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Dear Mr. Rogge,

I am writing this letter in connection with the International Olympic Committee's letter No. 2012/JPY dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 addressed to the Acting President of the Indian Olympic Association. The letter seems to imply that implementation of the provisions of the Sports Code of Government of India will amount to government interference in IOA affairs. The letter seems to have been written on the basis of misinterpretation or lack of information about the provisions of the Sports Code in India.

02. I would like to clarify that the Government of India has no intentions whatsoever to interfere in the functioning of the IOA. All that Sports Code seeks to achieve is to ensure that elections of the IOA and other sports bodies are fair, transparent and in consonance with the Olympic Charter. The Code in fact enshrines the principles contained in the Olympic Charter and that is why even the Courts of Law in India have endorsed the Code.

03. In fact, the issue is less about the Sports Code and more about the failure of Indian Olympic Association to adhere to principles of good governance and its failure to amend its constitution to bring it in line with the Olympic Charter. In this connection, may I draw your attention to the discussions that were held at Lausanne on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, followed by the assurance by IOC vide your letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 that IOA is complying with the commitments it made in the meeting in Lausanne. As a matter of fact, IOA did not fulfil its commitments and did not amend its constitution in accordance with even the draft vetted by IOC. It is the failure of the IOA to bring any provisions which ensures transparency and good governance that has led to the conflict with the Courts in India.

04. The Government of India would be extremely happy to discuss issues of good governance and fair election processes with the IOC. I am sure that once such a meeting takes place, the IOC itself will appreciate the principles behind the Sports Code. May I request IOC to kindly consider a meeting, in India, with the representatives of the Sports Ministry and perhaps the IOA to sort out the issues involved?

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05. If you agree to such a meeting, could we request that the elections to the IOA be held only after an attempt is made to sort out the issues mutually?

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-  
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3. Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra, Acting President, IOA, "Olympic Bhawan", B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi
4. Shri Randhir Singh, Secretary General, IOA, "Olympic Bhawan", B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi, in response to his letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. The Government of India would be happy to discuss the issues involved with the IOC & IOA at a mutually convenient date.

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