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Contribution from LO Sweden to the Olympic Agenda 2020

Dear Mr. Bach and members of the IOC,

On behalf of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO), we wish to thank the IOC for giving us the opportunity to contribute with our proposals to the Olympic Agenda 2020.

Being a part of the global trade union movement, we would like to submit our proposals to the IOC on how to ensure decent work, safe working conditions and workers' rights throughout the entire supply chain of the Olympics operations.

Arranging the Olympics will give the host, no difference where, a unique opportunity to invite the world to one's own country. Such a large event will also provide the opportunity for long-term and sustainable investments for many businesses, industries and sectors.

We know that it is possible to sign an agreement between companies, organisations and stakeholders. In connection with Sweden's application for the Olympic Winter Games 2022, the Swedish Olympic Committee and the Swedish LO signed an agreement on how to arrange a large sports event, while ensuring the respect for human and trade union rights.

In our opinion, it is both necessary and important to show the world that we can have the same standards on the international level. We are convinced that people all over the world, while watching the Olympic Games, would feel much better knowing that the event is built and arranged with respect for workers' rights.

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The IOC needs to fully integrate internationally accepted human rights standards in the work of the IOC and the Olympic Movement. Therefore we urge the IOC to agree on and implement the following principles:

The IOC should:

- Adopt the principles of the eight ILO core conventions, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises throughout the entire operations of the Olympics. These should also be the criteria for countries that want to host the Olympics.
- Adopt a mandatory policy for respect for workers' rights, decent work, and binding provisions on safety and health for all contracts throughout the supply chain related to the Olympics.
- Put into place permanent structures and policies that ensure decent work for all workers. This should be included in the IOC's regulations and mission.
- Together with trade unions, conduct independent labour inspections in all facilities being constructed for the Olympics.
- Ensure that the development and implementation of the Olympic Games are designed so as to achieve long-term sustainability from the point of view of climate and environment as well as economically, socially and ethically.

We want the international Olympic movement to share and adopt these principles, give them priority and make them the guiding principles in all its activities in the future.

Yours sincerely,
The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO)

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