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**NOC Relations Department**

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**Pakistan Olympic Association**

This is to confirm that the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) currently headed by its President, Lt Gen. (Retired) Syed Arif Hasan, and the office-bearers duly and democratically elected by the General Assembly of the POA on 4 February 2012, in the presence of observers from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), is the sole and unique legitimate body recognised by the IOC (and affiliated to the OCA) to act as a National Olympic Committee (NOC) in Pakistan. Please refer also to the self-explanatory letter of the IOC and OCA letter dated 20 February 2012 (attached).

As per the Olympic Charter, the IOC is the sole body that is entitled to recognise a National Olympic Committee (in this case the Pakistan Olympic Association currently headed by its President, Lt Gen. (Retired) Syed Arif Hasan) and to authorise such organisation to designate, identify or refer to itself as a "National Olympic Committee". In essence the existence of an NOC, as such, is therefore derived from its recognition by the IOC.

Consequently, no organisation other than the POA, currently headed by its President, Lt Gen. (Retired) Syed Arif Hasan, can claim to represent the POA or act on its behalf or play the role of an "NOC" in Pakistan. In particular, the IOC and OCA will not recognise any decision, resolution or action of any body or so-called "interim committee" claiming to act on behalf of the POA. Any such decision, resolution or action would indeed violate the Olympic Charter and would therefore be automatically null and void.

It is regrettable to note that the repeated attempts of a number of individuals/bodies to act against the Olympic Charter and to destabilise the legitimate POA currently headed by its President, Lt Gen. (Retired) Syed Arif Hasan, do not serve at all the interests of the Olympic Movement and the athletes in Pakistan. On the contrary, this affects negatively the development of the Olympic Movement in Pakistan and has no effect but to expose unnecessarily the POA to protective measures from the IOC Executive Board, for which these individuals/bodies should be held responsible.

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