

A Financial Report from the Treasurer

This financial report covers the period 2004 - 2008

The financial health of ISAF is good with its long-term reserves valued at Sterling1.47 million (as at 30 June 2008). The short term reserves which funds the operating expenses of the office in Southampton and the various activities, is expected to end the period with a small surplus. The forecasted expenses is expected to do better than budget for the period ending 31 December 2008.

ISAF continues to be dependent on the IOC to fund its operations and activities, though other sources of revenue from MNA subscriptions, fees from new boats builds and sponsorship income and others have increased marginally. The amount received following the 2004 Athens Olympics was US\$6.933 million and we expect to see an increase to about US\$7.8 following the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The past four years have been challenging for ISAF to ensure a balanced budget of its expenses and revenues despite escalating costs in operations, the numerous projects that have come on stream following the strategic planning project, the foreign exchange volatilities and meeting the expectations of its various stakeholders. These challenges are expected to continue and are not made easier by the global economic slowdown. Financial stewardship with prudent spending will have to continue.

There is also a need to increase efficiencies and productivity in corporate governance at both management and Council levels. This can be achieved by rationalizing the costs related to the two Council meetings held each year. In view of escalating travel costs, it is also timely to consider the demands put on members of Council to attend these meetings.

We want to record our appreciation to the Audit Committee chaired by Joe Butterfield for their guidance during the period under review.

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