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Court of Arbitration for Sport JUL. 2011
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Durban, 8 July 2011

CAS 2011/A/2474
CIO va/ Antonio Urso & Marino Ercolani Casadei

Dear Ms Zimmermann,

With reference to your letter dated 1 July 2011, the position of the IOC is the following as to the content of the Appellants' counsel's letter to you of 29 June 2011 :

1. The IOC hereby recalls that the subject matter of the Appellants' complaint was relating to allegations of violations of the IOC Code of Ethics by the IWF President (an IOC honorary member). As previously explained, the complaint was analyzed by the Secretary of the IOC Ethics Commission. The IOC is satisfied that in this case the Olympic resources were used for Olympic purposes and that, consequently, the IOC shall not intervene any further in this matter.
2. The IOC hereby strongly reaffirms that there is no kind of arbitration agreement or clause between the Appellants and the IOC. All Olympic federations receive a financial support from the IOC. Once these funds have been received, it is up to the federations themselves to manage them independently and autonomously (see Rule 26 of the Olympic Charter). If the arguments of the Appellants were to be accepted, the door would be open to have any kind of financial dispute within any International federation submitted to an appeal to the CAS against the IOC, which is totally contrary to any proper interpretation of Rule 69 of the Olympic Charter and to the common sense. This is a basic principle for the IOC, which shall not compromise.
3. As to the subject matter at stake, it is more than obvious that the dispute may concern possible issues of governance and management within the IWF itself. It certainly does not concern, and should not involve, the IOC at all. While MM. Urso and Ercolani Casadei are free to exercise what they consider to be their rights in connection with their claims, it is out of question for the IOC to be involved in such disputes.
4. The IOC will not issue any official declaration as suggested by the Appellants who, furthermore, are not entitled to interfere in any way with the IOC's own affairs.
5. The request of the Appellants that the IOC be ordered to produce documents is to be denied.

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6. The IOC reserves any further rights against the Appellants.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard M. Stupp".

Howard M. STUPP
Director

cc: Mr Mario Vigna and Mr. Stefano Brusita, Coccia, de Angeli & Associati
Mrs Paquerette Girard Zappelli, Secretary of the IOC Ethics Commission