

**INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION**

**MS EKATERINA THANOU, BORN ON 1 FEBRUARY 1975, ATHLETE, GREECE  
(ATHLETICS)**

The IOC Executive Board has duly noted the contents of the attached Recommendation of the IOC Disciplinary Commission dated 8 August 2008:

The IOC Executive Board considers that, independently from any recommendation from a Disciplinary Commission, the issue of Ms Thanou's participation may also be examined pursuant to Rules 41 and 45.2 of the Olympic Charter. The latter, in particular, provides that the IOC "*may, at its discretion, at any time, refuse any entry, without indication of grounds...*" and that "*nobody is entitled to any right to any kind to participate in the Olympic Games*".

The application of Rule 45.2 is thus also fully justified in the case of Ms Thanou, which is both exceptional and most serious.

Upon consideration of the above:

**THE IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**DECIDES**

- I. that pursuant to Rule 23.2.1 of the Olympic Charter, the athlete Ms Ekaterini Thanou is declared ineligible to participate in the 2008 Olympic Games in the sport of athletics and in any other capacity.
- II. that pursuant to Rule 45.2.2 of the Olympic Charter, Ms Ekaterini Thanou's entry in the 2008 Olympic Games is refused.
- III. that Ms Ekaterini Thanou's accreditation is cancelled and withdrawn.
- IV. that the Hellenic Olympic Committee and BOCOG ensure full implementation of the IOC Executive Board decision.

Jacques ROGGE  
President

Urs LACOTTE  
Director General

Beijing, 10 August 2008