



**Meeting with CISS**

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IOC : Jacques Rogge (JR, for first part), Christophe Dubi (CD), Jean-Laurent Bourquin

Minute taker: JLB - Sports department

First Part

		Action
JR	Welcomes CISS and opens the discussion.	
DA	Would like to know what is the IOC perception of CISS situation, what is IOC's analysis further to the CISS 31 page report and what could be done in the future to help CISS.	IOC to work on the MoU again IOC to study various proposals presented by CISS and including "Deaflympics" in the International body name CISS to enforce the fact that its members cannot call themselves "National Deaflympic Committee". IOC Sports dept. to work with CISS on proposals. IOC EB to agree on further developments prior to signature of MoU
CD	Despite the fact that both organisations have different perceptions on different topics, the IOC recognises the challenges facing CISS. The next objective is to finalise the MoU that will be the tool to define how to work together. IOC understands the importance for CISS to have the possibility to integrate the word Deaflympic within name of organisation. This should be possible, but at international level only. IOC reminds CISS that it is still impossible at national level.	
JR	Suggests that details be discussed between CISS and IOC Sports Department. Once a satisfactory proposal is established, he will present it to the IOC Executive Board. This should then allow signature of the MoU	
DA	Refers to necessity to restructure her organisation and thanks the IOC to open the door for inclusion of "Deaflympics" within the International name. As far as the national level is concerned, she understands IOC's position but mentions some difficulties in countries where the national government mandates the use of the term-Deaflympics. For example, Slovakia and Ukraine.	
JR	IOC will look for a solution for the new CISS name. The right to use it will be included in the MoU and renewable every 4 years. At national level, many other organisations face problems. Also some National Paralympic Committees, for example, since the Olympic Charter only requests NOCs to recognise Olympic National Federations. Therefore outside the Olympic world, the IOC may play a counselling role but cannot impose anything at national level. To take the example of France, the power of	



DA	<p>decision is in the hands of the Government and International Sport Organisations have to respect the sovereignty of national systems.</p> <p>We appreciate IOC's support and we have also the willingness to seek solutions together. We cherish values and relationships; CISS will respect the IOC leadership.</p>	
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Second Part

CD	<p>IOC will do its best to allow a suitable name that can be used by CISS at International level only. This new name will have to make it clear that you are the owner of the Deaflympics. Moreover, to assist CISS with other means, the IOC will study different paths such as funding (for specific projects only as discussed and agreed upon together), knowledge management, CISS Business plan, etc.</p>	
DA	<p>CISS members will appreciate this evolution and we have to think about which opportunities to work on. How will it work concretely?</p>	
CD	<p>For the name, CISS will present different options to the IOC that will consult its Marketing dept colleagues and ask what is possible. Then regarding marketing opportunities for this new name, the fact to use the word "lympic" will bind CISS to clear but restrictive rules. This policy is however in place and is also restrictive to other organisations such as the IPC. We will also consult our colleagues from Marketing dept who will define what CISS can/cannot do. As far as national level is concerned, IOC asks CISS to be more flexible and accept that some countries have internal rules that prevail. Within this framework, IOC also asks CISS to ensure that its statutes evolve, where "only deaf" may be interpreted as possible reverse discrimination. IOC considers that funding the salary of a trainee who would develop a project related to "Knowledge management" and providing tools to future Deaflympics Organising committee is a good start to develop CISS positioning. Any additional funding assistance from the IOC will have to be based on identified and agreed projects.</p> <p><u>Summary of next steps :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IOC to work on the MoU, think about new name further to CISS's proposals, request extra funding for specific projects of added value to CISS; once this is being developed, IOC President will consult his Executive Board for approval (Fall 2009).</li> <li>- CISS to send names proposals, think of concrete actions for collaboration, respect national sovereignty, adapt its statutes for non-discriminatory outcome, obtain WADA compliance</li> <li>- Next meeting will take place in Denver, March 2009, during GAISF.</li> </ul>	<p>Seek IOC Marketing point of view regarding new name and opportunities to contract sponsors/develop plan</p> <p>CISS to review statute rules</p> <p>CISS to develop a concept/project involving a traineeship position that could be funded by the IOC</p>