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Conversation: The Lukashenko Affair

For the Attention of Pat Hickey:

Hello Pat:

Gosh, you are a hard fellow to pin down. Last week your Rome office told me they couldn't find you. It seems that when you are not at the HQ of your European Olympic Committees organisation, you don't have access to email or a cell phone.

So I tried the IOC press office in Lausanne and they kindly forwarded my questions to you – but still no response.

And the Irish National Olympic Committee in Dublin, of which you are president, appears to practice *omerta* about your role in the Lukashenko affair.

It may come as a surprise that some of your EOC member nations do not support what appears to be your unilateral decision to give an Olympic award to a man most decent people characterise as a dictatorial thug.

So let's try again:

1: Noting that this week police in Minsk arrested citizens handing out copies of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, please explain why you, as President of the European Olympic Committees, think that Belarus President (and National Olympic Committee president) Alexander Lukashenko is qualified to receive a special award for "his outstanding contribution to the Olympic movement."

2: Do you think that you have brought shame and ridicule upon the Olympic Movement?

3: Do you consider yourself a fit and proper person to preside over the European Olympic Committees?

I would be grateful for a response by 18.00 on Friday.

Thank you,

Andrew Jennings