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Reference: Withdrawal of your Country's participation to Tokyo Olympics 2020

As an honorable and honest citizen of Japan, I am asking you to reconsider your Country's participation in the Olympic Games that will take place in Tokyo in 2020.

Indeed everybody has the right to make his own decision but I am afraid that, in determining your participation to the Olympics, you have neglected some crucial aspects or you have not been informed correctly on the situation that your Athletes will be facing; this is detrimental to the basic right of taking conscious decisions.

I wonder whether Tokyo actually is the right place to host such a worldwide event like the Olympics and invite so many people from all over the world and, most of all, I wonder if the Japanese government and the municipality of Tokyo are capable to take the strict safety measures necessary to protect the athletes and visitors.

As the whole world knows, on March 11th 2011 a severe earthquake struck Fukushima and the tsunami that followed caused an ominous disaster at the Fukushima Nuclear Plant; as a consequence thereof, massive radioactivity has affected and is still affecting an area whose vastness has not been precisely determined yet. Seven years have gone by and the situation has not improved at all. In this respect, please find attached the study prepared by Professor Hiroaki Koide, former assistant professor in Research Reactor Institute of Kyoto University.

Did you know that Fukushima is a stone throw away from Tokyo? A mere 230km separate the two cities. Would you attend the Olympics if they took place near Chernobyl and go there with your family and friends?

Chernobyl spread its effects all across the EU and; after 32 years an area larger than 4300 square kilometers around the Nuclear Plant is still heavily polluted.

The big difference is that, contrary to Fukushima, in Chernobyl there was no nuclear explosion; the incident was triggered by a chemical reaction and the core of Reactor 4 lies, almost intact, in its very own place; in Fukushima, instead, at least 3 nuclear cores have melted down and the TEPCO does not even know their location as they sank somewhere as a consequence of the heat and nuclear reaction. Chances of locating them are meager as nobody can get near the site due to the high level of radioactivity on top of the many hundreds of used fuel rods kept in the pool inside the Plant which only make things worse.

What makes you think that your health is preserved sitting just 230km away from the world's biggest nuclear disaster.

I therefore oppose to the Tokyo Olympics Games 2020 for three main reasons.

1. Tokyo is not the appropriate venue to host so many people from around the world because of the nuclear contamination as demonstrated above. In addition earthquakes are rather frequent in Japan and should another one shake the Country it might affect the Plant and the fuel rods inappropriately stored there, worsening the effects of the Fukushima pollution;
2. For decency; Following the Fukushima's disaster some people have lost their lives, many have lost.

their homes, or their jobs and have been be evacuated from their home towns. All have lost their dignity... their home towns are now so contaminated that nobody can live there any longer.

They were forced to move to other places in Japan where they are still living; but abandoning your hometown and intermingle into a new society is not easy. They consider themselves refugees and estranged from their relatives and friends.

Their lives are on hold.

To make things worse, Government has unilaterally cut down on housing compensation.

Don't you think that it should be the Government's priority to spend money where people need it the most instead of setting up this huge international show that will not help the people who still suffer from the effects of the disasters that hit them?

You, the IOC, call on the Fundamental Principles of the Olympism:

"The object of Olympism is to promote sports activities for the harmonious development of humankind, to promoting a peaceful society in which all citizens concern with the preservation of human dignity".

To me it feels that the spirit of the Olympic Games has been ravaged and betrayed. Or this will probably think the Tokyo residents, mostly elderly, whom have been kicked out of their

apartments where they had lived for over 50 years to make room for the parking space to be build next to the Olympic stadium.

So long for harmonious development!

Although I have been around the block enough to know the reality of things and will never expect that the IOC can possibly reverse its decision upon the request of few simple citizens, however I am sure that you want to be an accomplice to all those lobbies interested only in supporting this inhuman business society that we have created ourselves, deaf to morality and respect of other human beings' dignity and lives.

3. Last but not least: The Games will take place during the Summer season; have you got the slightest idea about Summer, in Japan?

Just to give you a hint: in 2018 the temperature has steadily hit 35-36 degrees; in several places around Tokyo it peaked at 40 degrees.

Humidity has only made things worse to the point that, in August, 14 persons have died from heat related conditions and 5616 have been transported to hospitals in emergency.

No matter how trained your athletes are, they will have to compete in extreme weather condition which is risky for their health.

These "details" should be well known and duly considered by the organizers committee and should have been disclosed to you.

Although I am a simple citizen I deemed this information of vital importance and decided to share it with you, as I believe, being an honorable and honest citizen of Japan and according to my culture of respecting others, that you should be free to take your own decisions (and the responsibilities that go along with it) after having carefully examined all the aspects and consequences.

In my heart, I really hope that you cancel your participation or ask for a postponement to a better date and more appropriate locations.

Otherwise, I wish you all the best and should you decide to participate in the Games I will be there to welcome you in my beautiful Country.

Sincerely yours

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