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To Presidents and Secretaries General
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ONOC, PASO, ASOIF, Summer IFs,
AIOWF, Winter IFs, ARISF, IWGA and
WADA

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Implementation of the Olympic Summit declaration for Rio 2016

Dear Presidents,
Dear Secretaries General,

As you may know, we had a very successful Olympic Summit meeting here in Lausanne on 21 June. This meeting was attended by all the key stakeholders of the Olympic Movement, who unanimously agreed on a Declaration which I am attaching for your easy reference.

Although an Olympic Summit cannot take binding decisions on behalf of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), International Federations (IFs) or any other stakeholder, the principles established in the Declaration are nevertheless very important to ensure a harmonised and efficient approach with regard to ensuring a level playing field for all the athletes at the Olympic Games Rio 2016. This has been confirmed by the IOC, the IFs and the NOCs.

In order to achieve this, we would like to provide you with the following guidelines for the application of such principles in your organisation:

- The Summit discussed and confirmed the application of the rules of the Olympic Charter for all NOCs and IFs with regard to eligibility for the Olympic Games.

The Declaration clearly expresses that the technical eligibility of athletes, in particular in relation to doping sanctions, is the responsibility of each IF.

The Declaration is also clear with regard to the fact that it is the NOC that enters athletes for the Olympic Games, selecting from the above-mentioned IF pool of eligible athletes.


- In the framework of these principles, the Olympic Summit expressed its full respect of the decision of the IAAF Council with regard to the specific situation of track and field in Russia.
- Because of the WADA non-compliance declaration of the National Anti-Doping Organisations in Kenya and Russia and the effects on the anti-doping system, the Olympic Summit insisted that all the IFs should look more closely at all Russian athletes from all the other sports besides track and field, which is already covered by the above-mentioned IAAF decision. For Kenya, this applies to all 28 sports at the Olympic Games Rio 2016, whereby the IAAF has expressed that track and

field athletes from Kenya are “amongst the most-tested inside and outside of Kenya” by the IAAF.

- This closer look requires individual decisions for each of such athletes with regard to their admission to the above-mentioned IF pool of eligible athletes. In this decision-making process, the IFs have to take into account all the circumstances of each case, always with a view to ensuring a level playing field for all the athletes. Because an effective anti-doping system must respect the great variety and the very different specific conditions of each sport, discipline and event, this decision has to be taken by each individual IF. ASOIF, WADA and the IOC are offering guidance and advice for each of the Federations concerned.
- With these principles, the Olympic Summit also confirmed its acceptance of sanctions for entire National Federations (NFs) according to the rules of an IF, such as, for example, those which the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has already imposed.
- The Olympic Summit also discussed and addressed potential further developments and evidence from different sources, including from the WADA “Sochi Investigation”. The Olympic Summit agreed that, in such a case, should an Olympic summer sport be affected, the above-mentioned principles would also apply. In such a case, the relevant IFs would have to take any newly produced evidence into account.
- The Olympic Summit also emphasised the need not only to sanction athletes, but also to sanction the implicated entourage. It urged the NOCs to respect this principle when it comes to requesting accreditation for coaches, officials and any other persons implicated (see Point 3 of the Declaration).

We thank you in advance for your continuing cooperation and your work to make the Olympic Games Rio 2016 a resounding success.

Best regards,



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IOC Director General

Encl. Declaration of the Olympic Summit