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Of. Ext. 090\_2021 ICSD

Caxias do Sul, 23 de julho de 2021.

Dear Mr. Rebrov, Dmitry
Chief Executive Officer
International Committee of Sport for the Deaf

I cordially congratulate you for leading the Olympic movement for the deaf around the world.

As expressed in the preceding letter Ext. 089\_2021 on 07/18/21, the SSCS (Sociedade de Deaf de Caxias do Sul) reacted by creating a new Organizing Committee (OC), going a long way to renew and update the pact between government and society, to maintain a strong advance with all actions. Looking the Brazilian law, has providence the legal stablishment to sign the main Contract of Host City with ICSD on the next week, after the Extraordinary Assembly be realized.

The new Organizing Committee pay complete respect for ICSD institution and statements, but also for the CBDS – Brazilian Deaf Sport Federation, considering the institution like the national deaf sport authority, including, we has invited her President. Mrs. Diana Kyosen, for the Director Council.

Today we were surprised by an irresponsible video that reports a letter from CBDS introducing itself as a new organizing committee. After a sequence of letter attacking the legitimate authority of Mr. Gustavo Perazzolo, like Interim President of ICSD. It's the same people that, one year ago, has tried unsuccessfully change the host city for Brasília. Now, with less than 12 months to go before the games start, they intends to transfer them to Rio de Janeiro.

Out of consideration for all the investments already planned "and carried out" by the city of Caxias do Sul, officially approved as the host city for the 24th Summer Deaf Olympic Games, I would like to emphasize the seriousness of this communication for the entire deaf

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community in the world, but especially for the damage caused to the image of Deaflympic concepts and principles.

After this video publication, we must a fast and strong positioning from ICSD about it to reduce impact and demystify the confusions caused over all nations.

We keep our reason, determination and full respect for the ICSD decisions. We will keep our organizing best efforts to provide a great event and strong sport legacy to the Deaf community around the world.

Richard Douglas Ewald OC CEO 24<sup>a</sup> Summer Deaflympics