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By,

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Regarding: the Romanian Olympic and sports committee

Dear Mr. President Thomas Bach

With this notification, the Romanian Sports Fishing Federation, with headquarters in Romania, Alba Iulia Municipality, Octavian Goga str. no. 7, Alba county, national sports federation in the sports branch "sports fishing" with CUI 28179632, represented by Mr. Popescu Ștefan as president, national sports federation in the sports branch "sports fishing", authorized under the conditions of art. 35, art. 36 and art. 37 of Law no. 69/2000 on physical education and sport to organize, manage, supervise and control sports fishing activities and competitions at the national level, informs you about the legal situation of the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee (hereinafter COSR) which, based on the documents which attests to its organization and operation is, from our point of view, uncertain.

We support this because the founding act of COSR is in reality Government Decision no. 124/1991, legal act that gives it the status of a legal entity under public law, amended and supplemented in 2009, still in force and which assimilates COSR staff to civil servants.

With the appearance of Law no. 69/2000, COSR was obliged to reorganize as a sports structure, according to art. 43 of the original form of the Law, this presupposing the resumption of the procedure for acquiring legal personality as a legal person under private law, according to the specific national legislation, respectively Government Ordinance no. 26 of 2000 on associations and foundations.

Either this mandatory procedure was not followed by the COSR, but, moreover, using a Court Decision given by a materially incompetent Court, it was registered in the Record Register of Associations at the Bucharest District Court 1. The registration was made hiding the fact that the act based on which it operated between 1991 and 2000, respectively Government Decision no. 124/1991 was in force, which makes the registration of COSR as a private law association illegal, since it cannot function both as a natural person under public law and as a legal person under private law at the same time. As a legal entity under public law, COSR cannot be a member of the International Olympic Committee.

In reality, performance sport in Romania is nationalized and militarized. Nationalized, since the majority of national sports federations have admitted among their members sports clubs under public law, established by acts of disposition of the central and local public authorities, respectively ministries (Ministry of National Defense - Steaua Bucharest Army Sports Club, Ministry of Internal Affairs - Dinamo Sports Club, the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure - the Rapid Sports Club, the National Agency for Sports, which has 46 sports clubs subordinated, the Local Councils of the municipalities and other local administrations, etc.) some of which are also members of COSR.

We support the militarization of Olympic sport as the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee has among its members national sports federations composed of public law sports clubs, public law sports clubs, and its management consists of former and current active Army and Police officers, as follows :

Mihai Covaliu - COSR President - Police Quaestor, active
Elisabeta Lipă - Vice-President - Police Chief Chester, in reserve, member of the ruling Social Democratic Party and president of the National Sports Agency
Camelia Potec - vice president - active colonel of the Romanian army
George Boroi - Secretary General - colonel in reserve of the Romanian army
As proof of this, all the Romanian athletes present at the Olympic Games in Paris 2024 belong to sports clubs under public law, something that we appreciate as violating any national and European regulation, a right for which, by virtue of its attributions, we ask the Committee International Olympic Committee to analyze the legal situation of the COSR and decide in accordance with the Olympic Charter, which must be respected by all National Olympic Committees.

Please let us know what decisions you made regarding our referral!

Thank you!

PRESIDENT,
Stefan Popescu

