



INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE

HE Dr Mohammad Mohsen AL-AFASI,
Minister of Social Affairs and Labour
State of Kuwait

NOC Relations Department
Ref. No 2009/PMS/jpy

Lausanne, 21 December 2009

Situation of the Olympic and sports Movement in Kuwait

Excellency,

Following our previous letters, we have been informed of different moves now in Kuwait in order to finalise the new sport legislation.

We would like to recall, once again, that, in order to be considered by the IOC as fully compatible with the principles and rules of the Olympic Movement, the new sport legislation will have to be based on all principles that were clearly identified and established in the draft sports law which was discussed and agreed with the delegation of PAYS which came to Lausanne on 23 October 2009, and further summarised in our letter to PAYS dated 28 October 2009.

In particular, it is clear that the new sport legislation shall replace, repeal and supersede any other articles within other laws related to sport in Kuwait which would be contrary to the principles and rules of the Olympic Movement (including the principle of autonomy). In other words, any article in the currently existing laws related to sport in Kuwait (in particular laws No 42/1978, 43/1992 and 5/2007) which would be contrary to the principles and rules of the Olympic Movement must no longer apply once the new sport legislation is in force.

In addition, we would like to make it clear that all these efforts are being done with the primary objective to ensure and preserve the autonomy of the Olympic and sports Movement in Kuwait. Therefore, it is obvious that the issue of drafting a new sport law which must comply with the principles and rules of the Olympic Movement is completely connected with the issue of reinstating all sports clubs and their legitimate office bearers duly elected in 2008.

We all must be consistent and we cannot accept a decision taken by PAYS which clearly violates the autonomy of the Olympic Movement whilst we are precisely working to establish a legal framework in Kuwait to ensure such autonomy.

Therefore, as already expressed in our letter to PAYS dated 17 November (to which we still have not received any response), the legitimate office bearers of the sports clubs duly elected in 2008 must be immediately reinstated. Note: Until then, we confirm that the IOC does not recognise any decision/action potentially taken by illegitimate "interim committees" on behalf of the Sports Clubs at NOC and National Federations level.

To summarise, both (i) the implementation of a new sports law which will have to be fully compatible with the principles and rules of the Olympic Movement and supersede any other existing laws or articles that go contrary to these principles and (ii) the reinstatement of the legitimate office bearers of the sports clubs, must be achieved before 31 December 2009. If not, the suspension of the Kuwait Olympic Committee will be effective as of 1st January 2010.



We thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pere MIRÓ', is located below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Pere MIRÓ
Director
NOC Relations

- Cc: - Jacques Rogge, IOC President
- HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister 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 Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF)
 - Olympic Council of Asia
 - Kuwait Olympic Committee