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**The President**

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*Dear friends and colleagues,*

Following a call with Mori Yoshiro, the President of the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, this morning, we will announce shortly that the new dates of the Games of the XXXII Olympiad will be the 23 July to the 8 August 2021.

This decision is in line with the many comments and requests we received from you during and after our conference call on Thursday asking us to set the new dates as soon as possible. I hope that you will appreciate that, given the many constraints, we had to take this decision without consulting you directly again.

The quick announcement was possible thanks to the very close cooperation with the International Olympic Summer Sport Federations, the Continental Associations of National Olympic Committees and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee. I would like to thank all of them for their great support.

With this announcement, I am confident that working together we can master this new unprecedented challenge. Humankind currently finds itself in a dark tunnel. These Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 can be a light at the end of this tunnel.

Looking forward to our next meeting and wishing you and your families good health and all the very best, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Thomas A. L.