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### **Situation of the Pakistan Olympic Association**

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the meeting, which took place on 4 October 2013 in Lausanne, to review the current situation of the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA).

As promised, we are pleased to send you a brief summary of the IOC/OCA understanding of this meeting, the actions required and what is expected from the various parties, as follows:

1. Summary of the current situation:

- All parties acknowledged the fact that the current situation faced by the POA is confused, is preventing the POA from operating as normal, and must be resolved as quickly as possible in the best interest of sport and the athletes in Pakistan.
- There is only one POA, as recognised by the IOC, which is currently headed by Lt Gen. (Retired) Syed Arif Hasan. As per the Olympic Charter, it is clear that, while harmonious relations should be achieved between the POA and the government authorities, the POA is not a government body. As things stand for the moment, the POA is, unfortunately, not in a position to work from its office and to operate its bank account as it should, due to external intervention which is against the Olympic Charter.
- There are a few pending issues in the sports policy currently in force which affect the autonomy of the national sports organisations and, consequently, are not compatible with one of the fundamental principles of the Olympic Movement. As a result, the national sports organisations are not in a position to comply with (i) the applicable legislation/policies in Pakistan and (ii) the rules of the international sports organisations (International Federations and IOC) to which they are affiliated or by which they are recognised, as they should. These few pending issues in the sports policy were clearly identified during a first meeting with the Government of Pakistan on 4 June 2012 in Lausanne (please refer to the self-explanatory IOC/OCA letter of 21 June 2012 attached). The Government of Pakistan had undertaken (by letter of 12 July 2012 attached) to revise the few

conflicting provisions of the sports policy in accordance with the principles of the Olympic Charter; however, no progress has been made so far.

- Allegations have been raised that the current composition of the POA includes “parallel bodies” established at the level of national sports federations which are not recognised by the corresponding International Federations.

2. Actions required:

- All parties must work together to reach a mutual understanding and resolve the situation quickly, in good faith and in accordance with the basic principles and rules of the Olympic Movement. Fruitful cooperation and mutual respect must prevail between the Government authorities, the national sports federations and the POA. The autonomy and the jurisdiction of the POA and the national sports federations must be fully respected, as per the basic principles and rules which govern the Olympic Movement.
- The POA office and bank account must be operated exclusively by the POA as recognised by the IOC.
- The sports legislation/sports policy must be compatible with the basic principles of the Olympic Movement for the national sports organisations to be in a position to comply with both, as it should be. It is therefore expected that the Government of Pakistan review urgently the pending issues in the current sports policy (as identified in the IOC/OCA letter of 21 June 2012 and as per the clear undertaking received from the Government of Pakistan by letter of 12 July 2012).
- To clarify the questions raised over the current composition of the POA, the situation will be carefully reviewed to ensure that the POA includes the national federations duly affiliated to their respective International Federations, as per the requirements of the Olympic Charter. For that purpose, the IOC will contact each International Federation concerned to confirm the current status of their corresponding federations in Pakistan. By 1 December 2013 at the latest, the IOC will provide a complete list of all confirmations received from the International Federations which will definitively clarify any doubt and will serve as a basis to determine the composition of the POA.

Upon completion of this process it is finally expected that:

- (i) All disputes will be resolved and fruitful cooperation between the Government authorities, the national sports federations and the POA will be established in the best interest of sport and the athletes.
- (ii) The sports legislation/revised sports policy will be fully compatible with the basic principles and rules of the Olympic Movement and allow for the national sports organisations to comply with all national and international requirements, as it should be if the national sports organisations wish to retain their affiliation to the international sports institutions and thus participate in international sports events.
- (iii) The POA composition will no longer be called into question, and all members will act strictly within the framework of the structure of the POA, as recognised by the IOC, in accordance with the Olympic Charter and the POA Constitution approved by the IOC. Any decision made within this framework will have to be fully respected by all parties and will not be challenged from outside. The POA will therefore be able to operate as normal.

We hope that each party will respect this process and act accordingly to definitively resolve all pending issues for the benefit of sport and the athletes in Pakistan.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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