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**Letter from the DPRK National Olympic Committee to International Olympic Committee (IOC) President requesting Clarification on the Comments made by IOC during a Press Conference in Barcelona**

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**Summary:**

Letter from the President of the DPRK's NOC, Kim Yu Sun, to the President of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, complaining about Samaranch's most recent press conference held in Barcelona.

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ATTN: MR. JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH, PRESIDENT OF IOC, LAUSANNE  
FROM: KIM YU SUN, PRESIDENT OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF DPR KOREA, PYONGYANG

We hv obtained through foreign news the contents of the press conference u held in Barcelona on June 9, some points of which we cld not understand.

U sent us a tlx on June 7 and held a press conference in Barcelona without giving us sufficient time to reply n, according to the foreign news, spoke complainingly that we had not given any reply.

According to the foreign news u distortedly said as if we were not willing to attend the Olympics because the "opening of the border" is a "major obstacle" though u "tried to persuade north Korea."

We regret that u made such a statement which entirely goes contrary to the facts.

We gave replies in time whenever u made any requests.

We gave reply on June 10 to yr tlx dtd June 7 as well. How can we give reply earlier than this.

We never said that we cld not open the demarcation line for Olympics. It is us who proposed first at the Lausanne joint meeting to opn wide the military demarcation line if the co-hosting is decided. We hv made such an official statement on many occasions even thereafter.

If yr statement was not properly reported by the foreign news, u r kindly requested to give yourself the clarification that it is contrary to the facts.

If u r in a delicate position to clarify the fact, we r going to explicate that the foreign news went against the facts.

We r waiting for yr reply.

Yours sincerely,

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