



Memorandum

To: All Commonwealth Games Associations
From: Michael Fennell, President
Date: 19 May 2009
Re: Update on Delhi 2010

Dear Presidents

Last week the CGF's Coordination Commission visited Delhi and undertook a comprehensive review of preparations for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, whilst the Commission is yet to conclude its work following this review it was able to provide the Executive Board with an overview of its findings at the Board's meeting held in Delhi last Thursday. In my note to you of April 21st I provided you all with my own assessment on specific matters, following the interim report from the Commission coupled with my own observations last week I would now advise as follows:

Venue Construction

It is reported to the Commission the agencies responsible for the venues remained confident that they would adhere to the December 2009 timelines for delivery of the venues to the Organising Committee i.e. with the exception of the Cycling Velodrome and Rugby Sevens, the Commission whilst noting this advice concurred with the view I expressed to you last month i.e. that this is unlikely and that the completion of a number of the competition venues will run into the first quarter of the New Year. The Commission also concurred with my view that based upon previous Games delivery of competition venues if these delays do occur and are confined to the first quarter of 2010 that they will not impact adversely on the Games.

The above of course relates to the physical construction of the venues and equally important for the Games is venue operational planning, including overlay requirements and this is an area of planning that the Commission has stressed to the Organising Committee that now needs acceleration.

Functional Area Build-up

I said to you all in my report last month that the Federation's focus had now shifted towards operational planning and delivery, a matter you all had concerns with in Pune and that this would be an area of major focus of the forthcoming visit of our Coordination Committee as there is much to be done in the remaining time available with slippages against the planning roadmap presented to us all in The Gambia already evident.

The Commission shared my concerns as to slippages to date across a range of functional areas and stressed the need for the Organising Committee ensure that by the time of the General Assembly in October clarity across all areas is provided to enable CGAs to plan accordingly.

As an interim measure and consistent with the commitment given to CGAs by the Organising Committee in The Gambia, the Organising Committee will be providing all CGAs with a formal report in June measuring progress to date across all functional areas set against the revised planning roadmap presented to you in The Gambia.

Broadcasting Arrangements:

In my last report I expressed my concerns with the delays incurred in finalising Host Broadcast production arrangements and I advised that I stressed to the Organising Committee that this matter must be finalised with urgency to enable the effective promotion and broadcast of the Games throughout the Commonwealth.

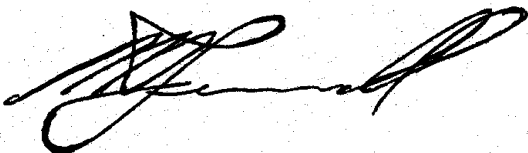
I am pleased to be able to advise that during the Executive Board's meeting last Thursday the Host Broadcast Agreement was approved between the Organising Committee and Prasar Bharti (PB). In presenting this to the CGF the Organising Committee provided a short list of four production companies to work with PB and the Federation was satisfied with these.

Security

As I said in my earlier report this is a matter of great concern to all of us, not only in relation to the Delhi Games but for all major events taking place anywhere in the world. During the Coordination Commission meetings were held at the highest level with the authorities and necessary assurances given. It is clear that the Government of India is taking National security very seriously and is providing all the necessary resources. The Federation's own Security Advisers had just completed their second report on security planning and both the OC and the authorities gave a commitment to The Commission to address all recommendations contained within this.

I concluded my last report to you by expressing my confidence that at the General Assembly in October the Organising Committee will present to us all definitive plans across all areas affecting CGAs involvement within the Games and whilst there is much to be done in the next 4 – 5 months I remain of that view.

Kind regards

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President