



October 11, 2017

Mr. Thomas Bach, President
International Olympics Committee
Olympic Studies Centre
Villa du Centenaire
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RE: Request from Environmental and Animal Welfare Organizations for the International Olympics Committee to ban sales of whale and dolphin meat at Tokyo 2020 Olympics

Dear President Bach:

Thank you for your response to our letter dated December 5, 2016. In your response (December 20, 2016) signed by Mr. Mark Adams, Director of Communications for the International Olympic Committee (IOC), it was stated that: "the welfare of any animal that participates in either the Olympic Torch Relay or the Olympic Games is of the highest priority for the IOC." We appreciate your expressed public concern for animal welfare.

While we recognize that the IOC cannot dictate any policies to the sovereign government of Japan, we encourage you to share our animal welfare concerns against whaling and dolphin hunting in our letter related to the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, including the Paralympics, with the authorities in Japan and the Japanese Olympic Committee.

Furthermore and on behalf of the undersigned organizations, we respectfully request that the IOC seek agreement with the government of Japan and the Japanese

Olympic Committee to ban the sale, availability, and consumption of any whale or dolphin products, including any supplements containing such products, at any athletic venues, Olympic villages, or by any other vendors associated with the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.

This ban could be addressed by adding relevant language to the agreement between the IOC and Tokyo (often referred to as the host city agreement) for the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics.

Banning the sale and availability of such products would ensure that the IOC is in keeping with international law and that it recognizes and respects the welfare of these intelligent marine mammals.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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The Following Organizations Endorse this Letter:

Animal Welfare Institute

Auckland Whale and Dolphin Safari

Augusto Carneiro Institute

Black Cove

BlueVoice.org

Brazilian Humpback Whale Institute

Cetacean Society International

Change For Animals Foundation

Dolphin Encountours Research Center

Fundación *firm*

Gesellschaft zur Rettung der Delphine/German Society for Dolphin Conservation

Green Vegans / The New Human Ecology

Ilha Blue Lda

In Defense of Animals

Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society

M.E.E.R. e.V.

MelbourneDolphin

Nantucket Marine Mammal Conservation Program

Natural Resources Defense Council

No Whales In Captivity

OceanCare

Orca Conservancy

Origami Whales Project

Pro Wildlife

Project Jonah New Zealand

Whale and Dolphin Conservation

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