

ÖHB - Österreichischer Handballbund Mr. Gerhard Hofbauer, President Mr. Martin Hausleitner, General Secretary Hauslabgasse 24 A A - 1050 Wien Austria

Reykjavik, 19th January 2014

Dear Mr. Gerhard Hofbauer, President and Mr. Martin Hausleitner, General Secretary

I am writing to you with regards to the very unfortunate, insulting and distasteful remarks one of our sports caster made during half time of our live broadcasting of the EM 2014 handball game between the national team of Iceland and Austria on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2014.

I want to assure you that this incident is being taken extremely seriously and dealt with it in the appropriate manner.

The sports caster in question instantly realised the error of his ways and apologized immediately after the game during the live broadcasting. An official apology from the presenter and on behalf of RUV has also been issued here in Iceland.

Most importantly though I personally and on behalf of RUV and the sport caster send you and the Austrian Handball Federation a formal and a sincere apology. I do hope that you will be able to accept this apology. Austria, Austrians and the Austrian Handball Federation are held in high regards in Iceland and we consider you our friends and allies. I do hope this unfortunate incident will not do any harm to this friendship.

Sincerely,

Bjarni Guðmundsson,

**General Director**