



Mr. William MILLERSON  
President  
Nederlands Antilliaans Olympisch Comité

The President

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## Decision of the IOC Session

Dear Mr. Millerson,

As a consequence of the formal dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles on 10 October 2010 and the new institutional and constitutional structure within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and in view of the Olympic Charter, I must inform you that the IOC Session ratified today the following decision proposed by the IOC Executive Board earlier this year:

**"Withdraw IOC recognition from the Netherlands Antilles NOC, with the following accompanying measures:**

1. *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.*
2. *These athletes would have the possibility to qualify for and take part in the 2012 Olympic Games as independent athletes under the Olympic flag.*
3. *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.*
4. *After the 2012 Olympic Games in London, the athletes who have competed for these islands would naturally come under the jurisdiction of the NOC of their choice currently recognised by the IOC within the Kingdom of the Netherlands: the NOC of the Netherlands or the NOC of Aruba. This choice could only be exercised once and for the 2016 Olympic Games."*

Consequently, as from today the IOC will no longer refer to your entity as a National Olympic Committee (NOC) but as a temporary administrative structure which shall operate until the end of the London 2012 Olympic Games under the IOC's supervision.

Such entity shall constitute the technical and operative cell to implement the accompanying measures mentioned above, in particular to allow the qualification for and participation in the London 2012 Olympic Games of any potential eligible athletes from the former Netherlands Antilles as independent athletes under the Olympic flag.



I wish to thank you for your understanding of this very difficult decision which the IOC had to make in the scope of the Olympic Charter, as a consequence of this new reality and as a result of an in-depth analysis and regular consultations with all parties concerned.

Meanwhile, I wish to assure you of the IOC's full support to the temporary administrative structure that shall exercise a transition as smooth as possible until the end of the London 2012 Olympic Games and protect wherever possible the interests of the athletes.

Finally, the IOC wishes to thank you and your current and previous colleagues for your committee's dedication and contribution to the Olympic Movement throughout the years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jacques Rogge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jacques ROGGE

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- Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC)
- Pan-American Sports Organisation (PASO)
- The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG)
- Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF)
- All International Olympic Summer Sports Federations concerned
- NOC of Netherlands
- NOC of Aruba
- HRH the Prince of ORANGE, IOC member
- Ms Nicole HOEVERTSZ, IOC member