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Subject: Questions to President Rogge

Dear President Rogge,

Please will you comment on these issues that arise from the astonishing awards made by Patrick Hickey at the European Olympic Committees congress in Istanbul last month. Please will you reply by 15.00 on Saturday, the newspaper deadline imposed on me. Thank you.

Do you endorse the EOC award that states President Lukashenko has made an 'outstanding contribution to the Olympic movement'?

Is President Lukashenko a fit and proper person to be honoured by the Olympic Movement?

What is your opinion on the arrests and beating of Human Rights Day demonstrators in Minsk on Wednesday and the doping bans on two Belarus athletes on Thursday?

What kind of contribution do the actions of Mr Lukashenko's police and his doped athletes make to the image of the Olympic Movement?

Do you endorse the EOC 2008 Order of Merit to Henri Sérandour?

Were you present on the podium in Istanbul when these awards were made?

Has Patrick Hickey brought shame and ridicule upon the Olympic Movement by these awards?

Is Mr Hickey a fit and proper person to be entrusted with making awards on behalf of the Olympic Movement?

Will you, because of his actions, refer Mr Hickey to the IOC's Ethics

Commission?

Thank you.

Background. For more than a week Patrick Hickey, usually loquacious and often belligerent, has not responded to questions. Neither has the BOA, although there is still time. I have tried several other NOCs and only one, the Swiss, has responded – with courtesy and dignity.

Best wishes,

Andrew Jennings