

The China Question

The Executive Board of the IOC, meeting in Lausanne on 10th March, 1979, under the presidency of its Chairman, Lord Killanin, received a deputation from the Chinese Olympic Committee. This Committee submitted an application for re-recognition as the original Chinese National Olympic Committee. This application, as well as the statutes, are in conformity with the IOC Rules.

The representatives of the Chinese Olympic Committee stated that they were prepared for discussions with the representatives of the National Olympic Committee based in Taiwan.

The Olympic Committee based in Taiwan had informed Mr. Cross, member of the IOC in New Zealand, Chairmen of the IOC Commission which visited Peking and Taipei, that it was prepared to take part in round-table talks.

The Executive welcomes this positive approach, and has offered to act as mediator. The meeting could be held in Lausanne, at the IOC Headquarters, under the chairmanship of Lord Killanin.

It is hoped that the discussions can take place prior to 31st March, when the Executive can make a formal recommendation to the 81st Session of the IOC in Montevideo.

A resolution from Mr. Henry Hsu, member of the IOC, was studied by the Executive Board and will be placed on the agenda at Montevideo.

It is the unanimous view of the Executive that all eligible athletes of the world should be able to take part in the Olympic Games.

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