The Executive Committee met at 09:30-18:00 hours on Wednesday 3 February, Thursday 4 February and Friday 5 February 2010 in the Vasco De Gama Room of the Sheraton Atakoy Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey.

1. Opening of the Meeting
   The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that apologies had been received from HM King Harald V of Norway and Vice-President Tomasz Holc.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) Minutes
       The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 5, 6, 7, 12 and 15 November 2009 were noted.
   (b) Minutes Matters Arising
       There were no matters arising.

3. Reports
   (a) President’s Report
       The President gave a brief outline of his activities over the past months and reported on his successful trip to Russia.
(b) Vice-President’s Report
The Executive Members gave an overview of their activities since the November meeting under their areas of responsibilities and noted the following areas that were not covered elsewhere in these minutes.

i) Commonwealth Games 2018

**Decision**
Teresa Lara will liaise with the Secretary General to produce a presentation for the inclusion of sailing in the Commonwealth Games before 30 April 2010.

ii) African Games 2011
Sailing will be included in the African Games which will be held in Maputo, Mozambique from 3 – 18 September 2011.

**Decision**
Teresa Lara will represent ISAF and visit Mozambique to meet with the Minister of Sport and the President of the Organizing Committee.

(c) Secretary General’s Report

i) Louis Vuitton Trophy Events

ii) World Match Racing Tour

iii) Volvo Ocean Race

iv) World Yacht Racing Forum
The first meeting of the event organizers who are members of the Concordat arrangement will be held as soon as possible. The Secretary General is to liaise with David Kellett as the Executive member dealing with professional sailing. Details of this meeting will be discussed at the May Executive meeting.

v) XLII Balkan Sailing Championship – FYRO Macedonia
The Executive Committee noted the letter sent to FYRO Macedonia by the Secretary General.

4. Finance

(a) Management Accounts
The Secretary General presented the Management Accounts for the 4th Quarter 2009

(b) Budget 2010

i) The budget for the year 2010 as approved by Council was noted.

ii) The additional Race Officials Committee funding request that was not already included in the budget was noted.

**Decision**
The Executive support the additional initiatives of the Race Officials Committee and their budget is increased by a further £50,000. This area falls under the responsibility of Eric Tulla who will work with the Chair of the Race Officials Committee to prioritise the necessary initiatives.

(c) ISAF Debtors
The company debtors to 31 December 2009 were noted.

(d) Isle of Man Trust
The Treasurer gave an update on the Isle of Man Trust.

(e) ISAF Deposits
The Treasurer gave an update on ISAF Deposits.

(f) Audit Committee Minutes
The concerns of the Audit Committee over the current position of Council members being named Directors were discussed. The Executive noted that the Audit Committee consider the governance and operations of ISAF entities would be better served by a smaller number of Directors.

The Executive also noted the conclusion of the Audit Committee that the Trust is required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to be consolidated with the ISAF Reporting Group.

Decision
The Treasurer will seek a second opinion from an organization with full knowledge of Trust laws.

(g) Elliot Plaque Fees
A request from the builder that the Elliott 6m plaque fees be reduced from £500 to £300 as they are no longer part of the ISAF controlled distribution was considered.

Decision
It was agreed that the Elliot plaque fees be reduced to £300 subject to the builders itemizing this on their invoices to their customers.

5. ISAF Strategic Plan
The final draft of the ISAF Strategic Plan was discussed and will be presented to Council for approval in May.

Decision
Each Objective in the ISAF Strategic Plan will be allocated to a member of the Executive Committee in preparation for the May meeting and the Vision and Values will be included.

6. Environment
(a) The Executive received the first draft ISAF Environmental Plan.

Decision
Teresa Lara was asked to liaise with the Secretary General to prepare a second draft incorporating the ideas discussed.

(b) The Environmental Mission Statement that will appear in the Racing Rules Book was received.

7. Governance
(a) ISAF Directors
The changes to the Constitution were discussed.

**Decision**
The Secretary General was asked to obtain legal advice before finalising the proposals that would then be sent on to the Constitution Committee.

(b) Contract Register
The on-going work on the Contract Register was noted.

**Decision**
A list of insurance documents shall be listed in tandem with the Contract Register.

(c) ISAF Council Questionnaire
The Executive Committee received the result of the ISAF Council Questionnaire.

**Decision**
Teo-Ping Low will produce a one page summary detailing any actions or considerations that need to be taken. This will be distributed to the Executive Committee before the next meeting.

8. **IFDS**
The Executive Committee noted the Anti-Doping proposal from IFDS.

**Decision**
No further action can be taken until ISAF receives further information from IFDS.

9. **2010 Mid-Year Meeting**
   (a) The table of deferred submissions was noted.
   (b) The request for an Equipment Committee Mid-Year meeting was considered.

