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Press release

President's Commission on Olympic Sports

Mr. Michael T. Harrigan, Executive Director, and Mr. John A. McCahill, General Counsel, have now handed the final report of the President of the United States of America's Commission on Olympic Sports to Lord Killanin, President of the International Olympic Committee, in Dublin. The President of the IOC has also been in contact with Mr. Julian K. Roosevelt, a member of the IOC in the United States, and Colonel Don Miller, Executive Director of the United States Olympic Committee. Lord Killanin states he has now made a preliminary study of the document, the general implementation of which he believes will definitely further the development of amateur sport in the United States.

The President of the International Olympic Committee points out that the Commission recommends the amendment of Public Law 805, the USOC Charter, to create an essentially new National Olympic Committee, composed only of national governing bodies.

Naturally the International Federations will study this document in so far as it affects them.

As and when the USOC revises its constitution, the rules will have to be approved by the International Olympic Committee.

It would appear that the Commission fully recognises the contribution of the Olympic movement to the development of amateur sports in the United States, and is attempting to preserve and support the intent of the Olympic ideal while gradually expanding the role of the USOC by enhancing it as a National Olympic Committee responsible for amateur sport in the United States of America.