

**Reporting Committee – Events**

**Other Committees – Executive, ISAF Classes**

## **Classes and Equipment for the Olympic Regatta**

### **ISAF Regulation 16.1.1**

A submission from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

#### **PROPOSAL**

Delete existing Regulation 16.1.1 and insert – “The decision on the equipment (classes) for the Olympic Regatta shall be made at the ordinary meeting of the Council at least eight years prior to that regatta”.

#### **CURRENT POSITION**

ISAF Regulation 16.1.1

#### **REASON**

Currently, regulation 16.1.1 prescribes that the choice of the equipment is to be made 4 years prior to the Olympics. Although this 4 year gap has been the rule for many years, in practice, it is too short to allow for an adequate preparation for national teams: this problem becomes worse when a complete new class is selected, as happened with the 49er and the Yngling Classes.

The benefits of having a longer, preferably 8 year, period with the Olympic equipment choices made are clearly much greater than the shorter 4 year period. These benefits are not only in terms of preparation of sailing teams, which can be dramatically improved. The longer period would help the development of the classes (their structure and management) selected as Olympic equipment and, because of its longer term planning horizon, will facilitate the selection and preparation of youth teams allowing a proper structure of youth sailing programmes by each MNA.

#### **CURRENT ISAF COUNCIL POSITION**

##### **Council Decision**

- (i) **These submissions were further deferred for consideration by the Events Committee as part of the whole discussion on Future Olympic Regatta Events and Equipment.**