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The President

To: Presidents of the
National Olympic Committees

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By e-mail only

Dear Presidents,

The International World Games Association and The World Games event play important roles in the sports framework of the Olympic movement. They continue to provide an invaluable opportunity for athletes from a variety of sports and events not currently on the program of the Games of the Olympiad to compete in their own elite multi-sport event and represent their countries as members of a national delegation.

In previous Games, there has been excellent support from the National Olympic Committees to athletes and officials taking part, which we greatly appreciate.

The World Games have enjoyed exceptional development since their inception in 1981 and the importance of this event is now reflected in Olympic Agenda 2020. The 9th World Games 2013 Cali were an outstanding success, thanks to the commitment of the International World Games Association and the important support of the National Olympic Committees. I am confident that the 10th World Games in 2017 will also be a great success, given the commitment of the IWGA, the organizers, the athletes and the NOCs involved.

I look forward to the continuing success and growing importance of The World Games and encourage all National Olympic Committees to support this important event in Wroclaw, Poland, 20 – 30 July 2017.

Yours sincerely

Thomas Bach