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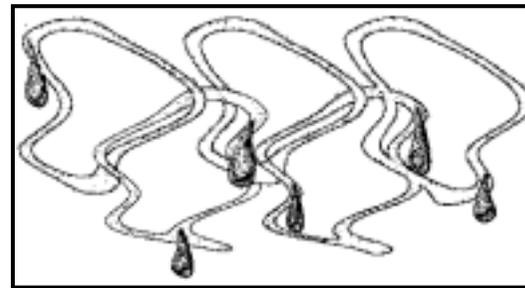
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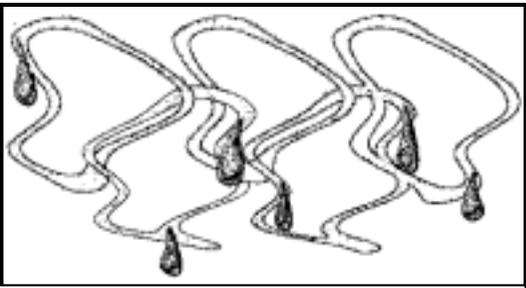
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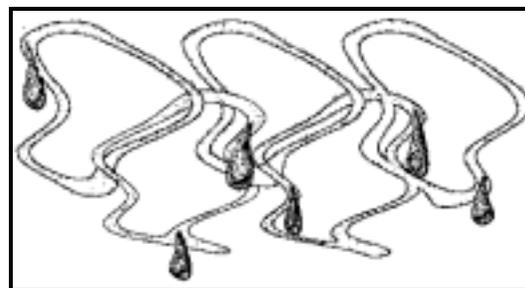
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The IOC must note that since its controversial „bet“ in July 2001 that the Olympic Games would help to improve human rights in China, there has been a further deterioration, as acknowledged by the US State Department and other governments. Media freedom seems further away than ever and Chinese officials have used the Games to endorse their crackdown on dissent. The IOC becomes complicit in this process when its Host City contract states that political demonstrations and meetings are barred, effectively providing China with a licence for „zero tolerance“. For all these reasons, we believe that the IOC cannot claim political neutrality in its dealings with the Chinese regime or the human rights community.

I believe that the IOC should take the following steps to ensure that the Olympic ideal of a peaceful society is realised:

- Appoint a Human Rights Committee or Adviser to the Coordination Commission, to ensure that human rights are given the same consideration as the environment impact of the Games on the Host country.
- Obtain a written guarantee from Beijing authorities to ensure complete media freedom in the run up to and including the Games themselves which is not restricted to sports reporting.
- Secure a written guarantee from China not to arrest Chinese citizens or Tibetans or members of other national minorities for voicing dissent about the Olympics before, during or after the Games, and press China for the release of the abducted Panchen Lama, who it is understood is being held in the vicinity of Beijing.

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