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The ANOCA Executive Committee met in extraordinary session on 29 September 2020, chaired by ANOCA President, Mustapha Berraf.

The videoconference meeting, which was also extended to honourable IOC members and Chairpersons of the Statutory Commissions, took the following decisions:

- The 5th African Youth Games will be hosted in 2026 by the city of Maseru, Lesotho. This follows the agreement between the President of ANOCA, the Minister representing the

Government of Lesotho and the Olympic Committee who, after serious discussions, agreed that the country will not be ready in 2022 as initially planned due to COVID-19 related economic difficulties.

- The 2022 African Youth Games were awarded to the city of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Ethiopian government is committed to hosting the event with conducive conditions which, from the standpoint of the ANOCA Executive Committee, will afford African Youths an opportunity to participate in international multi-disciplinary events. In addition, a team of ANOCA experts will go to

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Addis Ababa for an inspection tour to evaluate the level of preparedness and organisation.

The Executive Committee also noted that, as indicated by IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, the process initiated by the IOC and the Japanese authorities for the organisation of the Olympic Games in Tokyo will serve as a guide, a way out of the Covid-19 tunnel. This bears a message of hope for Africa's sporting youth.

ANOCA's projections for the end of financial year 2020 were also on the agenda, with special attention to the following strategic items, among others:

end of the meetings of the statutory commissions, negotiation and signing of the agreement on the training of technical directors and chefs de missions of the NOCs with the CNOSF, fine tuning the agreement on the training of NOC leaders with Hungary...

Deliberations concluded with the relevant planning measures of the new Agenda for the closure of financial year 2020, notably the African Gender Forum and deliberations of the 2021 - 2024 Strategy Commission and the Medical Commission.

