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Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and the influence of COVID-19

Dear President Thomas Bach

We hope, you and your family are well during these difficult times.

Swiss Olympic, as the National Olympic Committee of Switzerland, was very pleased with yesterday's announcement of the IOC to step up its scenario-planning for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Since the release of your statement the situation around the world has evolved quickly. As of Monday, March 23rd 2020, at least two countries have decided not to send their athletes to the Olympic Games in summer due to the COVID-19 risks.

With the already existing worldwide concerns regarding health and safety, the decisions made by those countries seem to further compromise the spirit of inclusiveness and equal opportunity at the 2020 Olympic Summer Games.

After a long discussion, the members of the executive board of Swiss Olympic came to the conclusion that under the current circumstances holding the Olympic Games in July 2020 cannot be in the spirit of the Olympic Movement. Therefore Swiss Olympic, as the NOC of Switzerland, requests the International Olympic Committee to postpone the Olympic Summer Games 2020. As mentioned above it is our view that the Games should be held in regard of the Olympic values "Excellence, Friendship and Respect". Unfortunately, in light of the current situation we feel that these values could not be upheld.

We thank you for taking our views and concerns into consideration when making your decision under these complicated circumstances.

Yours sincerely

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