olympic Solidarity Programmes ahead of LA 2028**

ANOCA, under the leadership of Mustapha BERRAF, plans to increase its Olympic Solidarity programmes to enable African athletes to prepare in the best possible conditions for the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028. Funds will be allocated to specialised training for coaches, international courses for athletes, and digital tools for performance monitoring. These initiatives aim not only to maximise the continent's chances of winning medals, but also to create a sustainable sports environment that values excellence.

- **Olympic Schools to Promote Sport, Education and Social Inclusion**

The Olympic Schools project is at the heart of Mustapha BERRAF's vision to blend sport with education and social inclusion. These educational and sports centres, incorporated in the Olympafrica infrastructure, will offer programmes combining sports training, educational support and cultural activities. The aim is to reach out to rural areas and marginalised groups, using sport as a tool for social transformation. Through partnerships with NGOs and international organisations, this project aims to train generations of responsible, developed young Africans.

In fact, Mustapha BERRAF has demonstrated that he is a leader determined to transform African sport into a powerful tool for development, unity and influence. His achievements, experience and vision make him an ideal candidate to take ANOCA to the next level, while ensuring a promising future for African sport and its young people.



INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION

Engr. AHMED  
HABU GUMEL

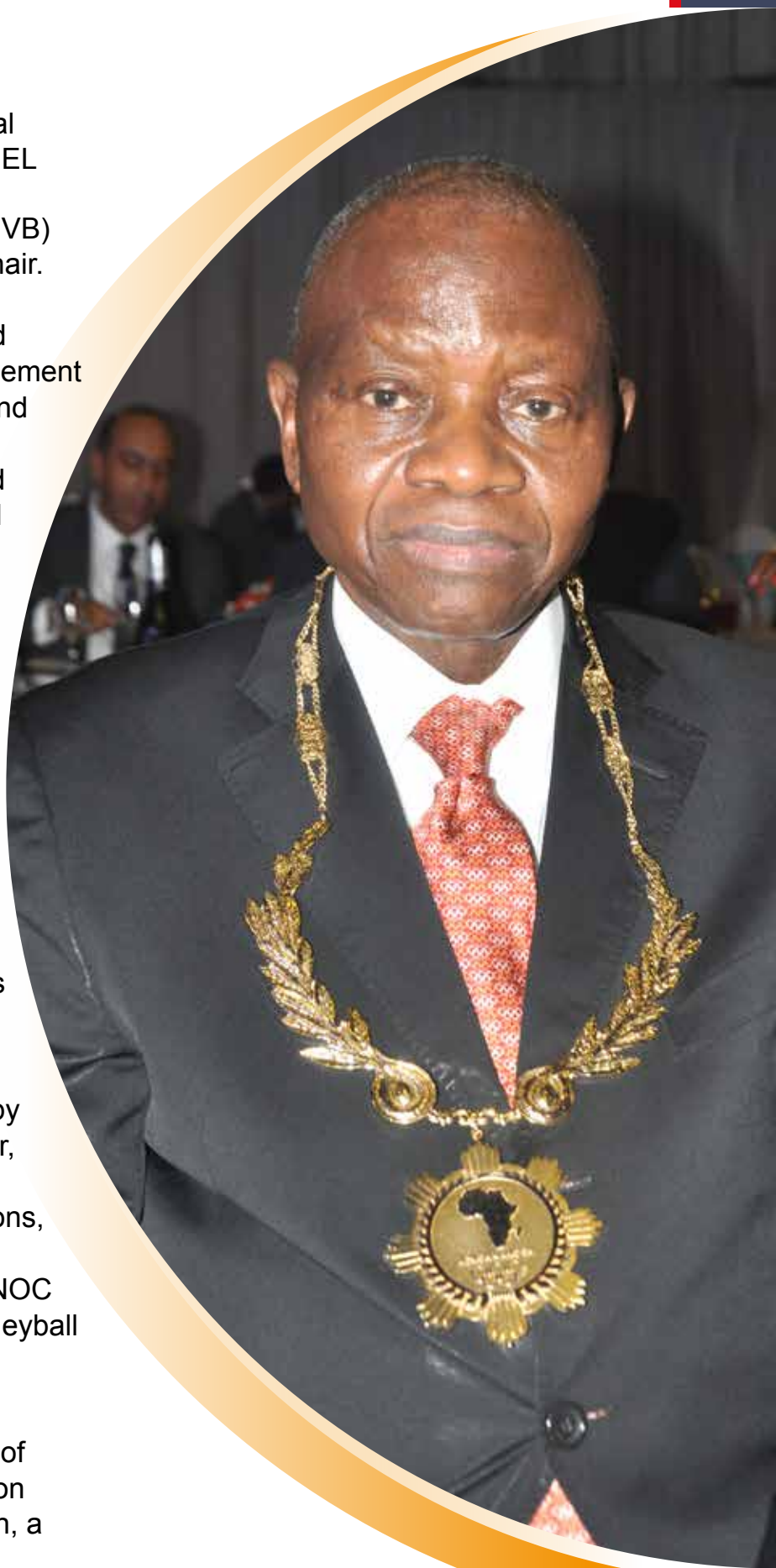
**THE PRIDE OF AFRICA**

**A** NOCA Treasurer General Engr Ahmed Habu GUMEL is the new International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Finance Commission Chair.

He was appointed to this position in November 2024. This very deserved appointment is a resounding endorsement of Engr Habu GUMEL'S expertise and commitment to sport development worldwide. A staunch proponent and advocate of the values of ethics and fair play, this man of rigour and great experience is one of the most emblematic figures of the African Sports and Olympic Movement. In Nigeria, Habu GUMEL has combined his technical skills with a strategic vision, helping to modernise sports infrastructure and improve governance in various sports institutions. His appointment as Chairman of the FIVB's Finance Commission attests to the international recognition of his skills and integrity.

This Silver Medallist of the Olympic Order in 2020 is a career engineer by profession. As a sports administrator, he has always been an exceptional manager, and has held many positions, including President of the Nigerian Volleyball Federation, President of NOC Nigeria, President of the African Volleyball Confederation, IOC Member and Treasurer General of ANOCA.

The onus of managing the finances of the International Volleyball Federation will now fall on this experienced man, a source of pride for all of Africa.







