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During its Bureau Meeting held today in Sanya (CHN), FINA approved a new programme directly aimed at supporting National Federations, through the distribution of up to 70% of the IOC TV revenue share. This project represents a total of US\$ 21.5 million in the next four-year period, to assist FINA National Members in the development of their activities.

Called “**FINA Aquatics Olympic Support**”, the budget distributed under this project comes as an addition to the amount

already available through FINA Development Programme [1] – support for the participation in FINA events and prize

money - and will be given on an equal share basis.

Therefore, each National Federation – participating at the FINA World Championships, FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) or FINA World Junior Championships - will be offered up to US\$ 25,000 each year to assist in specific projects related to:

- construction, refurbishment or maintenance of facilities;
- purchase or hire of sports material equipment;

- administration fees;
- technology resources (website, online ranking, database);
- technical support;
- preparation and training of athletes, coaches and officials;
- staging and participation at national and continental competitions;
- talent-identification programmes.

FINA, through a dedicated Commission, will carefully study and approve the projects submitted by the National Federations in which the value, purpose, viability and quality of the proposals are assessed.

*“Considering the top position of FINA in the Olympic Movement, and the decisive contribution and support of our Members*

*to this achievement, we think it’s fair to create a dedicated programme to support their activities and development in the*

*five continents”*, said FINA President Dr Julio C. Maglione.

Other highlights of the FINA Bureau meeting in Sanya (CHN) include:

- The approval of FINA’s 209th member: Anguilla Amateur Swimming (AGU);
- The organisation of a Water Polo Conference in the first half of 2018, to discuss and recommend new paths for increasing the popularity and improving the worldwide value of the first Olympic team sport;
- Designation of host cities for the following competitions/events:
  - FINA Diving World Cup 2018 – June 5-10 in Wuhan (CHN)
  - FINA World Junior Diving Championships (& FINA Diving Youth Olympic Games Qualification Tournament) 2018 – July 23-29 in Kiev (UKR)

- FINA Diving World Conference 2018 – 1-3 February in Chongqing (CHN)
  - FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships 2018 – 7-9 September in Eilat (ISR)
  - Approval of the 2018 calendars for the FINA Marathon Swim World Series, FINA Diving World Series, FINA Diving Grand Prix, and FINA Artistic Swimming World Series;
  - Approval of updated By-Laws, namely referring to the recent changes in the Water Polo and Artistic Swimming format competitions starting at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games;
  - Update on ongoing initiatives under the FINA Development Programme, namely the “Swimming for All, Swimming for Life” project, the Scholarships for athletes, Development Centres, Coaches Certification, and the new E-Learning platform and National Aquatics Managers Programme.
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