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OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION "OSF" Report to the World Squash Federation 2009 Annual General Meeting

With the "dream" of the entire squash community sadly ending with the announcement by the President of the International Olympic Committee that Squash would not be part of the 2016 Summer Olympics programme, reality has now set in. The OSF and its member countries must work harder and be more creative in order to promote and foster the cause of our sport in the Oceania Region. The challenge is in our hands to look towards the future with purpose and optimism, and explore new avenues to achieve greater recognition for Squash in the extremely competitive environment in which the sport operates.

As a first step, an open Conference/Workshop will have been held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands on September 19 and 20, 2009 to address a wide range of issues relevant to steering the sport in our region through the next decade. Outcomes from the Conference/Workshop will be used to form the basis of establishing the OSF's future framework and direction.

Summarised below is a brief resume of other significant events and activities for the region over the last 12 months and planned in the near future.

1. The number of full member countries/territories affiliated with the OSF remain constant at 8. Prospects of 2 further countries joining in the future are encouraging, and the OSF is providing assistance to help develop the sport in these countries. Further expansion in the region will be heavily dependent on government funding for the construction of squash facilities.
2. The OSF operates with an all volunteer workforce, with a core group of Officers supported by a number of Standing Committees. The Federation also continues to fulfil its obligations to the WSF and support the world body with representation both at Officer level and on its various Standing Committees.
3. The Oceania Squash Championships continue to be a priority commitment of the OSF, whether held as a stand alone event or under the umbrella of the Pacific Games or Pacific Mini Games. Squash is one of the 15 sports to participate in the VIII Pacific Mini Games in Cook Islands, and is confident of being included in the 28 sport programme for the XIV Pacific Games in 2011 in Noumea, New Caledonia. A positive factor emerging from the inclusion of Squash in the Pacific Games and Pacific Mini Games is the construction of new court facilities. New facilities have been constructed in Cook Islands for the Mini Games and there is a strong likelihood of new courts in Noumea for the Pacific Games. The OSF recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Pacific Games Council (PGC), the governing body of the Pacific Games and Pacific



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Squash) attended. Col Clapper, OSF President, presented a paper at the workshop.

11. The OSF's "Strategic Objectives 2008-2012, Vision and Mission Statement" has been reviewed and enhanced and extended to cover the period 2010 to 2015, with input from the Conference/Workshop and 2009 General Meeting.
12. The OSF remains fully committed to maintaining a close relationship with the WSF and in supporting the world body in its governing of the sport. The OSF extends its appreciation to all those who sacrificed an enormous amount of time and energy to present our Olympic bid, and commend them for the quality and professionalism of the bid.

The OSF is also committed to supporting OSFO, ONOC and PGC and will continue to play an active role with these organisations to ensure that Squash maintains and enhances its profile and relevance in the Pacific.

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President & Executive Director
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