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### TO ALL ISSF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Dear Colleagues,

Please, be informed about the message below the ISSF has received from the IOC Sport Director Mr. Kit McConnell.

As advised by the ISSF Athletes Committee we recommend to distribute this message among your athletes and let them know about the initiative of the IOC Athletes Committee.

Best regards

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Re: Survey on athlete expression at the Olympic Games

Dear Presidents, Dear Secretaries General,

As you may have seen in recent news, the IOC Athletes' Commission (AC) is currently leading a consultation with athletes to explore additional ways in which athletes can express their views during the Games, while still respecting the Olympic spirit.

Racism or any form of discrimination has no place in sport. The Olympic Games are a very powerful global demonstration of inclusion and the fight against racism, bringing together athletes from all over the world from 206 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and the IOC Refugee Olympic Team.

The IOC AC has already started the consultation process by holding calls with number of IF and NOC ACs that had asked to be involved, to discuss key issues related to athlete protests and gather initial feedback.

It is important to ensure a truly global athlete perspective to inform IOC decision-making on this subject, and the IOC Athletes' Commission have launched a survey for Olympians and elite level athletes to contribute to this process.

This is a top priority for the IOC and we would greatly appreciate your IF promoting this survey to your athlete community and encourage as many athletes as possible to complete it. Our IOC AC will also reach out to your IF AC chair to promote this.

All answers will be completely anonymous and should be completed by the end of the year.

The link for athletes to register their interest is below. Once registered, athletes will receive an individual link to the survey within 24 hours:

<https://www.olympic.org/athlete365/a365-registration>

Thank you for your support and cooperation on this important matter. If you have any questions on this please don't hesitate to contact myself or Kaveh Mehrabi ([Kaveh.mehrabi@Olympic.org](mailto:Kaveh.mehrabi@Olympic.org)).

Very best regards,

**Kit McConnell**

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