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Open Letter from the World Olympians Association to the IOC Presidential Candidates

Dear IOC Presidential Candidate,

In just over a week one of you will have the honour and privilege of leading the Olympic Movement for at least the next eight years. The 100,000 Olympians worldwide, represented through the World Olympians Association (WOA), our National Olympians Associations, and individually, stand ready to support you in your mission to uphold the ideals of the Olympic Movement, promote the spirit and practice of Olympism, and ensure that the three pillars of the Olympic Movement - the International Federations (IFs), the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), and the Olympians - continue to thrive and prosper under your leadership.

While we acknowledge that the election will be decided by the IOC Members, we note with appreciation that each of you has emphasised in your election documents your commitment to placing athletes and Olympians at the heart of the IOC's work. In this spirit, our members are keenly interested in understanding how you plan to fulfil this commitment. As in previous elections, we would greatly appreciate your responses to the following key questions:

1. How do you intend to ensure that Olympians are truly at the heart of the IOC's activities?
2. What is your vision for a strong, collaborative, and equitable partnership between our two independent organisations?
3. Would you support initiatives such as free medical screenings and health checks for all competitors before, during, and after the Olympic Games, including free or subsidised medical insurance for life for Olympians?
4. Do you believe Olympians should have the right to use footage of their Olympic performances?
5. What are your views on financial recognition for Olympians' participation in the Olympic Games?

As the independent democratically elected body representing Olympians worldwide, the WOA is committed to fostering a constructive and mutually beneficial relationship with the next IOC President and their team. We firmly believe that a partnership founded on respect, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the well-being of Olympians will serve to strengthen the Olympic Movement as a whole.

We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration in addressing these important matters and look forward to your insights. Please send your reply to president.office@thewoa.org.

Best Olympian regards,

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President

