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By mail and email

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr Secretary General,
Dear Friends,

I have been informed in detail about the events that happened in Jakarta during the Asian Games with players of the Japanese Basketball Team.

Much as you do, we deeply regret the incident that casts a dark cloud on our sport and your National Federation. The behaviour of the players cannot be condoned, and I believe that your fast and steady reaction has been very professional and strong. It is in these difficult times that one can see leadership and the press conference has been mastered very well despite the obvious difficult situation you, Madam President, were put in.

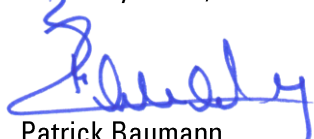
It is important that JBA provides now for a good example when taking further decisions on these four players. If you need any support in terms of procedure, our legal team stands ready to support you with some advice, if you so wish. However, I am certain that with your experience, fortitude and wisdom, JBA will find the right balance of sanctions for such reprehensible and damaging behaviour.

FIBA stands by your side and we encourage you to remain strong and firm. At the same time, we understand the pressure that is put on you by media and stakeholders. Nonetheless, we would not support any negative decision around the JBA leadership, which would be very damaging to JBA and its path towards Tokyo 2020, and is not warranted by the misbehaviour of four immature athletes who certainly do not represent what you stand for and what Japanese basketball is about.

On a separate note and should you consider it appropriate, a short personal written message of apology to your fellow President of the Indonesian Basketball Federation and to your fellow Central Board member, Mr Erick Thohir, who is also President of the Organising Committee of the Asian Games and a companion on your road to the 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup could be considered. If you were to write these letters, kindly copy us and FIBA Asia.

I wish you all the best and, please, do not hesitate to contact us in case of need.

Sincerely Yours,



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