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# **Taiwanese Response to the IOC Concerning the PRC's Application, 'Referring PRC's Application [sic]'**

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### **Summary:**

Taiwanese sports officials complain in response to the People's Republic of China's application to join the Asian Games Federation. The PRC sought to be recognized as the sole representative of "China," effectively ejecting the Republic of China from the organization. The Taiwanese officials sought to present Taiwan as an independent country, which should be permitted to participate alongside the PRC in the Asian Games.

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Referring PRC's Application

The document in front of us is not an application but rather a political document. Since AGF is a sports organization, it is not worthy of our consideration.

Firstly, the applicant claims that it governs sports and physical culture on the entire territory of China, including Taiwan. This is a lie and a falsified statement which automatically nullifies the credibility of this document. Many of you here had been to the Republic of China and you know only the Republic of China Olympic Committee and no one else controls the sports activities in my country.

Secondly, Republic of China was affiliated with the AGF on July 24, 1952. And here is the documentary evidence. I must point out that on the date of Republic of China's affiliation, China is already in a divided state. There are already two different sports organizations controlling sports activities in two different areas. In other words, AGF when it approved the membership of the Republic of China accepted her status as what she was in 1952. Since that date of affiliation, there is no physical change what-so-ever in the Republic of China. The country is there, the Government is there, the population is there, and so does her national flag. Therefore, how can any rational person charge that the Republic of China has "usurped" anyone's seat in the AGF.

Thirdly, I want to protest strongly that the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer has seen fit to circulate a document which contains such political phrases

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as "the Chiang Kai-shek clique! This is not only an insult to myself as a duly elected member of this Committee, but also an insult to this Committee as a whole.

In particular, it is an insult to our host country, the Royal Kingdom of Thailand, which maintains full diplomatic relations with the Republic of China and not with any particular clique.

Fourthly, while it is true that only one national sports organization from one Asian country can be admitted to the AGF, it is also true and factual that the Republic of China is an independent country and has every right to participate in the Asian Games. The Republic of China maintains full diplomatic relations with forty-nine countries, including our host country, in different parts of the world. If we accept the notion that the Republic of China is not an independent country and therefore is not entitled to maintain her membership in the AGF, then we are not acting rationally and we can never justify our action.

Fifthly, the application is made with strings attached. In other words, the applicant wants this Committee to accept its application under its own terms. This is never heard of in any international sports organization. If this Committee accepts such unreasonable demand and surrenders itself, I believe all of us will become laughing stock of the international sports circles. For the reasons I have just mentioned, Mr. Chairman, the only course we can rightfully follow is to disregard the so-called application and rule it out of order.

Before closing, I also want to lodge a strong protest against the Progress Report submitted by the Organizing Committee. In the report, the

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Organizing Committee declared openly in support of mainland China to replace the Republic of China. According to Article 35(1) of the AGF Constitution and Rules, the Organizing Committee can only act on the instructions of the AGF Council, and the Organizing Committee has clearly violated the AGF Constitution by formulating its own policy concerning such an important question as the membership of the AGF without prior approval of the Council. Furthermore, the Organizing Committee has also violated Article 3(1) of the Fundamental Principles of AGF Constitution by discriminating on political ground against the Republic of China, a charter member of the AGF. Therefore, appropriate action should be taken by this Committee to sanction such violations.