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To: All National Paralympic Committees

To: All IF's and IOSD's

CC: All IFCPF Member Organisations

MOTION 10 TO 2015 IPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MEXICO

As you are like already aware, CPISRA has proposed a motion to fill the 23rd slot in the Tokyo 2020 sport programme for consideration at the IPC General Assembly in Mexico City. Effective January 1, 2015, the International Federation of Cerebral Palsy Football (IFCPF), is the IF responsible for Football 7-a-side (newly renamed to CP Football).

Our sport's application for inclusion on the Tokyo 2020 sports programme failed because the IPC did not accept the evidence presented in support of our worldwide reach. Of course we were devastated by this news and we immediately commissioned an independent report to prove our sport's worldwide reach, which is attached for your information. This report confirms that in the period 2009-2013, there were 29 countries widely and regularly practicing our sport – at the international level or by having annual nation championship tournaments. Since 2012, our worldwide reach has further increased to over 40 countries.

If you support CPISRA's motion, you will give the IPC Governing Board the mandate to reconsider its decision and to review the new evidence we have gathered. It also gives the IPC the opportunity to fully utilize all 23 slots allocated to them for Tokyo 2020.

Inclusion of CP Football in Tokyo 2020 will result in an additional 112 athletes having the opportunity to compete at the Paralympic Games. This benefits more than just the athletes competing during the games. It extends to thousands of athletes who play CP Football in over 40 countries – because much of their funding is depending upon being part of the Paralympic sports programme. Finally, inclusion of CP Football will add a second ambulatory team sport and the only team sport of ambulatory athletes with motor impairment, providing a balance to the overall sport programme.

I look forward to seeing you in Mexico City. I would be very pleased to meet with you to discuss the motion, answer any questions you have regarding CP Football and to explore development opportunities for CP Football.

Yours in sport,

Sandy Hermiston
President