## INSTITUTE OF EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

Mr. Evo Morales President of Bolivia Palacio Quemado



## Dear Mr. President:

It is our strong belief as expert medical physiologists of Denmark and Bolivia, that the world games of soccer can and should be played in the high altitude cities of La Paz. Our standing is based on extensive knowledge over many years of work in research on exercise, pressure changes, environmental changes and different conditions that the human body can tolerate during the practice of sports.

We want to congratulate you on playing a game at 6000 m on Sajama that further supports the previous game played in 2001 on the summit of Mt. Sajama, showing the extraordinary capacity to play under acute hypoxic conditions with no serious risk to health.

Several people have asked us to contribute to the clarification of this controversy and we feel obliged to express scientifically our points of view opposing limitations to the practice of sports at high altitude.

We hereby remain a your service and most happy to express these ideas and face any medical committee of the FIFA should you demand it from us. **JUNE 18, 2007** 

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