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DEAR MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and its Gender Council are writing to the Olympic Committee in the run-up to the Tokyo Olympics to express their concerns about the sexism that has been observed in the world of sport and which has resulted in the harassment of women journalists as they go about their reporting duties. As an example, campaigns have been carried out in Brazil and France.

We believe that an international competition of the magnitude of the Olympic Games requires the commitment of everyone to try to ensure that the behaviour of all participants is correct in an environment where sporting values should be paramount. We therefore call on the Committee to ensure that sexism is avoided by using all the means at its disposal and that, in the event of threats, harassment or inappropriate behaviour, swift action is taken.

We are concerned about the safety of both women journalists and sportswomen and, for this reason, we reiterate our request not only for these Games but also for those that may be held in the future and we offer you our cooperation for all that is necessary in order to implement preventive measures that reach both journalists and sportswomen and sportsmen.

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) represents more than 600,000 journalists in more than 140 countries around the world.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of IFJ Gender Council