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2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games
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Mr. Thomas Bach
President
International Olympic Committee

**We Protest against IOC Leaders' Statements and
Demand the Cancellation/Postponement of the Tokyo Games**

Dear Mr. Bach,

We strongly protest against the following statements made by some IOC executives and demand an apology and withdrawal of their remarks:

-- "The answer is absolutely yes." (When asked whether the Tokyo Games can be delivered under a state of emergency) by John Coates, Chair of the IOC Coordination Commission for the Tokyo Games

-- "We have to make some sacrifices to make this possible" by Thomas Bach, IOC President

-- Dick Pound, a senior IOC official said the Olympics would go forward even if Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga called for them to be canceled.

A series of such remarks blatantly ignore the reality of the Japanese nation, who are making desperate efforts to protect people's lives and health in the midst of the corona pandemic. They show the arrogance and high-handed attitude of the IOC, which are completely divorced from the spirit of the Olympic Charter. We demand an apology and withdrawal of their remarks from the IOC.

At the same time, we strongly call on the IOC to make a courageous decision to cancel or postpone the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games scheduled this summer.

Some 70% - 80% of the Japanese public wants the cancellation/postponement of the Tokyo Games. In the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, with the end of which yet to be seen, we must avoid at all costs forcibly holding the Olympic/Paralympic Games,

which will highly likely expose the lives and health of not only the Japanese but people all over the world at further risk. Under the current pandemic situation, fair conditions for athletes' training and competition cannot be guaranteed, and the Tokyo Games will not be blessed or welcomed by everyone as a truly fair sports event.

All available resources now spent on holding and operating the Tokyo Games need to be converted to measures for the prevention and spread of COVID-19, and for that purpose, this summer's Games should be cancelled or postponed. This is the only choice for the IOC as well as for the communities of sports worldwide.

Forcing the Tokyo Games to be held this summer is the worst possible choice, we must say, which might bring an end to the 125-year history of the Olympics.

Sincerely,


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