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*Your Excellency,*

I am in receipt by copy, of a letter addressed to your Excellency, from the President of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), Dame Louise Martin dated the 24th of December, 2019.

Sir, in pursuance of the IOA's stated position concerning the omission of shooting from the Birmingham edition of the CWG to be held in 2022, wherein your excellency stated that you would wait for the CGF & ISSF to meet before addressing this issue, I am pleased to inform you Sir that this meeting took place in Munich on the 5th of December 2019. This is also mentioned in the above mentioned letter addressed to you.

Sir, amongst other major Commonwealth Shooting Nations such as Australia & Cyprus, I was also a part of the said meeting that was held under the aegis of the ISSF & our President, Mr. Vladimir Lisin; I attended in both my capacities of President NRAI, & Vice President of the ISSF. It was also attended by the President of the Commonwealth Shooting Federation, Mr. Harry Murphy.

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It is my honour to inform your excellency that this meeting was most constructive and covered a vast plethora of subjects ranging from strengthening the existing relationship between the ISSF & CGF from here on into the foreseeable future, where amongst other issues discussed:

The ISSF agreed to assist the CGF robustly in development initiatives materially & technically for territories & nations that are member states of the CGF & the ISSF.

The ISSF agreed to the recognition of scores rendered by athletes in the CWG for consideration towards the establishment of World Records & their Equal for both Qualification & Finals. Further the ISSF also agreed in principal to accord the shooting events of the CWG as a designated Olympic MQS enabling championship. These are of course subject to certain qualitative criterion which made known and acknowledged by all concerned.

In addition the matter relating to the omission by the Delivery Partners of the Birmingham games from the sports programme of the Birmingham games was also touched upon in some detail and after a considerable amount of discussion, the NRAI proposed that based upon certain basic axioms and conditionality's being met, the NRAI proposes to forward to you (IOA & CGI) an Innovative solution that I believe if found to be of substance by you & forwarded for consideration by the procedural hierarchy of the CGF, being such in nature, would neither violate the Constitutional & Regulatory regime of the CGF, yet present all stake holders a viable inclusive solution that would not only address the concerns of the IOA & GOI, but equally importantly secure the future of all shooting athletes & our brother federations within the Commonwealth Shooting Federation their respective shooting communities.

**In this regard, and with the complete support of the ISSF I outline our proposal in brief as under**

**(What is now being outlined by us is contingent, of course to the basics proviso of having the approval & support of both the GOI & IOA/CGI):**

1. The NRAI is willing to host a Commonwealth Shooting Event in India at an appropriate venue commencing on the 14th of March 2022, to coincide with the occasion of Commonwealth Day.

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2. It is the ISSF & NRAI's belief that with the stated view of the CGF to be more flexible as envisaged in its Vision Statement for the future, the CGF is open to critically examining our proposal through its various structures and established procedures, and subject to this being found to be non violative of its Constitution, rules & regulation, and in general conformity by the Vision Statement evolved & announced by it, then the CGF shall evolve an innovative mechanism wherein, through such a mechanism a sport excluded from the main games programme be covered by a friendly and inclusive umbrella that allows exclusive of the main games, without being violative in any manner of the CGF's guarantee's accorded to the Hosts of Birmingham & other future bidding nations, a commonwealth (in this case) shooting event to be hosted by a member nation that is not the host (in this case India). Other than ensuring that the issue of the legacy of existing quality facilities around the CGF's membership being addressed in large measure, it would also be inclusive & embracing truly exhibiting the CWG as a friendly games.
  3. That the NRAI is willing to provide eligible athletes and their accompanying coaches/staff for this event, exclusively at its own expense; Airfare to & from the venue, Quality Hotel Lodgings, Meals, All Local Transportation, Adequate Free Training.
  4. The eligibility, of athletes and their accompanying coaches/staff shall be determined by the CGF rendering the NRAI a list of all athletes who competed at the Gold Coast CWG by event and nation, as well as the number of their accompanying coaches and Staff only and limited to this list. Though very welcome to do so, should any competing nation wish to enter additional athletes or a nation that did not compete at the Gold Coast in shooting events wish to now compete at this event, then these athletes & official would not be eligible to any such support and it would be the responsibility of the NF's & NOC's of such new entrants to make suitable arrangements for them
  5. The NRAI shall be solely responsible for undertaking and delivering these games and no such expense mentioned afore, shall in any manner be the responsibility of the IOA, ISSF, CGF, & the CSF, unless any of them voluntarily contribute purely of their own mind and willingness.



