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Article in the Swiss Journal Le Temps: "Un puissant membre du CIO au tribunal"

Dear Ms. Girard Zappelli,

I refer to the exchange of emails you had in the past days with my Swiss Counsel and in particular to your email of yesterday, 17 November 2018, for which I thank you.

As a first remark, please allow myself to state in all clear terms that the judiciary matter addressed in the above-mentioned media article is a politically and maliciously motivated case, relating to a Kuwaiti political dispute dating back to 2012. The matter has absolutely nothing to do with sport and I will vigorously defend my innocence and integrity before the competent Swiss courts, which I trust, and I am confident that I will be successful in this.

As a second remark, the information contained in the media article is neither accurate nor complete. I am fully committed to co-operate with you and the IOC Ethics Committee. To this purpose, I have instructed my Swiss Counsel to contact you in the coming days to find as soon as possible a date which is suitable to you and the IOC Ethics Committee in order to hear me. Such a hearing will give me the opportunity to provide you and the IOC Ethics Committee with all information and documents that are necessary for your investigation. I trust that on the basis of such complete information the IOC Ethics Committee will be in position to base a reasoned and well-considered recommendation, if any, to the IOC Executive Board.

In order to facilitate my preparation to such a hearing date, and to avoid that any of the media rumors may have a negative effect on the IOC or on me, I hereby inform you that I decided to provisionally step aside with immediate effect and until the date of the hearing with the IOC Ethics Committee on all my duties and functions as IOC Member and Chairman of the IOC Solidarity Commission.

I thank you for all your endeavors for the good of the Olympic movement.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah

IOC Member