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Violations of Workers' Rights in Olympics Merchandise Supply Chains

Dear Mr Rogge,

I am writing on behalf of the international Play Fair alliance to draw your attention to a new report exposing violations of fundamental internationally-recognised workers' rights in merchandise supply chains for the London 2012 Olympic Games. The report, entitled "Toying with Workers' Rights", documents the use of child labour, excessive hours, poverty pay, dangerous working conditions and an absence of independent trade unions in the production of Olympics-licensed merchandise for the London Games. A copy of the report may be viewed at:

http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/play_fair_en_final.pdf

Following discussions with the UK partners of the international Play Fair alliance, the Trades Union Congress and Labour Behind the Label, LOCOG has now agreed to implement some remedial measures which we trust will address these violations effectively. What LOCOG have now done should be a starting point for future Organising Committees, and the IOC should recognise that by ensuring that future Games adopt clear and comprehensive provisions on ethical sourcing, public disclosure of the workplaces where goods are sourced, and adequate arrangements to ensure that workers in the supply chains know their rights and are able to take steps to address breaches of those rights, as LOCOG have now agreed to do.

On several previous occasions, including on the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the Play Fair alliance has drawn to the attention of the IOC the widespread and totally unacceptable exploitation of workers in supply chains for Olympic Games. We acknowledge that the IOC did take the step of including a reference to labour standards and licensed products in the 2016 Candidate Procedure and Questionnaire, however these new revelations once again underline the need for this issue to be addressed comprehensively and effectively, to ensure that pre-emptive measures are in place. The IOC has set high standards on technical issues in relation to Olympic events, on protection of intellectual property rights, on the environment and on several other issues. The women and men whose work makes

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the Olympic Games possible deserve similar consideration.

We, working with our national trade union affiliates and civil society partners, will be working to ensure that the lessons learned on the London 2012 Games will not be lost, and that such appalling violations of internationally-recognised labour standards will never again be a feature of the preparations and delivery of an Olympic Games. We wish to reiterate our desire to work together constructively with the IOC to establish an effective basis to address this issue, and to that end, we would be available to meet with you in the near future in order to discuss the way forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Brundage', written in a cursive style.

General Secretary