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**Relations with the National Olympic
Committees Department**

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Acting President
Mr S.Y. Quraishi
Chairman of the Election Commission
Indian Olympic Association

Lausanne, 15 November 2012

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to you with respect to the applicable regulations for the forthcoming elections of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

From a document signed by a member of the Election Commission on 5 November 2012, which was circulated to the members of the IOA and which was sent to us by the IOA office, we have noticed with great concern that the so-called "*provisions governing the elections in the sports code of the Government of India*" would be applicable for the IOA elections and would prevail in case of discrepancy with the provisions of the Constitution / By-laws of the IOA.

As you certainly know from numerous letters we sent to the Government of India some time ago, this would be against the Olympic Charter and the fundamental principle of autonomy of the NOCs in their internal operations (including their elections) and, consequently, this would not be acceptable to the IOC / OCA.

Therefore, we wish to make it clear that the IOA elections must be conducted exclusively on the basis of the Olympic Charter and the current Constitution / By-laws of the IOA, as approved by the IOC, without any Government interference in this process. In other words, the sole governing rules for the IOA elections must be the Olympic Charter and the Constitution / By-laws of the IOA currently in force, as approved by the IOC.

We request that you clarify this issue immediately to all members of the IOA in order to avoid any doubt or misunderstanding on this very important matter.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and urgent action to make all necessary rectifications prior to the IOA elections.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc:

- Jacques Rogge, IOC President
- Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah, ANOC President, OCA President
- Raja Randhir Singh, IOA Secretary General, IOC member