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**To: National Olympic Committees
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Olympic Solidarity

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3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 – Application for Universality Places

Dear President, Dear Secretary General,

We are pleased to provide you with specific information on the Universality Places allocation process for the 3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

The primary objective of the Universality Places is to guarantee representation of all NOCs at the Youth Olympic Games. Before asking your NOC to submit its application for Universality Places, we wish to highlight the following points:

- **NOC eligibility**: Universality Places will not be allocated to NOCs which have qualified more than four athletes at the Youth Olympic Games Nanjing 2014 (excluding team sports and Universality Places).
- **Athlete eligibility**: all athletes benefitting from Universality Places must have an international level and fall within the specified age group corresponding to the relevant sport. Please note that there are places that are subject to meeting minimum requirements, these are outlined in the individual qualification systems per sport available on NOCnet.
- **Sports**: in each individual sport a specified number of Universality Places will be reserved for eligible NOCs.
- **Allocation process**: in the first stage, the allocation will be made by sport/event followed by confirmation of the athletes' names in a second stage.
- **Complementary allocation**: a minimum delegation size (one (1) man and one (1) woman) will be ensured, if needed, by a complementary allocation in Athletics and/or Swimming.

Referring to the attached documents related to the allocation procedure, NOCs anticipating to benefit from Universality Places are invited to submit their individual sport preferences by 15 January 2017.



The Tripartite Commission will endeavour to respect the priority order provided by your NOC. It is however important to be aware that the number of applications is generally higher than the number of places available in each sport, thus not all eligible NOCs can be awarded Universality Places in their top-ranked priority sports.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Olympic Solidarity Athletes Section:

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We remain at your disposal for any clarification that you may require.

Yours sincerely,

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Pere Miró

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Kit McConnell

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Encl.
Allocation procedure
Annexes 1-3

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