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Dear friends,

Thank you again for the outstanding partnership expressed over the past week to address the challenges of COVID-19.

Within the last 48 hours we have noted on the one hand great improvements in Japan, but on the other hand, seen dramatic increases in the spread of the virus and new outbreaks in different regions of the world. The IOC Executive Board therefore held an extraordinary meeting this afternoon to discuss the evolving situation of COVID-19 and the impact it is having on athletes and wider society. Following these discussions, an open letter to the global athlete community was posted on Athlete365.

As you will see from this open letter, over the next four weeks, the IOC will aim to complete our assessment of various scenarios relating to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. This work will reflect the principles established last week, and approved by you in our video conference, and will involve a constant dialogue with the taskforce established to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

We thank you in advance for your patience whilst we continue to assess this ever-changing situation and would appreciate if you would promote the message with your athlete and sports community.

Our teams at the IOC remain at your disposal for any clarifications that you may require. Wishing you good health and all the very best, I remain,

*Yours sincerely,
Thomas Bach*

encl: Letter from the IOC President to the athletes

encl: Press release by the IOC Executive Board

cc: ANOC, Continental Associations of National Olympic Committees