As FIVB Finance Commission Chair, Habu GUMEL will be responsible for overseeing the organisation's financial management, ensuring full transparency and judicious use of resources to support volleyball development worldwide. This strategic role comes at a time when volleyball is experiencing unprecedented growth, with initiatives aimed at broadening its fan base and strengthening its presence in developing regions, particularly in Africa.

His expertise in financial management and his commitment to Olympic values make him an invaluable asset to the FIVB. Under his leadership, the Finance Commission will be able to strengthen the Federation's economic stability, while supporting innovative projects to promote this sport at all levels. His appointment not only strengthens Africa's place in world sport, but also paves the way for a new generation of African leaders ready to contribute to sport development globally.

Apprised of the appointment of Engr Habu GUMEL, ANOCA, through President Mustapha BERRAF, offered him their warmest congratulations and wished him every success in his new position. As ANOCA Treasurer General, he plays a decisive role in the organisation's financial management, ensuring the efficient allocation of resources to support NOCs and promote sports activities in Africa. For the supreme governing body of the African Sports and Olympic Movement, this is a mark of recognition that shows that African sports leaders can have privileged positions in the management of world sports structures.

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# DU COMITE NATIONAL OLYMPIQUE ET SPORTIF DJIBOUTIEN

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NOC DJIBOUTI (CNOSD)

## AICHA GARAD ALI RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

As an IOC Member and incumbent President of the Djibouti National Olympic and Sports Committee, Aicha GARAD ALI, was on 28 December 2024 re-elected at the helm of this organisation during a General Assembly session. The confidence placed in her by the General Assembly demonstrates her unflagging leadership and commitment to the national sports movement, as well as the positive results achieved over the past four years.

During her previous tenure, she placed particular emphasis on the importance of considering gender equality, notably

by asking all the presidents of CNOSD member sports bodies to include at least 30% women on their executive committees.

After running unchallenged, she begins a new four-year term of office, backed by a strong track record and a resolutely forward-looking vision.

Under her leadership, CNOSD has made remarkable progress. The results achieved by the country's athletes, particularly their outstanding performance at the just-ended African championships, reflect the effectiveness of the identification and support



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programmes initiated in recent years. These achievements include the training of technical staff in Switzerland and Germany, as well as the financial support provided to federations to purchase equipment.

