

## IOC Denies Report of Time Switch Request

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LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The International Olympic Committee denied asking Russia's government to turn clocks back one hour to benefit broadcasters of the 2014 Sochi Winter Games.

The IOC said it was only asked for an opinion, and it said that any decision is "clearly one for the government."

Reports in Moscow said IOC member Jean-Claude Killy wrote asking whether Sochi could be two hours ahead of Central European Time instead of three.

However, the IOC said it simply responded that "we would look upon it favorably, so long as the games' stakeholders were informed far enough in advance."

State policy to stop using daylight saving time in 2011 is associated with former President Dmitry Medvedev, who is now prime minister.

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