

IOC Wants Time Change for 2014 Games

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The International Olympic Committee asked the government to turn clocks back one hour so that European television viewers can enjoy the 2014 Winter Olympics with a two-hour time difference instead of three, a news report said Wednesday.

The request was made by Jean-Claude Killy, the committee's point man for the Sochi games, in a letter to Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Kozak, who is overseeing the Olympics, Izvestia reported. The newspaper said it had obtained a copy of the letter, which was sent in late December.

The IOC request puts extra pressure on Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev to nix one of the most wide-ranging reforms of his presidency. In 2011, the country abolished daylight saving time by not switching clocks back in the fall.

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