**Decision**
The Equipment Committee may hold a Mid-Year meeting in Hyeres.

10. **International Sports Update**
   (a) IOC
   The President reported that the IOC Executive Board is currently reviewing the recommendations made at the IOC Congress.
   The question was raised about the outcome of the Hall / US Sailing Case and the United States Olympic Committee appeal. The Secretary General informed the Executive Committee that he had not received any new information since the letter from the US Olympic Committee dated 29 October 2009.

**Decision**
The Secretary General was asked to obtain a status report on the Hall Case from US Sailing.

   (b) ASOIF
Nothing to report.

(c) GAISF/SportAccord

SportAccord 2010 will be held in Dubai on 25 - 30 April.

11. ISAF Commissions

To receive the minutes and recommendations of the ISAF Commissions

(a) Medical Commission

Nazli Imre reported on the good progress made by the Medical Commission on the implementation of their projects.

(b) Athletes Commission

The Minutes and Recommendations of the Athletes Commission were received.

(c) International Regulations Commission

The Minutes and Recommendations of the International Regulations Commission were received.

i) The report from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) 26th Assembly from the Chairman of the International Regulations Commission was received.

(d) Coaches Commission

i) ISAF Coaches Code of Conduct

**Decision**

The Coaches Code of Conduct was approved subject to some final editing. A list of equipment that should be on every coach boat shall be included in the ISAF Coaches Code of Conduct.

ii) Coaches Registration System

**Decision**

The Coaches Registration System is approved subject to some final editing but the work on the online Classification system shall remain a priority.

(e) Classification Commission

The Executive discussed the delay in the proposed new system from SOTIC and the importance of this work was acknowledged. Note was taken of the Chairman of the Classification Commission request of the need for legal support for this Commission.

**Decisions**

The Secretary General, the Chairman of the Classification Commission and David Irish will consider procedures on a penalty system for those who give incorrect information when obtaining a Classification.

Jon Napier, who is a member of the Constitution Committee, is appointed to the Classification Commission.

(f) Multihull Commission

The Minutes and Recommendations of the Multihull Commission were noted.

(g) Training Commission

**Decision**
Rod Carr has stepped down as Chairman of the Training Commission but will stay on as a Member. James Steven is appointed as Chairman.

(h) Olympic Commission
The Chairman of the Olympic Commission reported on the key findings and issues discussed at their meeting held on 31 January to 3 February which included:

i) ISAF performance against the IOC Programme Commission Criteria
ii) ISAF Event Structure
iii) ISAF Sailing World Cup
iv) Olympic Qualification System
v) Process for selection of Events and Equipment
vi) TV Production, Tracking and Sports Presentation
The Executive Committee thanked the Olympic Commission for all their work.

**Decision**

The Olympic Commission would produce a final report by 19 March 2010.

12. **Beppe Croce Trophy**

The Beppe Croce Trophy will be presented in Athens at the Annual Conference.

13. **Constitution Committee**

(a) A paper by the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding payments to Race Officials who are ISAF Council Members under Article 57 was received.

**Decision**

This paper is referred to the Race Officials Committee for information.

(b) The Executive noted the paper by the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding an interpretation of Article 46(a)(ii).

14. **ISAF Equipment and Events Working Party**

A paper on Regulations 18 and 26 – ISAF Classes Entry Requirements and World Championships was received.

15. **ISAF Technical Delegates**

(a) 44th World Military Sailing Championships

The appointment of Ajay Balram as ISAF Technical Delegate to the 44th Military Games was noted.

16. **America’s Cup**

A verbal update on the 33rd America’s Cup was received from David Kellett.

17. **Olympic Sailing Competition 2012**

The Technical Delegate reported that a Letter of Intent had been signed by LOCOG to confirm a land based solution for the Athlete’s Village. Town houses adjacent to the sailing
venue were being developed and would be available, subject to a signed contract, for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

The LOCOG spectator policy was being considered by various groups to assess the feasibility of introducing a ticketing strategy. It was noted that ISAF had approved the spectator policy.

It was agreed that tracking was of major importance and ISAF is working with the IOC and its partners to encourage the full use of a tracking system to enhance the sports presentation, enable a full commentator information system and provide real time results.

18. IOC Youth Olympic Games 2010

(a) The ISAF Events Manager gave an update on the preparations for the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games. The accreditation process has begun and the Notice of Race will be published by the end of February. The Continental Qualification Events are well under way and the Events Manager was pleased to report that an African qualifier had been recently confirmed for the one person dinghy event.

(b) International Measurer Appointment

**Decision**

Bruno de Wannemaeker (BEL) is approved as the International Measurer for the 2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games.

19. ISAF Events

(a) ISAF Sailing World Cup

i) ISAF Sailing World Cup Working Party

The Executive Committee considered a proposal to create a new group that would advise the Executive Committee on all the matters related to the implementation and management of ISAF Sailing World Cup.

