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SASCOC SUPPORTS THE BEIJING 2022 WINTER OLYMPICS

The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) fully supports the position adopted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that Olympic Games and the participation of the athletes are beyond politics. This was in response to the call for a diplomatic boycott of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

As a National Olympic Committee (NOC) the preparation of our athletes for participation at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Games remains our main focus.

SASCOC President Mr Barry Hendricks commented, "Delivering Team South Africa to the Olympics remains our core mandate as an NOC, hence we are focusing on qualifying our athletes for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics."

The XXIV Olympic Winter Games will take place between 4-20 February 2022.

The full IOC Statement can be referenced on the following link:

<https://olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-statement-on-today-s-announcement-by-the-us-government>

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