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Doug Smith  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is in reference to the Toronto 2020 organization's bid to host the **World Masters Athletics Championships** in Toronto in 2020.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) formerly Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) recognizes the importance of events such as the one you are organizing, and has considerable experience in providing support to event organizers on Canada's visa process. The Special Events Unit of IRCC will be pleased to work with the Toronto 2020 organizers to provide this support leading up to the World Masters Athletic Championships in 2020.

Should the Toronto 2020 organization be successful in its bid, IRCC will endeavour to facilitate the entry to Canada of individuals who possess the necessary travel documents and are not inadmissible under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and *Regulations*. IRCC will also ensure that visa offices abroad as well as other Government of Canada departments involved in the visa application process have available information about the World Masters Athletic Championships and can process applications submitted by participants in a timely manner. For its part, the Special Events Unit at IRCC will cooperate fully with organizers to answer any questions they may have and will provide pertinent information on the process to apply for a Canadian visa.

Please note that this event does not qualify for a processing fee exemption under *IRPA Regulations*. Delegates who require a visa to enter Canada will need to apply for a visa well in advance and pay a processing fee of \$100.00 Canadian (current rate) for a multiple or single entry visa.

Should you require additional information, please contact the Special Events Unit at [special.events@cic.gc.ca](mailto:special.events@cic.gc.ca) or visit the CIC website at <http://www.cic.gc.ca>.

I wish you every success in the bidding proceedings and look forward to working with the Toronto 2020 organization, should it win the bid to host the World Masters Athletics Championships in Toronto in 2020.

Sincerely,

Mary Warren  
A/Director, Temporary Resident Program Division