DECISION OF RECOMMENDATIONS
to
THE IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mr Frank Fredericks
IOC Member
Namibia

Case Nr 2017-02

The IOC Ethics Commission takes note of the evolution of the situation of Mr Frank Fredericks since its decision of recommendations dated 7 March 2017.

The Commission notes that, on 3 November 2017, the French Judge in charge of the criminal investigation on the facts officially charged Mr Frank Fredericks for corruption and money laundering.

Mr Fredericks mentioned that he did not wish to make any observations or provide a statement regarding the French proceedings.

Considering the current status of the file, the IOC Ethics Commission considers that it is not in a position to make a recommendation on the value of the facts. Therefore, the Commission decides that the investigation must continue pursuant to its Rules of Procedure.

The Commission recalls the importance of respecting the principle of the presumption of innocence for any person concerned by a criminal investigation.

It is pointed out that one of the IOC Ethics Commission’s missions is to analyse the allegations made against IOC Members in the view of the IOC Code of Ethics. Within this framework, not only the facts but their consequences on the IOC’s reputation are taken into account.

Considering the gravity and urgency of the situation and its impact on the reputation of the IOC, the IOC Ethics Commission recommends, pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Bye-law to Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter, to suspend Mr Frank Fredericks from all the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from his quality as an IOC Member.

For the IOC Ethics Commission, the Chair
Mr Ban Ki-moon

Lausanne, 6 November 2017