

**SPORT:** SURFING

**EVENT:** 2017 ISA WORLD SURFING GAMES

**PLACE:** GRANDE PLAGE, BIARRITZ, FRANCE

**DATE:** MAY 20, 2017 (DAY 1)

Length: 3:05

#### COLOR – OPENING CEREMONY

The 2017 ISA World Surfing Games was officially inaugurated by ISA President Fernando Aguerre at the Opening Ceremony in Biarritz, France.

Thousands of locals gathered in the streets of Biarritz to witness the 245 surfers from a record-breaking 47 countries display their national pride and excitement for the week of competition to come.

The ceremony began with the Parade of Nations, as each National Team marched through the vibrant crowds in the streets of Biarritz waving their national flags and performing national chants in unison. The parade continued to the Opening Ceremony stage where they were greeted by the **Mayor of Biarritz, Michel Veunac, ISA President Fernando Aguerre, President of the French Surfing Federation, Jean-Luc Arassus, Honorary Patron of the event, Tom Curren, and ISA Vice President, Karín Sierralta.**