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Mr. Boris Gromov, Governor of Moscow Region
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RUSSIA

Dear Mr. Gromov,

On behalf of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the International Olympic Committee has included ski orienteering, a recognised Olympic sport since 1977, in the review of the programme of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. The final decision on the programme will be taken at the 119th IOC Session in Guatemala City in July 2007.

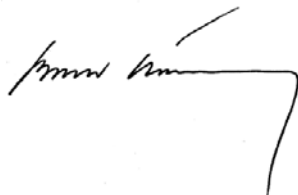
On this occasion, the organiser of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games will also be appointed, one of the candidate cities being Sochi, Russia. As ski orienteering is a sport with long traditions in Russia, we very much hope that the sport would be included in the programme, should the Games be awarded to Sochi.

In light of the IOF's Olympic endeavours, we consider it to be of great importance that the 2007 World Ski Orienteering Championships to be held in Moscow Region in the period 23 February- 3 March 2007 showcase ski orienteering as a sport worthy of Olympic inclusion, and that the event can assist in promoting Russia as an excellent organiser of the Olympic Winter Games.

The IOF would very much appreciate your positive attitude towards requests made by the local organiser, the Russian Orienteering Federation, and we would value your assistance in ensuring the success of the 2007 World Ski Orienteering Championships.

We should like to thank you in anticipation for your benevolent support and we look forward to a successful World Championship in the Moscow region.

*On behalf of the International Orienteering Federation
Yours sincerely*



*Barbro Rönnberg
IOF Secretary General*