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President

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Dear President,

I am writing regarding the issue that is recently widely discussed and causes anxiety in cycling community, that is the Track Olympic programme for 2012. As the President of European Cycling Union I would like to express concern of European Cycling Federations regarding implementing changes and ask you for a good consideration of that proposal.

In my opinion, as well as in the opinion of many (if not all) European Cycling Federations the changes in the Track Olympic programme must be implemented in stages. This process should be an evolution rather than revolution.

In recent years European Cycling Federations delivered huge efforts to develop track cycling: new velodromes were built, special training programmes for youth have been introduced, etc. All these actions cost a lot and we all know how difficult it is nowadays to attract sponsors. We shall not fear that Track Cycling would be excluded from the Olympic Games. We need to make sure that more sponsors are attracted to track cycling.

Majority of track riders participating in World Championships and Olympic Games represent European Federations. I believe that it is essential to count with their opinion. Therefore, I kindly ask you to consider well proposals of different Federations: Russian, Belgian, Italian (proposal of UCI V-ce President, Renato di Rocco).

The general opinion is to keep the programme as it is and introduce extra events for women. In my mind, perhaps for the Olympic Games in 2012 we could have 6/4 (men/women) and for 2016 introduce next change. This is only my suggestion.

Dear President, once more I ask you, on behalf of European Federations, to adopt 'step-by-step' method in implementing changes in the Track Olympic programme.

Best regards,