Speaking on the occasion, Mrs Garad ALI recalled that: *«This quadrennial was marked by national federations that made our flag shine on the continental and international stage,»* further noting that: *«The challenges are many, and so are the prospects for success (...) The future of our sport also depends on our women. Not only must they occupy positions of responsibility in sports governing bodies, but they must also be encouraged to shine on the field of play. I call on you to*

*support our talented young girls and guide them towards success, particularly in high-level coaching.»*

Writing on his Facebook page, Djibouti athlete and African champion, Mohamed ISMAEL IBRAHIM, hailed the re-election of the incumbent President and the constant support of CNOSD: *“We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the vision and tenacity of Mrs Aïcha GARAD ALI. Her re-election is a victory for all athletes.”*

During the General Assembly, members also voiced their support to Souleiman HASSAN WABERI’s candidacy for the forthcoming FIFA elections.



NOC-TOGO

# ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR TERM FOR DELADEM AKPAKI

**A**n elective General Assembly of NOC-Togo was held on 7 December 2024, to elect members of the Executive Committee of this organisation for the next quadrennial. At the end of the election, incumbent President Deladem AKPAKI, head of the ALLONS-Y list, was re-elected President of NOC-TOGO for the 2025-2028 Olympiad. As the only list registered at the end of the nomination

period and validated by the Electoral Commission, it won an overwhelming 100% vote by the 14 National Olympic Sports Federations that took part in the deliberations. The incumbent President Deladem AKPAKI, was able to convince the delegates present with his achievements. Under his leadership, NOC-TOGO has undertaken reforms and initiatives that have helped to further promote Togolese Olympism on the national and international scene.

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The newly re-elected President recalled the significant progress made under his leadership, particularly the reform of the Committee's fundamental instruments which, according to him, now constitute a solid base for collective work. However, he urged that efforts be sustained to address the remaining challenges, insisting that: *“We must not give way to complacency. Progress has been achieved, but the ambitious goals we have set for ourselves require even more work, unity and innovation.”*

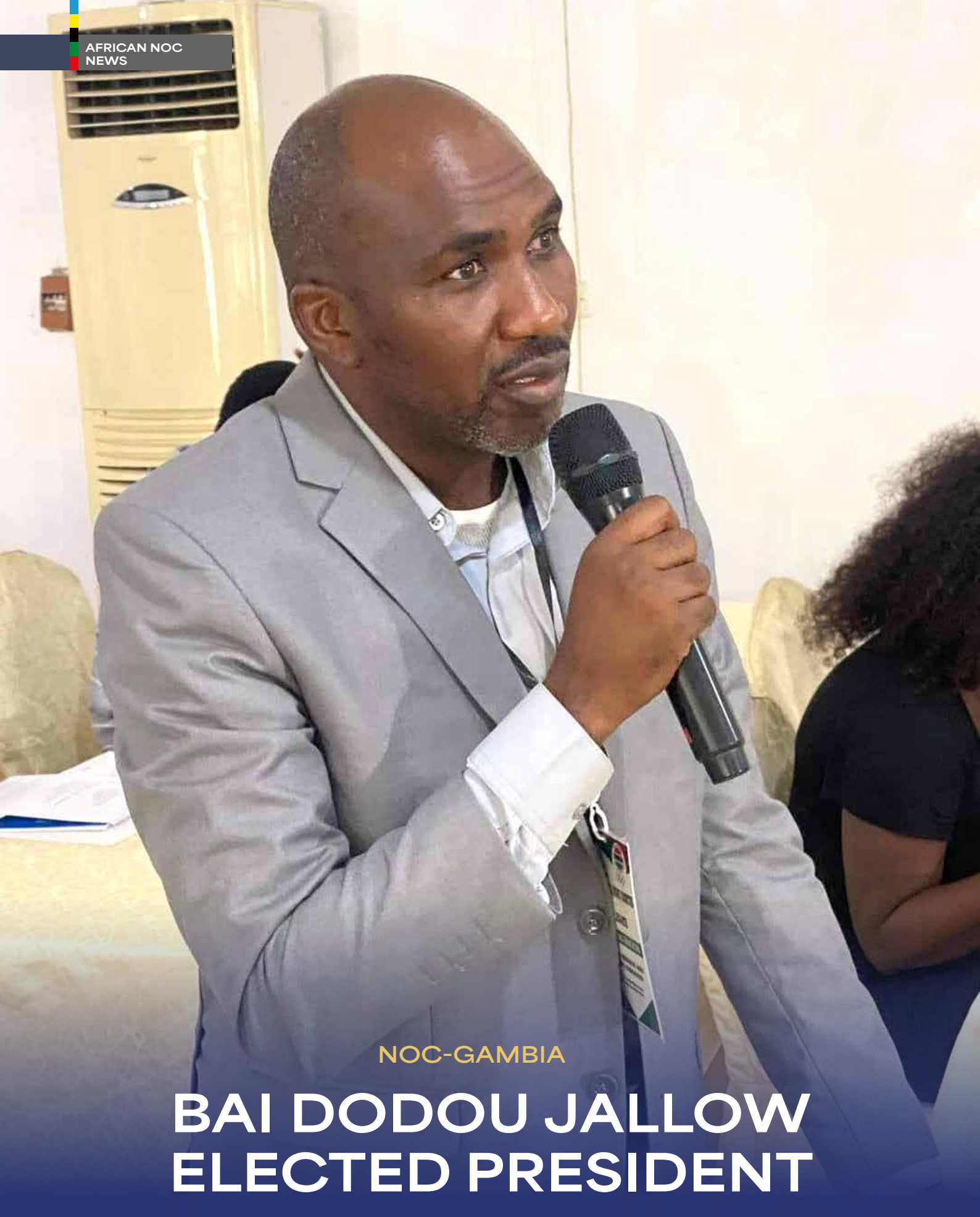
The re-elected President also unveiled the main thrusts of his programme for the next four years, saying: *“We must work to put our athletes at the heart of our actions. With the collaboration of the various Olympic movements, we will work*

