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Dear President,

I write further to an email received from Gaston Bel on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 enclosing earlier correspondence with FIH concerning sex reassignment in Argentina. We apologize for the delay in responding to your query.

Thank you for providing us with documentation on the current issue of transgender athletes in Argentina, which we have considered. As you know, in Argentina, the law on this subject is contained in Act No. 26,743 on Gender Identity which states that *'no regulation, rule of procedure can limit, restrict, exclude or eliminate the right to gender identity of persons, and they should always be construed so as to favour the possibility of being accepted.'*

With regard to FIH's position on the matter, our guidelines are firmly aligned with the International Olympic Committee's stance on Sex Reassignment and Hyperandrogenism. We enclose a copy of the IOC Trans Gender Guidelines for your information. The guidelines are a result of the IOC Consensus Meeting on Sex Reassignment and Hyperandrogenism, which took place in November 2015. The guidelines state that, in keeping with the Olympic Charter:

*'Those who transition from male to female are eligible to compete in the female category under the following conditions:*

- *The athlete has declared that her gender identity is female. Declaration cannot be changed, for sporting purposes, for a minimum of four years.*
- *The athlete must demonstrate that her total testosterone level in serum has been below 10nmol/L for at least 12 months prior to her first competition (with the requirement for any longer period to be based on a confidential case-by-case evaluation, considering whether or not 12 months is a sufficient length of time to minimize any advantage in women's competition).*
- *The athlete's total testosterone level in serum must remain below 10 nmol/L throughout the period of desired eligibility to compete in the female category.*

- *Compliance with these conditions may be monitored by testing. In the event of non-compliance, the athlete's eligibility for female competition will be suspended for 12 months.'*

We hope the above is sufficient information for you. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McCracken', is positioned below the text 'Kind regards,'.

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cc: Gaston Bel, CEO CAH

Attach: IOC Transgender Guidelines