**Decision**

A decision would be made following the final report of the Olympic Commission.

ii) 49er Mainsail Branding

The move to introduce nation flags to the main sails at the ISAF Sailing World Cup and other events was extremely positive.

**Decision**

The Secretary General shall continue to work with the Olympic Classes to continue to develop this concept whilst taking into account the relevant Class Rules and ISAF Regulations.

(b) 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships

i) The Events Manager reported that he would be conducting a site visit in February and all preparations were proceeding well. The Perth 2011 organisers were discussing a possible test event, the final dates had not been approved and this would be discussed during the site visit.

**Decision**
The Secretary General is authorized to appoint a panel to decide who will be awarded the contract for the TV production of the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

ii) 2011 ISAF World Championships Appointments

Decision

Principal Race Officer - Charley Cook (USA)
Chairman of the Jury - Bernard Bonneau (FRA)
Chairman of Measurement - Dick Batt (GBR)

The position of Chairman of Measurement is dependant on Dick Batt obtaining status as International Measurer.

(c) A presentation on the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship 2010 to be held in Istanbul was given and the arrangements all looked very impressive.

(d) The Executive considered representation at ISAF events

(e) 2015 ISAF Sailing World Championship Sanction Fees

Decision

The proposed Sanction Fees were agreed for inclusion in the bid guideline.

20. Class 40 World Championship 2010

A request to hold an additional Class 40 World Championship in 2010 as the Class 40 has a provisional status and held a World Championship in 2009 was discussed.

Decision

An additional Class 40 World Championship may be held in 2010.

21. Dyneema Lifelines

The amendment to the Offshore Special Regulations rule 3.14.6 to permit Dyneema Lifelines was discussed.

It was noted that the Racing Rules did not permit hiking from boats fitted with Dyneema as per the recent RRS Q&A number 2010-002. The confusion comes from Dyneema now being specifically permitted in lifelines under the Offshore Special Regulations which if used for hiking is against the RRS. It was noted that event organizers may amend RRS 49.2 by the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race. It is suggested that if such an amendment is done it should be by removing the word “wire” from the current wording.

22. Secretariat

A verbal report on the Secretariat was given by the Secretary General.

23. Future ISAF Meetings

(a) 2010 ISAF Mid-Year Conference Hungary – 6 to 9 May
(b) 2010 September meeting – 10-12 September; venue to be advised
(c) 2011 February meeting, Reykjavik, Iceland - 18-20 February
(d) 2010 ISAF Annual Conference Athens, Greece – 4-15 November
24. Any Other Business

(a) Hungarian Yachting Association

An email had been received from the Pannon Yacht Club, Hungary regarding the Hungarian Yachting Association charging a royalty/licence fee to each sailor competing in a race in Hungary for using ISAF’s RRS.

Decision

Alberto Predieri will discuss this issue with the Hungarian Yachting Association.

(b) IOC Women in Sport Award

Decision

This should be an agenda item for the Women’s Forum meeting in November following which a proposal should be submitted to the Executive for consideration during their February meeting.

(c) Race Officials Commemorations

Decision

Pete Ives (USA) is awarded an ISAF Silver Medal for his contribution to the sport of sailing, his outstanding contribution to the development of ISAF Race Officials as Seminar Instructor and the development of Seminar and Clinic material.

(d) Advertising Code

Alberto Predieri reported on the activity carried out since November 2009 and on the policy issues that had arisen which the Executive Committee shall resolve in order to proceed to the drafting of the proposed amendments to the Code.

i) Non-ISAF Classes and non-ISAF Recognised Rating Systems, Special Events

The next version of the Code shall address the following issues:

- The right to display Advertising for non-ISAF Classes and non-ISAF Recognised Rating Systems shall be previously approved by ISAF (as to non-ISAF Classes and to non-ISAF Recognised Rating Systems respectively competing or applied in more than one country) or by the relevant Member National Authority (as to non-ISAF Classes and to non-ISAF Recognised Rating Systems respectively competing or applied in only one country), save the right of such non-ISAF Classes and non-ISAF Recognised Rating Systems to restrict Advertising to be displayed in accordance with the Code;

- A fee may be charged for the approval of the non-ISAF Classes and the non-ISAF Recognised Rating Systems by the MNA if the non-class operates in one country or ISAF if that non-ISAF class operates internationally;

- Class Advertising shall be permitted only to ISAF Classes and ISAF Recognised Rating Systems.

ii) ISAF Classes selected for the next Olympic Sailing Competition
The Executive Committee agreed that the display on the sails of the national flag of each competitor (if done in accordance with the Class Rules) shall not be deemed as a restriction of the right to display Advertising.

iii) Fee

The Executive Committee agreed to file a request of interpretation to the Constitution Committee in order to clarify if Regulation 20.8 allows the event organizers to charge additional entry fees for those boats carrying Advertising.