

## **Principles of organization and function**

### **A. The endeavor**

Organizing and carrying out the Olympic Games constitutes an extremely multifarious attempt of great historical significance, since it affects deeply many different aspects of our lives. This attempt certainly constitutes a great athletic and cultural event of universal interest. Nevertheless, it is also characterized by its economic, social, environmental, building, technological and communicative dimension.

It is well understood that the success of this attempt depends on the participation of all the creative potential of the Greek people and the Greeks abroad.

### **B. The vision**

In a period which appears to be very critical for the modernization of the Greek society and the improvement of the position of Greece in the international environment, the Olympic Games seem to pose a great challenge for the Greek people.

The Greek government took on the historical responsibility to organize the first Olympic Games of the next century. To revive the Olympic spirit and to offer a new dimension to this great and universally important event.

All negative "symptoms" should be definitely eradicated so that noble competition among all the people prevails again.

The implementation of the Cultural Olympiad and the promotion of the Olympic Armistice adds a new political quality to this endeavor.

If all these goals are finally achieved, this would give positive indication that a people small in number, as the Greek people, is able to take initiatives which might have a beneficial influence on the international society. Furthermore, the organization of the Olympic Games contributes to the promotion of the Greek civilization and the qualitative improvement of the capital city, i.e. Athens.

We should always keep in mind that the Olympic Games are of great importance not only for the city but for the country as well.

### **C. The targets**

The main targets of the above mentioned endeavor are as follows:

1. To ensure all the conditions which guarantee the proper implementation of the Olympic Games.

2. To improve and complete an athletic substructure and other Olympic facilities of high functional and esthetic standard.

3. To assist Greek athletes in participating in the Olympic Games to the best of their abilities and thus contribute to the country's athletic development.

4. To arouse the interest of the young people and Greeks abroad in the successful carrying out of the Olympic Games and to make them aware of the importance of this athletic and cultural event.

5. To further educate all these people who work for the success of this attempt.

6. To collaborate with the most active and creative artists and scientists of the country in taking on initiatives for the promotion of Greece.

7. To help Greece to achieve equal status among the technologically advanced countries.

8. To improve, from an esthetic and functional point of view, the capital city of Athens and other cities in the country.

9. To use the preparation period to the advantage of the economic, social and technological development of the country.

10. To maintain the principle of "sustainable development" in all its activities and aspects.

11. To improve the network and tourist substructure of the country.

12. To introduce updated and effective forms of communication.

#### **D. Principles**

The organization and the function of the Committee rest on the following principles:

1. Effectiveness in the economic field.

2. Transparency in the function and decision - making of the Committee.

3. Fair management.

4. Efficient and cohesive administration.

5. The collective spirit and the good collaboration among the members of the Committee.

6. The guarantee of equal opportunities for all.

7. The “open door” policy of the Committee, which emphasizes the information of the public, the dialog and cooperation with the various athletic, cultural and social organizations.

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