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## Summary:

Summary of an informal meeting between IOC President Samaranch and North Korea's Olympic Committee regarding the 1988 Summer Olympics. Topics discussed included potential sporting events to be held in Pyongyang, the possibility of a joint North-South Korea team, information on the torch relay and what the official name of the 1988 Summer Olympics would be.

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INFORMAL MEETING WITH A DELEGATION OF THE NOC OF THE DPR KOREA

Lausanne, 13th January 1985, 17.15 hours

Persons present :

For the IOC
H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President

For the NOC of the DPR Korea
Mr. Chung Guk CHIN, Vice-President, NOC
Mr. Deuk Kil. KIM, member of the NOC
Interpreter (Young Myeung JIN, First Secretary, DPR Korea Mission, Geneva)

The delegation of the NOC of DPR Korea thanked the IOC President for all his efforts during the last meetings, but wished to ask for more clarification regarding elements of the discussions which had taken place on 8th and 9th January 1986.

The delegation pointed out that telexes and telegrammes had been sent to the Government of the DPR Korea, but it would be necessary to make a report upon returning there.

1. Sports events to be held in Pyong Yang

The delegation wished to know which would be the other two sports to be held in DPR Korea apart from football. They realised there would be more discussions on this matter in March, but wanted to have an answer as soon as possible.

2. Joint teams

The delegation stated that it was aware that the IOC President saw little chance for the formation of a united team. However if both sides were favourable, it did not feel that this was unfeasible.

The delegation was thankful to the IOC that following its recommendations contacts would be established in order to continue discussions and to consider what the delegation felt was a question of primordial importance to the success of the Olympic Games.

The delegation requested that the IOC President, or if not, an IOC Vice-President attend the discussions for a joint team. It would not be necessary for the Vice-President to be present during all discussions, but at the opening and any crucial moments.

3. Olympic torch relay

The delegation requested more information regarding DPR Korea’s involvement in the Olympic torch relay and how this would work.

4. Name to be given to the Olympic Games in 1988

The delegation stated that the IOC President had previously mentioned “24th Games in Pyong Yang”, but wished to have confirmation of this.

The IOC President emphasised that it was necessary to have more time in order to discuss some of these questions before giving an exact answer.

A further meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 15th January 1986 at 10.30 hours at the Château de Vidy.