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**To: All International Olympic Summer
Sports Federations**
(President and Secretary General)

NOC Relations Department
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Suspension of the Kuwait Olympic Committee

Dear President, Dear Secretary General,

Following our previous communications regarding the situation of the Olympic and Sport Movement in Kuwait, we wish to inform you that the decision of the IOC Executive Board to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee, pursuant to Rule 28.9 of the Olympic Charter and in order to protect the Olympic Movement in Kuwait, has entered into force on 1 January 2010. Please see attached for your reference a copy of the IOC letter addressed to the Kuwait NOC to this effect.

Despite all our efforts since 2007 to help resolve the situation caused by the Kuwait Government and public authorities' interference in the affairs of the Olympic Movement in Kuwait, the Kuwait authorities did not respect the signed agreements and their own commitments by the final deadline (postponed several times) set at 31 December 2009.

In particular, the amendments to the Kuwait sports legislation in order to make it compatible with the principles and rules of the Olympic Movement have still not been finalised according to the signed agreements. In addition, the legitimate office bearers of the sports clubs (which, as you know, constitute the basis of the General Assemblies of the National Federations), who were removed by unilateral decision of the Public Authority for Youth and Sports in Kuwait (PAYS) issued on 14 November 2009, have still not been reinstated. Please see attached for your reference a copy of our last and self-explanatory letter dated 21 December 2009 to HE the Minister in charge of sports in Kuwait.

This obvious lack of cooperation from the Kuwait authorities has unfortunately forced the IOC to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee as of 1 January 2010.

In view of the above and in the spirit of the resolutions taken recently at the Olympic Congress in Copenhagen to preserve the autonomy of the Olympic Movement, we also ask you to consider taking any appropriate measure vis-à-vis your National Federation in Kuwait in order to protect the whole Olympic Movement in Kuwait.

We would highly appreciate if you could keep us informed of any decision or measure your IF might take with respect to your National Federation in Kuwait.

We thank you again for your kind understanding and for your invaluable cooperation to preserve the values of the Olympic Movement.

Yours sincerely,

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