CASE N° 5/2005

Mr Yong Sung Park, IOC Member,
Domiciled in Seoul, Republic of Korea

REFERRAL:

In a letter dated 11 November 2005, the IOC President referred to the Ethics Commission the case of IOC member Mr Yong Sung Park, who has been the subject of an accusation by the Public Ministry of the Republic of Korea in charge of the inquiry into the Doosan group, of which Mr Park was the Chairman.

In a letter dated 14 November 2005, Mr Park was informed of the Ethics Commission referral, and his observations were requested. To date, no reply has been received by the Commission.

FACTS:

According to the facts made public by the media, Mr Park is accused, with other members of his family and directors of the group and its subsidiaries, of having embezzled money for personal gain, to the tune of some 32.6 million Won (approximately USD 32 million).

According to the media, no measure of protection, such as detention on remand, has been taken by the judicial authorities of the Republic of Korea.

OPINION:

The Ethics Commission deems it necessary to open an inquiry into the facts of which Mr Yong Sung Park is reproached.

Having noted that Mr Yong Sung Park is not subject to any measure of protection, such as being placed in detention on remand, coming from the judicial authorities in his country, the Ethics Commission considers that, while waiting for a court decision, it must defer all recommendations to the IOC Executive Board.

DECISION:

The Ethics Commission, after deliberation according to its Statutes, decides:

1. to continue its inquiry into the facts of which IOC member Mr Yong Sung Park is reproached;
2. to defer making a recommendation decision to the IOC Executive Board.

Done in Lausanne, 25 November 2005