World Sailing Regulations

Definition of Continents

A submission from the Danish Sailing Association, Oman Sailing Committee, Pakistan Sailing Federation and Singapore Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To align the definition of continents with the Olympic Charter.

Proposal

Amend the definition of Continents in the Regulations as follows:

Africa; Asia; Oceania; Europe; **Americas** North America (including Grenada, Bermuda and the islands of the Caribbean but excluding Central America) and the Islands of the Caribbean; Central and South America (including Mexico)

*All as defined by the National Geographic Society in its Atlas of the World*

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. In accordance with the Olympic Charter – the Fundamental Principles of Olympism – the Olympic Movement covers the five continents Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe and the Americas.

2. The Olympic symbol expresses the activity of the Olympic Movement and represents the union of the five continents and the meeting of athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games.

3. World Sailing is part of the IOC family and follows the Olympic Charter in its governance.

4. Major Sports International Federations follow the Fundamental Principles of Olympism and organise their sport over five continents as above.

5. Strengthen the universality of Olympic sailing by aligning the continental Olympic qualifications to the Fundamental Principles of Olympism.