



To: ALL National Olympic Committees

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By e-mail only

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### **NOC Athletes' Commission Activity Grant**

Dear NOC President, Dear NOC Secretary General,

The IOC International Athletes' Forum (IAF) was held in April 2019 in Lausanne and attended by more than 350 athletes from all continents. Following two days of fruitful discussions, nine concrete recommendations were submitted for the consideration of the IOC Executive Board, including *"To strengthen direct financial support for NOC and Continental Associations Athlete Commissions."*

Following the approval of the IAF recommendations by the IOC Executive Board in June 2019, the Olympic Solidarity Commission was mandated to explore solutions as to how this specific recommendation could be implemented. Subsequently, during the meeting of the Olympic Solidarity Commission on 16 October 2019 in Doha, the Commission approved the creation of a new world programme for NOCs within the framework of the Olympic Solidarity plan 2021-2024 entitled: **NOC Athletes' Commission activity grant**.

This assistance will consist of a US\$ 10,000 yearly grant available to each NOC for the activities of their Athletes' Commission to achieve the following objectives:

- To offer support to NOCs without an Athletes' Commission in order that they may create one;
- To fund activities proposed by active NOC Athletes' Commissions

Prior to the launch of the 2021 – 2024 Olympic Solidarity plan and so as to provide the NOCs with an immediate opportunity to implement this recommendation, the Olympic Solidarity Commission also confirmed that this funding will be made available to the NOCs for the year 2020. Accordingly, we are pleased to confirm that a maximum budget of US\$ 10'000 per NOC will be at your NOC's disposal as from January 2020. NOCs will be responsible for submitting to Olympic Solidarity requests on behalf of their Athletes' Commissions for their activities.

The Olympic Solidarity's administrative and financial procedures will apply to this grant and you will find attached the programme guidelines, application and reporting forms for 2020.

We look forward to receiving your application for 2020 and the Olympic Solidarity's Athletes Unit remains available for any additional information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

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