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Mr Naseem Butt, Secretary General
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By mail and email

Reference: Suspension of the Pakistan Basketball Federation

Dear Mr President,
Dear Mr Secretary General,

As you know, the International Olympic Committee has been working for more than a year with the Pakistan Sports Board and the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) to ensure that National Federations in Pakistan and the entire Olympic Movement function in accordance with the Olympic Charter and the relevant Statutes of the International Sports Federations. Regrettably, though, the Pakistan Sports Board's policy ("Sports policy") interferes in the autonomy and in the affairs of the Olympic movement affecting also the National Federations affiliated to the International Olympic Federations. This interference is in direct violation of the Olympic Charter and of the FIBA General Statutes.

You have indicated to us by email dated 5 March 2013 that the judgment of the Lahore High Court dated 23 October 2012 declared the elections of the POA of 4 February 2012 as null and void. As you know, the International Olympic Committee strongly rejects this interpretation in view of the fact that a decision was taken by unanimity of all candidates present and of the POA General Assembly to accept that the election process be modified and not held by secret ballot. In this regard, please note that the judgment of 23 October 2012 confirms that the POA "may, if so inclined, hold fresh elections". This is therefore not an obligation nor a declaration of nullity.

As you very well know, an Interim Committee claiming to act on behalf of the POA has been created as a result of the above judgment to control sport in Pakistan in further violation of the Olympic Charter. This Interim Committee is not recognized by the International Olympic Committee. Much to our regret, we have also been informed that this illegal Interim Committee is headed by the President of the Pakistan Basketball Federation, Mr Asif Bajwa.

In view of the above, this matter was referred to the FIBA Central Board at its last meeting of 20-21 June 2013 in Mies, Switzerland.

The FIBA Central Board has taken a firm approach considering that – in breach of Article 9.1 of the FIBA General Statutes – your Federation no longer is in good standing with the National Olympic Committee (POA) officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee and that the actions taken by your Federation cannot be considered in line with Article 9.7. Your direct participation in chairing this Interim Committee further confirms that you are acting against the efforts of the International Olympic Committee to establish a Sports movement in Pakistan that functions in an independent manner free from interference.

In view of all the above facts and in application of Article 9.10 and 10.2 of the FIBA General Statutes, we have the regret to inform you that the Central Board has approved the suspension of your Federation from FIBA with immediate effect.

As a result, your Federation forfeits its rights under Article 8.1 of the FIBA General Statutes and your teams and officials are no longer allowed to organize and/or participate in official competitions or activities.

Please note that the suspension will be in place until:

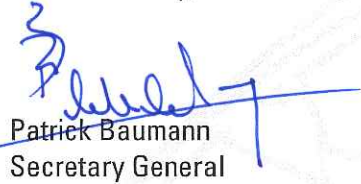
- a) you officially renounce to your involvement and any other position in the Interim Committee;
- b) you officially support the IOC's position and the office bearers of the POA elected during the General Assembly of 4 February 2012;
- c) FIBA receives an official confirmation from the duly recognized POA that the Basketball Federation of Pakistan recognizes and support the POA and its duly elected officers as per the General Assembly elections of 4 February 2012;
- d) FIBA receives an official letter from the POA (i) indicating that the Basketball Federation of Pakistan is a member of POA with full rights and, (ii) confirming the names of the Basketball Federation of Pakistan's office bearers;
- e) FIBA receives from your Federation a detailed annual activity report which we have consistently failed to receive despite our requests of 31 January 2012 and 14 May 2013 as well as your obligations under Article 9.6 of the FIBA General Statutes.

Please note that FIBA reserves its rights to closely monitor this situation and, if necessary, to maintain the suspension of your Federation until all pending disputes between the PSB, the POA and the IOC are resolved.

A copy of this letter is herewith copied to FIBA Asia for information.

We look forward to a prompt resolution of this matter and to receiving copies of the requested information and remain,

Yours sincerely,



Patrick Baumann
Secretary General

Cc: FIBA Asia