QUESTION 1

The postponement of the 2020 Olympic Games has just been announced. Do you agree or disagree with such decision and why did it was handled by sport and political authorities?

José Manuel Constantino (President, NOC Portugal)

The postponement of the Olympic Games is a very difficult decision. It is a measure that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has taken to protect the health and safety of athletes, spectators, and all those involved in the Games. It has been a challenging decision for the IOC and the Tokyo Organising Committee, as well as for all the international federations and national Olympic committees. The decision was made based on the advice of the WHO and after careful consideration of the available scientific evidence. It is a difficult decision because it means delaying the Games by one year, but it is a necessary one to ensure the safety of all those involved.

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QUESTION 4

What should be the priorities and work programme of your organisation in the next few months? What are the main risk mitigation steps you have adopted?

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In the next few months, our priorities will be to continue to support our athletes and ensure their safety and well-being. We will also focus on the planning and implementation of the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021, and on the preparation and participation of our athletes. We have adopted various risk mitigation steps, including the implementation of a crisis management system, the regular update of our plans and programmes, and the provision of support to our athletes in terms of training and competition.

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