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NEW IOC STANDARDS MUST LEAD TO CLEAN UP OF GLOBAL SPORTS EVENTS, SAY LEADING NGOS, UNIONS AND SPORTS FANS

Human rights and anti-corruption measures must be at the heart of major sporting events

The International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s announcement of new standards around Olympics events must set a high benchmark for the world of sport to clean up its act on human and labour rights and ensure major sporting events are free from corruption, say leading non-governmental organisations (NGOs), trade unions and sports fans groups ahead of a key IOC meeting in Monaco next week.

In a joint letter to IOC president Dr. Thomas Bach this week - signed by Amnesty International, FIFPro – World Players' Union, Football Supporters Europe, Human Rights Watch, the International Trade Union Confederation, Supporters Direct Europe, **Terre des Hommes International Federation** and Transparency International Germany – the organisations highlight the importance of adhering to the universal fundamental ethical principles in the Olympic Charter to prevent human rights abuses and lack of transparency in major sports events like the Olympic Games.

Next Monday and Tuesday (8-9 December), IOC members will meet in Monaco for the Committee's 127th session, where they will discuss and vote on the new Olympic Agenda 2020 – what the IOC calls 'a strategic roadmap for the future of the Olympic Movement'. It includes anti-discrimination measures, labour standards, and proposals to improve transparency and promote good governance.

The letter calls for major sporting events to be organised in a way that respects human rights - including **children's** and labour rights - the environment and anti-corruption requirements at all stages of the process - from bidding, through to the development and delivery phase to final reporting.

It comes after international outrage over the treatment of migrant workers building World Cup 2022 infrastructure in Qatar, police violence and forced evictions in Brazil ahead of this year's World Cup and the 2016 Rio Olympics, as well as recent allegations of corruption in international and national sports federations. In addition, the Sochi Winter Olympics this year led to global condemnation of Russia's appalling record on gay rights, environmental protection and freedom of expression.

On behalf of the signatories to the letter, Ignacio Packer, Secretary General of Terre des Hommes said:

“Based on clear evidence, many children experience abuse and violence as a result of Mega Sporting Events. The IOC's Agenda 2020 is a leadership opportunity to prevent risks on children posed before, during and after Mega Sporting Events and to make sustainable positive legacy a tangible reality for children of the population concerned.”

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The « Children Win” Campaign sets out the changes we all need for Mega Sporting Events to be safe for children. The campaign doesn’t speak for children — it amplifies their voices. I encourage leaders of the sports industry to take a moment to meet on www.childrenwin.org some of the children we spoke to along the way. “