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Ref: Stockholm Bid Agreement

Dear Dr Bach,

I am writing following the joint announcement today by the Swedish National Olympic Committee and the Swedish national trade union centre LO of an historic agreement on respect for labour rights in the Swedish bid to host the 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Global sporting events have attracted considerable criticism over the years, including by the ITUC, for violations of fundamental workers' rights, enshrined in International Labour Organisation standards, in the infrastructure preparations and implementation of events, and in the supply chains for the production of sponsored merchandise. Significant progress was made at the London Summer Olympics, and this new agreement in Sweden represents a high standard of respect for labour standards throughout the scope of that country's bid, building on the London legacy.

The 2022 host-city selection will be the first under your stewardship as IOC President. The standard being set by the Swedish bid, which is based on universal international norms, must become an integral part of the holistic concept of sustainability which we understand the IOC is developing.

We urge the IOC to hold all candidates in this and future bids for summer and winter Olympics to at least the standards being set by the Swedish bid, and to incorporate these standards into the bid criteria.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss these issues with you, both in relation to future bids and also to ensuring that violations of workers' rights and exploitation of workers do not occur in the development and conduct of Olympic Games for which the host city has already been selected.

Yours sincerely,



General Secretary