*to achieve our goals and reposition our athletes on the Olympic podiums.”*

At the end of the Ordinary and Elective General Assembly, Deladem AKPAKI expressed his gratitude to the delegates for their renewed confidence.

The new Executive Committee of NOC-TOGO is now composed of President Deladem AKPAKI, three Vice Presidents (Mr Kokou GAGOU, Mrs Akpéné YAWA ADIHO and Mr Tikoyabé TAKASSI-KIKPA) and the Treasurer General, Mr Mawulé KOKOU EDAH.

It should be noted that the deliberations were overseen by IOC and ANOCA representatives, as well as the President of ANOCA Zone 3.



NOC-GAMBIA

# BAI DODOU JALLOW ELECTED PRESIDENT

**M**embers of the Gambia National Olympic Committee (GNOC), meeting in an elective General Assembly, on 23 November 2024 in Banjul, elected Bai DODOU JALLOW to head this organisation for the next quadrennial. The current president of the Gambia Volleyball Federation defeated Muhammad JAGANA in a tight election, during which the new GNOC President pledged to strengthen the Olympic Movement and build a solid foundation of sports development across The Gambia. He said he was determined to take Gambian sport to the next level, adding that he was looking forward to achieving success in international sport.

According to him, his actions will be based on integrity, leadership, inclusion and excellence.

The new GNOC President, elected for the 2025-2028 quadrennial, said: *"We are going to put in place a system of governance that is in keeping with the universal basic principles of good governance of the International Olympic Committee."* He is also an advocate of women's inclusion in the management of sports structures, insisting that: *"We will not rest until we have achieved the 30% target for women in sports management and participation set by the International Olympic Committee."*

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**The newly elected Executive Committee comprises the following dignitaries:**

