INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
ETHICS COMMISSION

Decision with recommendations for provisional measures
No. 02 - 2016

CASE No. 2/2016

Mr Patrick Hickey
IOC Member

FACTS and PROCEDURE:
1. – The Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer informed and referred to the Ethics Commission, on 17 August 2016, of the arrest of IOC member Mr Patrick Hickey by the police authorities in the framework of an investigation into the ticketing for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and the decision by Mr Patrick Hickey to temporarily step down from all his functions within the IOC.

2. – The Ethics Commission also took note of his being charged with breaking Brazilian law in connection with ticket sales for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

3. – Mr Patrick Hickey was asked for his observations in a letter dated 14 September. Responding to this request, Mr Patrick Hickey explained that he had not proposed a “provisional suspension”, but that he had decided “to step aside as President of the OCI and all other Olympic functions (IOC Member in Ireland, EOC President, ANOC Vice-President) until the matter was fully resolved”; he also explained that he was innocent of all alleged charges and that he would agree with any decision the EB made concerning him.

OPINION:
4. – The Ethics Commission has taken note of the various elements of the file and Mr Patrick Hickey’s observations.

It notes that the Olympic Charter provides only the measure in paragraph 2 of the Bye-law to Rule 59, i.e. provisional withdrawal; it notes on the facts that an investigation has to be opened, and that its decision will be made after such investigation.

5. – It notes that the IOC’s reputation has been tarnished by the above-mentioned facts.

As a result, the Ethics Commission recommends that the Executive Board approves to provisionally withdraw Mr Patrick Hickey from all his rights, prerogatives and functions linked to his IOC membership during the investigation.

DECISION:
After deliberating in accordance with its Statutes, the Ethics Commission decides:

1. to open an investigation into the situation of Mr Patrick Hickey;
2. to recommend that, pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Bye-law to Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter, the Executive Board approves to provisionally withdraw Mr Patrick Hickey from all his rights, prerogatives and functions linked to his IOC membership for the period of the investigation.

Done in Lausanne, 3 October 2016

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The Chairman