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6. The OC of the Birmingham games shall in no direct or indirect manner be responsible for the conduct or financing of this proposed event & the vice versa would be applicable in equal measure. Further, the NRAI/OC of the proposed shooting event would additionally ensure by accepting a suitable clause within any subsequent award agreement if any, to ensuring that none of its sources of finance would cause or be in conflict with those partnering with the OC of the Birmingham CWG 202.
  7. This event shall be conducted under the Aegis of two technical delegates (one for shotgun & one for rifle & pistol) who shall be recommended by ISSF for acceptance by CGF/OC. Under them (in keeping with normal practice and as has been done for the three ISSF world cups (one of which was a Tokyo Olympiad quota match), One Asian Olympic Qualification Competition (Rio Olympiad Quota match), and the ISSF World Cup Final, be conducted under the Aegis & recommendation of Juries & Judges recommended by the ISSF, who along with our range officials would ensure that the quality of the competition is in keeping with that of the rules and regulations governing ISSF recognised shooting events.
  8. Subject to, and as a consequence of the above, all scores rendered at this event would be considered by ISSF as potential new world record or its equal scores. Further, subject to the Callander set by IOC, the ISSF would also consider all scores here as valid MQS scores for each Olympic event and naturally subject to the established MQS score of each Olympic event having been achieved by each competing athlete. Additionally, as was instituted at the previous Gold Coast CWG last year, any and all competing athlete must be registered online and render his or her ISSF athlete ID number, which ISSF shall issue.
  9. In the interest of the sport, & with particular focus on ensuring the interest of both shooting athletes, and NF's through out the CGF membership; further that such a proposal is not violative of the Constitution of the CGF, and in keeping with the rules and regulations in force at the CGF; and that our proposal is accorded approval technically as well as administratively by the various competent structures and levels of the CGF; in such a condition this offer is made to the CGF & is based upon the assumption that upon completion of its regulatory and administrative review process, the competent authority of the CGF, accords its approval & acceptance (upon the merits of this proposal), to medals awarded at this proposed

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event being accorded equal protocol as any medals won by a competing nation at the main event conducted later in the Birmingham CWG's (in sports included within its sports programme).

10. In essence these medals would be treated in nature as an opening balance for each competing nation to build upon by competing in those other events in Birmingham. Thus affording nations the capability to maximise their medal potential at the CWG, an issue central & so established by the IOA to the CGF.

Sir, given the above offer and our understanding of related issues contingent to this particular matter, may I request you to allow NRAI the opportunity to prepare a detailed proposal in keeping with the above.

May I also request you as our President to permit, assist and support the NRAI seeking administrative approval from the Government of India at the earliest possible opportunity, and once this has been accorded, IOA/CGI forward this to the office of the CEO of the CGF for acceptance & examination.

Given, that we are informed the sports committee of the CGF is slated to meet around the beginning of the second week of January 2020, we intend to submit for first your concurrence, & through and along side you, the concurrence of Government of India, this proposal by the end of this week, so that the afore mentioned time line is adhered to.

Should this be the case, and contingent to the sports committee of the CGF forwarding with its recommendation (after scrutiny our proposal upon merits) to its executive, then, after, and contingent to the successful conclusion of any additional internal reviews by the executive of any technicalities involved; we are hopeful that in such a case, our proposal would be placed for considerations on merits in front of the Executive Board of the CGF, slated to meet in early/mid February 2020.

Therefore, in essence we should in all probability, '*Ceteris Paribus*', have a decision of acceptance or rejection of our offer by CGF by the latest in the 1st week of March 2020.

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Thus, I most humbly ask, that prior to discussing or reviewing any other aspects connected to shooting and the CWG, the IOA afford the NRAI & the ISSF its full might in ensuring that we are accorded approval to this innovative and inclusive offer.

I now look forward to an expeditious reply from your excellency according approval to prepare and submit our proposal accordingly. At the same time, and with a view to saving time (due to the paucity of it), we also seek your excellencies support in seeking the required approval of the Government of India 'co terminus' to yours being accorded.

Should your excellency have any further queries or seek any additional clarifications, I am of course available at your convenience.

Thanking you,

With warm regards and good wishes,

I remain yours sincerely,

**Raninder Singh**

President, NRAI

Vice President, ISSF