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**INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE  
ETHICS COMMISSION  
Closure Decision**

**No. 02 - 2013**

CASE No. 2/2012

Mr Dae-sung Moon  
IOC Member

FACTS and PROCEDURE:

1. – In a letter dated 25 April 2012, the IOC President informed the Ethics Commission of the situation of Mr Dae-sung Moon, an IOC member as an active athlete since 2008.
2. – This referral followed various press articles accusing Mr Dae-sung Moon of plagiarism in his doctoral thesis on a sports discipline which he had defended in 2007 at Kookmin University (Republic of Korea).
- 3 – On 26 April 2012, Mr Dae-sung Moon sent the Commission his written observations, in which he refuted this accusation and argued that, while his thesis made use, among other referenced sources, of certain passages from other research, this did not constitute plagiarism.
4. – In a letter dated 1 June 2012, the President of Kookmin University confirmed the creation of an ad-hoc committee to examine the allegation of plagiarism against Mr Dae-sung Moon's thesis, and said that an investigation was under way. On 12 February 2013, the University President announced that, by mid-March 2013, the "Ethics and Research Committee" would produce its final conclusions, taking into account Mr Dae-sung Moon's defence. Despite several reminders from the Ethics Commission Chairman (most recently on 2 November 2013), Kookmin University is still not able to take a decision based on the evidence or to set a date for a decision to be taken.

OPINION

5. – The Ethics Commission notes that, in the absence of a decision by Kookmin University, which alone is competent to assess the validity and quality of the doctoral thesis presented by Mr Dae-sung Moon, it is unable to propose any recommendation to the IOC President and that, failing any precise deadline for a decision by the University, it cannot leave this file open.

As a result, the Ethics Commission decides to close this file, leaving the possibility for the IOC President to reactivate it in the event of a decision by Kookmin University.

DECISION:

The Ethics Commission, after deliberating in accordance with its Statutes, decides to close this file

Done in Lausanne, 29 November 2013

For the Chairman,  
Pâquerette Girard Zappelli  
Ethics Commission Secretary