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To NOC Presidents
To NOC Secretaries General

Office of the Deputy Director General (for
Relations with the Olympic Movement)

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Dear NOC President, Dear NOC Secretary General,

The Olympic Games Rio 2016 are now two months away. The International Olympic Committee will continue to vigorously pursue its zero tolerance policy against doping and to support the clean athletes. Therefore, let me inform you of the many measures that we have been taking to make the Olympic Games as clean as possible.

1. The current operation to retest samples from the Olympic Games Beijing 2008 started in August 2015. Last week we were able to announce the initial results from 454 selected doping samples. The re-tests follow close cooperation with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the International Federations. They were focused on athletes who could potentially start at the Olympic Games Rio 2016 and were conducted using the very latest scientific analysis methods. As a result up to 32 athletes could be banned from competing at the Olympic Games in Rio. (please see the attached Press Statement from the IOC Executive Board)
2. 265 more results from retesting of samples from the Olympic Games London 2012 will come later this week. The IOC will also undertake a wider re-testing programme of medalists from Beijing and London. The samples of those athletes who could be awarded medals following the disqualification of others will also be retested.
3. In cooperation with WADA and the International Federations pre-testing of targeted athletes qualifying for the Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro 2016 is well advanced. On top of the on-going 'in' and 'out of competition' testing programme, 1600 athletes in the process of qualifying for the Olympic Games in Rio have been identified by the WADA Task Force to ensure that they are fully and systematically tested. The Task Force is working closely with International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations to ensure that comprehensive and detailed testing will take place.
4. The IOC has also taken a zero tolerance approach with regard to allegations concerning the Sochi laboratory during the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014. This IOC position is outlined and explained in a press statement and an opinion piece written by the IOC President – both agreed unanimously by the Executive Board of the IOC. (attached) In the meantime, this position has been fully endorsed by the Executive Board of the European Olympic Committees.

Please share this information with your athletes and member federations. Should you have any further questions or need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the IOC NOC Information Services (Ms Joelle.Simond@olympic.org).

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