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Mr. William MILLERSON
President
Nederlands Antilliaans Olympisch Comité

The President

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Decisions of the IOC Executive Board

Dear President,

The IOC Executive Board met today and has carefully examined the situation of your NOC and the athletes of the five islands in the light of the new institutional and constitutional structure that has been effective as from 10 October 2010.

In view of the Olympic Charter and having noted that, as a consequence of the formal dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles on 10 October 2010, the said territory does not legally exist anymore as such, the IOC Executive Board took the following decisions:

1. Propose that the forthcoming IOC Session in Durban (July 2011) ratify the following decision:

Withdraw IOC recognition from the Netherlands Antilles NOC, with the following accompanying measures until the 2012 Olympic Games in London:

 - Allow the qualification for and participation by athletes from the five islands which made up the "Netherlands Antilles" who would be eligible for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.
 - These athletes would have the possibility to qualify for and take part in the 2012 Olympic Games as independent athletes under the Olympic flag.
 - To do this, a temporary administrative structure (put in place by the former Netherlands Antilles NOC) would be responsible merely for identifying, preparing and sending the athletes who could qualify for the Olympic Games in London, under the supervision of the IOC, and with its technical and financial support.
 - After the 2012 Olympic Games in London, the athletes from these islands would naturally come under the jurisdiction of the NOCs of their choice currently recognised by the IOC within the Kingdom of the Netherlands: the NOC of the Netherlands or the NOC of Aruba.
2. Ask for close cooperation from the IFs concerned aimed at (i) safeguarding the interests of the athletes and facilitating a smooth transition in the framework of their competences and competitions and (ii) ensuring the application of the measures taken by the IOC vis-à-vis the qualification for and participation by these athletes in the 2012 Olympic Games.
3. Confirm that, pursuant to the rules of the Olympic Charter currently in force, no new NOC can be recognised for any of the five islands which made up the "Netherlands Antilles" until 10 October 2010.



These decisions were taken in the legal scope of the Olympic Charter but also with a view to preserve and protect wherever possible the interests of the athletes of these islands, some of whom are already preparing for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

I thank you for your kind understanding and attention to the above and you may count on the IOC's support for assisting you in implementing the accompanying measures proposed above. For that purpose, the IOC NOC Relations Department will contact you in order to prepare the practical measures to be taken in the perspective of the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Yours sincerely,

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- Pan-American Sports Organisation (PASO)
- Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF)
- All International Olympic Summer Sports Federations concerned
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- NOC of Aruba
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