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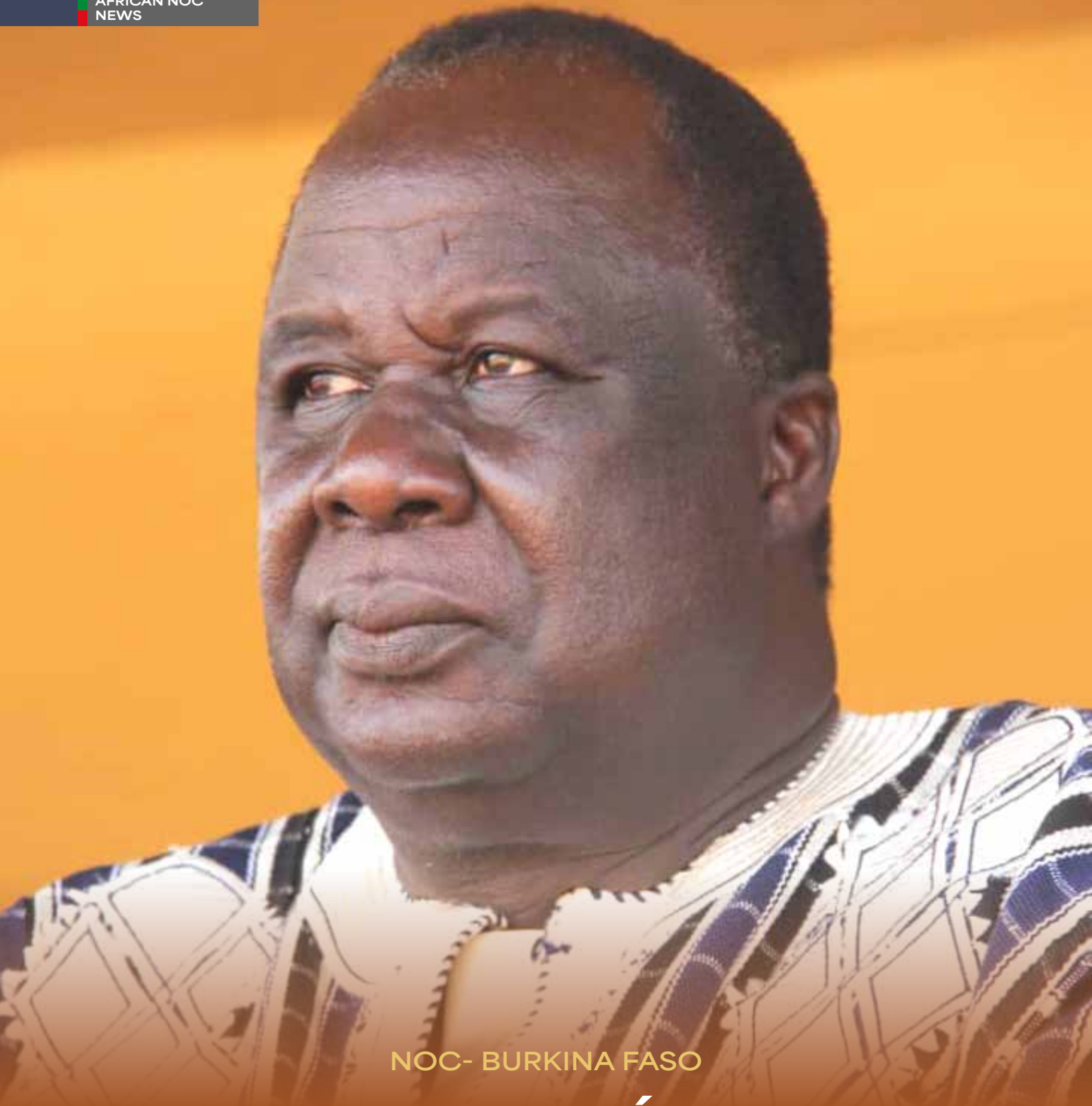
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Lamin KING COLLEY

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Bakary K. JAMMEH

**Secretary General:** Yorro NJIE

**Treasurer:** Bai MADI CEESAY

**Elected Executive Board members:** Bakebba SUSSO, Abdoulie M. KAH and Amie JABANG



NOC- BURKINA FASO

# JEAN YAMÉOGO UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT



**F**ollowing an elective General Assembly on Saturday, 28 December 2024, the President of NOC Burkina Faso (CNOSB), Jean YAMÉOGO, was re-elected to head this institution for the next four years. The delegates, who comprised presidents of national sports federations, unanimously renewed their confidence in YAMÉOGO, who is credited with a glowing record since his arrival at the helm of CNOSB.

Elected for the first time on 2 February 2013, Jean YAMÉOGO is an experienced and dynamic leader. After his election, he did not fail to set out his organisation's ambitions for the future. He particularly stated that: *«We are going to improve the daily lives of Federations and athletes. We are going to ensure that our living*

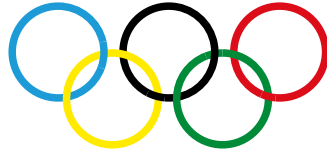


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