



**THE FAROESE CONFEDERATION OF SPORTS
AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**



A NATION PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORT

**FAROE
ISLANDS**

OUR PASSION FOR SPORT

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- **Faroe Islands invests significantly in sport**
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Faroe Islands invests significantly in sport

- Plans for a new indoor multisport arena for up to 4,600 spectators
- Construction of new FINA 50m swimming pool to complete by 2024
- Construction of new Olympic-standard shooting range 2022
- Construction of new athletics stadium underway with full size running track - 3rd athletics stadium on our Islands 2022
- 22 full scale football pitches
- Launch of new independent Faroese anti-doping body
- FCSOC funds and supports over 100 sports clubs, 23 sports associations & has its own athlete/coach development system

Sport is fundamental to Faroese society & culture

- 18,000 Faroese are members of sports clubs – 1 in 3 of the population!
- Inaugural Faroe Games: 1260 participants compete in 19 sports - plans to expand to include international athletes
- Inaugural School Games: 1,150 4th & 5th Grade children from across Faroese Islands compete in multi sports
- All driven & overseen by the FCSOC

Track record of sporting success

- Rowing: Sverri Sandberg Nielsen - Single Sculls (under Danish flag): 4th Tokyo 2020
- Olympic Games; Silver 2019 World Rowing Championships; Gold 2020 European Championships
- Katrin Olsen [under Danish flag] Silver at the Rowing World Championships 2005 & 2006
- Paralympics: Hávard Vatnhamar competed in the Marathon at Tokyo 2020
- U19 Handball (men): Won GOLD at the Men's 19 EHF Championship 2021 - promoted to main draw of Men's 20 EHF EURO 2022
- Football: Faroe Islands won Group D1 of 2020/21 UEFA Nations League and earned promotion to League C for 2022/2
- Pal Joensen Bronze at the 2012 FINA World Swimming Championships [25m]

Sport on the Faroe Islands is 100% self-funded

- No funding for sport comes from Denmark
- FCSOC funds all sport on the island - even anti-doping



TÓRSVØLLUR The National Stadium



TÓRSHAVN The capital of the Faroe Islands



THE CASE FOR OLYMPIC RECOGNITION FAROE ISLANDS

THE FAROE ISLANDS has been a selfgoverning region of the Kingdom of Denmark since 1948 - but can only compete in the Olympic Games as part of the Danish National Olympic Committee.

The Faroe Islands wants to compete in its own right and has been campaigning for Olympic recognition for almost 50 years.
We believe our case is compelling.

We have been self-governing since 1948

- We control all key domestic matters including education, tax, trade and fisheries
- We have our own Parliament, flag & passport
- Faroe Islands is not part of the Schengen Area, unlike Denmark
- Faroe Islands signed one of the UK's first post Brexit trade deals [our independence enabled us to do this]

We have the full support of Danish National Olympic Committee

- Danish National Olympic Committee and Danish Prime Minister support Faroe Islands Olympic independence
- We also have support from other Nordic NOCs

We are internationally recognised

- International Maritime Organisation
- Food and Agriculture Organisation
- UNESCO
- WHO

While other NOCs have limited 'international recognition'

- Kosovo & Chinese Taipei have limited 'international recognition'
- United Kingdom is responsible for defence of British Virgin Islands - yet BVI has Olympic status
- Hong Kong has Olympic status, yet China has increasing political authority over it

We have our own language

- Faroese - which is much closer to Icelandic than Danish
- English is increasingly the 2nd language among young people

We are geographically closer to Scotland, Iceland & Norway than Denmark

- Faroe Islands is closer to Scotland [325km], Iceland [430km] and Norway [585km] than Denmark [990km]
- Faroe Islands are an archipelago of 18 mountainous islands, with a total land area of 1,399 square kilometres, a sea area of 293,623 square kilometres and a population of 54,000.



