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RE: 2017 Office Bearer Dispute

Dear Sirs,

Reference is made to the previous communications sent by the Parties as well as the recent communications from the Indian Olympic Association and the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The FIVB would first like to highlight that the present dispute is an internal dispute within the Volleyball Federation of India ("VFI") subject to Indian law. As such, the FIVB will respect the decisions taken by the Indian courts in the present dispute as well as the determinations and decisions of the Indian Olympic Association and the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The Indian Olympic Association, the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs, Mr. Singh Jakhar and Mr. Kumar all recognise that the following office bearers, based on the order of the Delhi High Court dated 27 April 2017, currently hold office with and represent the Volleyball Federation of India:

- Executive First Vice President- Mr. Rajkumar
- Secretary General- Mr. Ramavtar Singh Jakhar
- Treasurer- Mr. Shekhar Bose
- Vice Presidents:
 - Mr. Kuldeep Vats
 - Mr. Rathin Roy Chaudhury
 - Mr. Irvin Soares
 - Mr. Vijay Pal Singh
 - Mr. A. Ramana Rao
 - Mr. Bhupen Kumar Borah
 - Mr. A.S. Rajhans
 - Mr. Ram Lal Verma
 - Dr. Lalmalsawma Nghaka
- Associate Secretaries
 - Prof. Nalakath Basheer
 - Mr. Kuldip Magotra
- Joint Secretaries
 - Mr. B.L. Malhotra
 - Mr. R.R. Patel
 - Mr. Jagir Singh Randhawa
 - Mr. T. Balasubramanian
 - Mr. Balasabeh Suryawanshi
 - Mr. Mrinmoy Chakraborty
 - Mr. Anil Chaudhary

The FIVB also emphasizes that the position of the President of the VFI is currently vacant as the term of Mr. Kumar has expired by his own admission in July 2017. The FIVB is also aware of the petition before the Delhi High Court seeking recognition of the elections held in 2016 for the office of President. Consequently, the office of President is the only vacant position among the VFI office bearers.

Summarising the circumstances, all of the relevant stakeholders in India recognise the abovementioned office bearers under Indian law. Consequently, the FIVB recognises that the above office bearers are the current office bearers of the VFI under Indian law.

Regarding the provisional suspension, the FIVB notes that only the FIVB Board of Administration can lift the provisional suspension. The FIVB took a decision that it would not lift the provisional suspension until the dispute had been finally settled. As the office of President is still vacant under Indian law, the FIVB Board of Administration requires a final resolution related to the office of the President of the Volleyball Federation of India before it can lift the provisional suspension. Once the office of President is filled in accordance with Indian law either by virtue of a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction or through an election duly called and properly held, the FIVB will provide the information to the FIVB Board of Administration for its consideration regarding the lifting of the provisional suspension.

Yours sincerely,



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Lausanne, 14 February 2019

RE: Recognition of Mr. S. Vasudevan as VFI President

Dear Mr. Singh Jakhar,

Reference is made to our conversation at the FIVB World Congress in Cancun, Mexico as well as the documentation that you provided to the FIVB, including the legal opinion of a retired Indian Supreme Court judge.

The FIVB Board of Administration has reviewed your request and, on 25 January 2019, has taken the decision to recognise Mr. S. Vasudevan as President of the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) for a term of four years from 28 April 2017 to 27 April 2021, coinciding with the term of the other office bearers of the VFI based on the release of the election results by the Delhi High Court. Consequently, the FIVB now recognises that the VFI has filled all of the positions of its office bearers.

The FIVB expects all of its members to act in accordance with good governance principles and shall continue to monitor the governance of the VFI.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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