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INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ETHICS COMMISSION

DECISION with a recommended provisional measure No. D/03/08

CASE No. 4/2008

Mr Kun-hee Lee, IOC Member, Domiciled in Seoul, Republic of Korea

REFERRAL:

In a letter dated 17 April 2008, the IOC President referred the situation of Mr Kunhee Lee, an IOC member, to the Ethics Commission, following his indictment for breach of trust and tax evasion involving more than 112 billion Korean Won (approximately USD 108 million).

Having noted that, after being charged and pending a decision by the court, Mr Kun-hee Lee was not subject to any protective measure on the part of the judicial authorities in his countries, the Ethics Commission deemed that it should not make any recommendation before a judicial decision was delivered. The Executive Board approved this position at its meeting in Athens on 5 June 2008.

In its decision of 16 July 2008, the Seoul Central District Court sentenced Mr Kun-hee Lee to a suspended term of three years' imprisonment and a fine of 110 billion Korean Won (roughly USD 108 million).

In a letter to the IOC President on 15 July 2008, Mr Kun-hee Lee announced that he would "refrain from acting in the capacity of an IOC member until the pending legal proceedings (and any higher court's ruling) are finally concluded".

OPINION:

The Ethics Commission notes that, in a decision dated 16 July 2008, Mr Kun-hee Lee was sentenced by the Seoul Central District Court to a suspended term of three years' imprisonment and a fine of 110 billion Korean Won, and takes note of the letter which Mr Kun-hee Lee sent the IOC President.

The Ethics Commission deems that, with this letter, Mr Kun-hee Lee has voluntarily given up the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from his IOC membership until the legal proceedings are concluded.

DECISION:

After deliberating in accordance with its Statutes, the Ethics Commission recommends that the Executive Board take note of Mr Kun-hee Lee's decision voluntarily to give up the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from his IOC membership until the legal proceedings against him are concluded.

Done in Lausanne, 18 July 2008

For the Chairman, Pâquerette Girard Zappelli Ethics Commission Secretary