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Excellency,

We are grateful for the warm words of support mentioned in the previous letter and also for your prominent leadership in the world of shooting sports in Asia.

Holding the Olympic Games has been particularly challenging for Japan during these times when we are all facing a pandemic, but honestly speaking, the motivation and meaning for the Games really do not change regardless of the conditions.

The Olympic games are guided under the philosophy of Olympism. As mentioned in the Olympic Charter, the purpose of Olympism is to establish world peace through sport by mutual respect, friendship and trust for all participants. Before the Corona situation the world seemed torn by division and disparity with mindsets like "Home country first principles", "Nativism", various religious disputes, and a potential new East West Cold War. Presently the world is in need of solidarity and the will to unite. Of course, the first priority of the Games now is to guarantee the safety of all participants as well as the Japanese people. It is under this spirit that we should proceed and hold the Olympic Games now.

That being said, on behalf of the NRAJ I wish to offer my sincere apology to all Asian shooting friends for the many inconveniences brought about under this Corona situation. We all hope for a brighter future and smoother operations once global conditions have improved and we are once again able to stage events like on previous occasions. For the time being we greatly appreciate the kindness and support you and the ASC members provide.

To this end I am currently inquiring to TOGOC as to what we can possibly do on behalf of our ASC friends. When I receive the answer from TOGOC, I will most certainly inform you and Ms. Miho Nakamura with more details.

For now, I wish you both health and happiness during these most trying times.

Your Sincerely,

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President

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