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**INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
ETHICS COMMISSION**

DECISION OF NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

CASE N° 2/03

Mr Mario D. Goijman,
former President of the Argentinean Volleyball Federation (FAV),
domiciled at Buenos-Aires / Argentine

VERSUS

The International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) and its President,
Dr Rubén Acosta Hernández, IOC member,
domiciled at
Avenue de la Gare 12, CH-1003 Lausanne / Switzerland

On 10 March 2003, Mr Goijman filed a complaint with the Ethics Commission against the FIVB and its President, Dr Rubén Acosta Hernández, IOC member.

As certain aspects of this complaint are pending before state courts, the Ethics Commission cannot address these until the judicial decisions have been pronounced.

For the moment, however, it points out that:

- 1) the Code of Ethics is applicable to IOC members, even when their actions occur outside the IOC;
- 2) the axiom "the money from sport must go to sport" constitutes an ethical principle binding upon everyone within the Olympic Movement; For sports leaders in particular, apart from just compensation for legitimate expenses or "loss of earnings", this principle must be applied.

For this reason, and in view of the allegations that part of the acts cited by the complainant concern IOC revenues allocated to the FIVB, the Ethics Commission has decided to appoint Mr Chiharu Igaya as rapporteur, and that the file will be studied in preparation for a future meeting.

Done in Lausanne, 21 October 2003

For the Chairman,
Pâquerette Girard Zappelli
Special Representative