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Mr Spyros CAPRALOS
President
Hellenic Olympic Committee

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Elective General Assembly of the Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC) – Next steps

Dear Mr Capralos,

We refer to your letter dated 13 September 2017 (attached for reference) and to the various communications received during recent weeks on this subject, as well as to all our discussions with the parties concerned.

In line with our letters dated 8 March and 6 June 2017, the IOC took note of the final decision of the Court/Council of State issued on 13 July 2017 to declare the HOC elections held on 6 February 2017 null and void, and to refer the matter back to the HOC to repeat its election process as soon as possible.

Given the lacuna in the HOC Statutes resulting from the fact that there is currently no IOC member in Greece to conduct this process, we had suggested that all the parties concerned meet and find a mutually acceptable solution on the way to proceed. Unfortunately, we understand that it has not been possible to reach a compromise since the Court/Council of State decision was issued (more than two months ago).

As important sporting events are fast approaching, the HOC must now move forward and conclude this process as soon as possible (as mentioned in the decision of the Court/Council of State), in the interest of the Olympic Movement and the athletes of your country.

In this context, we have taken note of the solution proposed in your letter dated 13 September 2017 in agreement with the Ministry of Sports, which is obviously required in this unique situation where the HOC Statutes are part of the Greek law.

We have carefully examined this proposal and we confirm that, in this very specific situation resulting from the current legal status of the HOC, this solution is acceptable from an IOC perspective and should be implemented as soon as possible.

To avoid any speculation, we wish to make it clear that this solution cannot be viewed as government interference, but should rather be considered as constructive support offered by the government, in these extraordinary circumstances, to resolve the current impasse. In addition, this solution allows for the process to be conducted in an independent and neutral manner.

Lastly, we have taken note of the clear undertaking from the Ministry, as expressed in your letter dated 13 September 2017, to make sure that, once this election process is completed, the current legal status of the HOC will be reviewed with the HOC and the IOC,

so that the HOC Statutes can be definitively separated from the law and can be revised together with the IOC to avoid any similar issues in the future.

We count on the full support and collaboration of the members of the HOC for this election process to be concluded smoothly and successfully, in the sole interest of the Greek Olympic Movement and the athletes.

Please keep us regularly informed of the next steps.

Yours sincerely,



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