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Letter from the President of the DPRK's National Olympic Committee to the President of International Olympic Committee on the Issue of Co-hosting the 1988 Olympics

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Summary:

Letter from the President of the DPRK NOC, Kim Yu Sun, to the President of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, on the IOC proposal for the 1988 Olympic Games dated August 11, 1988.

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ATTN: □MR. JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH, IOC PRESIDENT, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND
FROM: □KIM YU SUN, PRESIDENT OF DPR KOREAN NOC, PYONGYANG

I acknowledge receipt of yr tlx dtd 11 Aug.

We appraise yr efforts for the success of the 24th Olympiad.

As for the "proposal" u made this time in yr tlx, it was already proposed at the 2nd round of the Lausanne joint meeting. At that time we made clear our position that we cld never accept the proposal. If the north n the south , without realizing co-hosting n composing a single team, march side by side holding their flags respectively, it wld give the world more strong impression of the "two Koreas" against the desire of our nation for reunification. Now in south Korea, the struggle of the youth, students n people demanding for the co-hosting is getting stronger than ever.

Therefore the matter of discussing the co-hosting at the north-south joint parliamentary meeting is placed on the order of the day.

We expect that the 24th Olympic Games wld be conducive to the reunification cause of our nation n provide the opportunity of embodying splendidly the basic idea of Olympic Movement—peace n friendship.

With this hope, we r going to attend the north-south joint parliamentary meeting.

We hope u hv a correct understanding of our position.

If good results r made in the north-south joint parliamentary meeting, we wl infm u immly for yr cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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