



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

The **INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION**, a registered not-for-profit organization in Vaud, SWITZERLAND whose legal seat is at Avenue de Rhodanie 54, CH 1007, Lausanne, Switzerland (hereinafter referred to as "ICF") responsible for the following paddlesports: Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom, Paracanoe, Canoe Marathon, Canoe Polo, Wildwater Canoeing, Canoe Freestyle, Canoe Ocean Racing, Dragon Boat and Stand Up Paddling.

and

The **ASSOCIATION OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**, an international non-profit association, headquartered in Lisbon / Portugal, with offices located at Avenida do Atlântico, No. 16, Edifício Panorâmico, 14th Floor, Office 8, Parque das Nações, 1990-019 Lisbon Portugal (hereinafter referred to as "ACOLOP").

1. Introduction to the Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU between ACOLOP and ICF will support the sustainable growth of PADDLESPORT across the Olympic Movement in the Lusophony and will enable ICF to contribute to ACOLOP's key strategic priorities.

The INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION ("ICF") is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of PADDLESPORT. ICF is a federation that currently has 171 member associations, which represent CANOEING and their athletes in more than 171 countries. ICF is an International Federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the International University Sports Federation (FISU), the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), the International World Games Association (IWGA), the International Masters Games Association (IMGA). ICF is also a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code.



The Association of Olympic Committees of Portuguese Official Language (ACOLOP) is the international organization, currently headquartered in Lisbon (Portugal), which unites the National Olympic Committees of Portuguese-speaking countries. It is also responsible for awarding and organizing the "Lusophony Games" and other international sports events aimed at promoting cooperation among its member countries.

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2. ICF support to ACOLOP and its National Olympic Committee Members

ICF will provide ACOLOP and its National Olympic Committee Members with the following areas of support:

- Extended global broadcast reach through ICF media and international partner media outlets;
- Access to International PADDLESPORT Events;
- Access to new partnerships with International Organisations;
- Access to new global community programs that will benefit millions of people across the World; and
- Equipment and added resources to all PADDLESPORT Federations in the Lusophony.
- Training and and development support PADDLESPORT during ACOLOP activities, such as the Lusophony Games.

3. National Federations

3.1. The agreement will provide National Olympic Committee (NOC) recognition in the form of official certification to the PADDLESPORT member national federations based in the Lusophone Countries.

3.2. Under the leadership of the ACOLOP National Olympic Committees, both parties agree to support the establishment of new National Olympic Committee-recognized National Federations in partnership with all ACOLOP National Olympic Committees that do not currently have National PADDLESPORT Federation representation.



4. Events

PADDLESPORT will provide ACOLOP and its NOC members with the opportunity to host high profile international PADDLESPORT Events.

- ACOLOP agrees to consider PADDLESPORT as a competitive sport within future "Lusophony Games" within each event from 2025 onwards.
- ACOLOP agrees to support the candidature of PADDLESPORT as a competitive sport within the Olympic Programme and within the major recognized multisport games.

5. Communication

No Party will make any public disclosure or issue any media release pertaining to the existence or/and the terms of this MOU or/and the existence of the Parties' cooperation itself, unless mutually agreed upon.

6. Confidentiality

The Parties hereto shall at all times keep confidential (and ensure that their employees and agents keep confidential) the terms of this MOU and any confidential information that they may acquire in relation to the affairs of the other Party and shall not disclose or use such information except (a) with the consent of that other Party or (b) if such information has come into the public domain otherwise than by breach by that Party of this clause or (c) as required by law or other applicable regulations, or any competent court. The duties of the Parties in this clause shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this MOU.

7. Responsibility

Except for breach of any confidentiality position here of, no party shall have any liability to any other party for any liabilities, losses, damages (whether special, incidental, or consequential), costs or expenses incurred by a Party should the negotiation among the Parties be terminated without reaching a mutual



agreement.

8. Terms Limit

This MOU remains in force in-perpetuity with a review period once per year.

9. Relations between parties

This MOU does not constitute either Party to be agent of the other or create a joint venture or similar relationship between the Parties and no Party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other Party in any manner whatsoever. The Parties hereto shall act in all respects as independent contractors.

10. Inapplicability conditions

If a provision of the present MOU is contrary to, prohibited by or considered invalid by virtue of some legislation or regulations, such provision shall be considered inapplicable, and excluded to the extent that it is contrary, prohibited, or invalid. The other provisions of the MOU shall not be considered invalid and shall retain their force and effect to the extent possible.

11. Declaration

This MOU is the final, complete, and exclusive agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matters hereof and supersedes and merges all previous discussions, writings and understandings between the Parties with respect to such matters.

No modification of or amendment to this MOU, or any waiver of any rights under this MOU, will be effective unless in writing and signed by the party to be charged.

The parties hereto have agreed this Memorandum of Understanding and therefore make this declaration by signing the agreement between the ASSOCIATION OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE & ICF.



AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

**ASSOCIATION OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF
PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

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Title: ACOLOP President

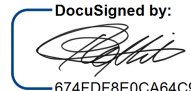
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INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

Name: RICHARD PETTIT

Title: Secretary General

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Date: 2 June 2025