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HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad AL-SABAH  
President  
Kuwait Olympic Committee

The President

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### **Suspension of the Kuwait Olympic Committee**

Excellency,

We have considered the recent developments in the situation of the Olympic and sports Movement in Kuwait in the light of the agreements signed between the IOC and the Government/relevant public authorities in Kuwait since 2007.

Today, we take note that, despite our deepest and sincere efforts since 2007 to understand and help resolve the situation caused by the Kuwait Government and public authorities' interference in the affairs of the Olympic Movement in Kuwait, the signed agreements and commitments have not been respected by the final deadline (postponed several times) set at 31 December 2009.

Consequently, we regrettably notify you of the decision taken by the IOC Executive Board to suspend the Kuwait Olympic Committee, pursuant to Rule 28.9 of the Olympic Charter, in order to protect the Olympic Movement in Kuwait.

This suspension takes effect as of today.

The IOC Executive Board will be able to consider lifting the suspension of the Kuwait Olympic Committee only once the signed agreements are respected and implemented, in order to preserve the autonomy of the Olympic Movement in Kuwait.

We very much regret this decision, which the Government and public authorities in Kuwait have forced us to take despite our goodwill and endeavours to avoid such an outcome.

Yours sincerely,

Jacques ROGGE

- cc: - HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait
- HE Dr Mohammad Mohsen Al-Afasi, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour of Kuwait
- Major General (Ret.) Faisal Al-Jazzaf, Chairman of PAYS, State of Kuwait
- HE Dr Suhail Shuhaiber, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait in Switzerland
- Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC)
- Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF)
- All International Olympic Summer Sports Federations
- Olympic Council of Asia