Faroese Confederation of Sports & Olympic Committee is already established

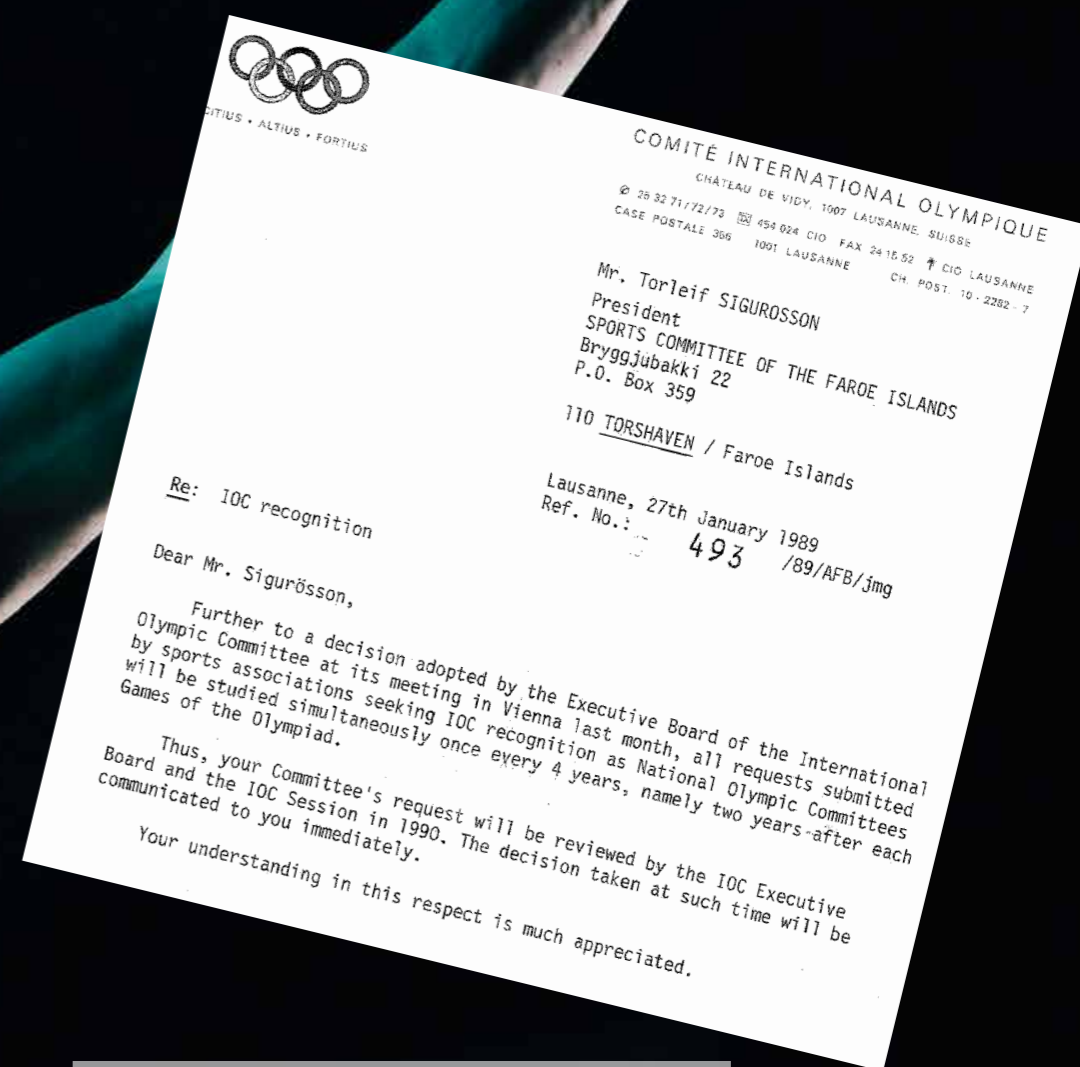
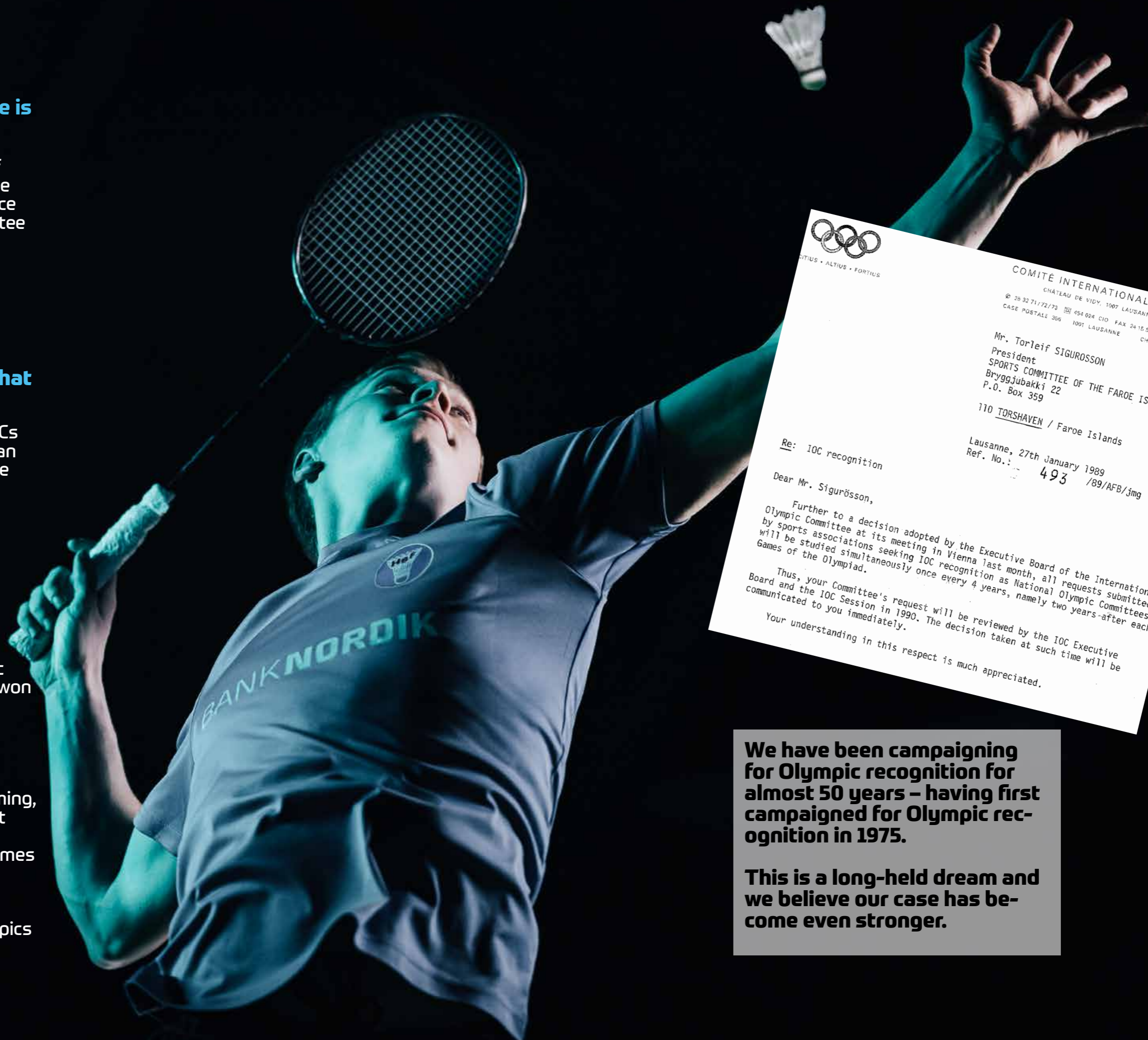
- The Faroese Confederation of Sports and Olympic Committee [FCSOC] has been in place since 1939 and our Olympic Committee was established in 1982
- We recently established an athlete's commission, and are proud of our track record in gender equality and ethics

Our 54,000 population is larger than seven nations that compete in Olympic Games

- The IOC recognises seven NOCs that have populations less than the Faroe Islands and compete in the Olympic Games

Faroe Islands already competes in international sport – as the Faroe Islands

- Founding member of the International Paralympic Committee
- Competed in every Paralympic Summer Games since 1984 & won 13 medals
- Recognised by twelve International Federations & competes internationally in archery, badminton, darts, football, handball, judo, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, sport shooting and volleyball
- Competes in the European Games and European Youth Olympic Games – European Olympic Committee's competitions
- Competes in the Special Olympics World Games



We have been campaigning for Olympic recognition for almost 50 years – having first campaigned for Olympic recognition in 1975.

This is a long-held dream and we believe our case has become even stronger.



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