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Capability Chief Executive re-elected to the International Paralympic Committee Governing Board

Alan Dickson, Chief Executive of Capability Scotland was yesterday re-elected to the Governing Board of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

Mr Dickson is a key figure in the world of Paralympic sport and has long been a champion in the drive to open up sport to more disabled people, both as participants and spectators. As well as having served on the IPC Governing Board since 2003 he has chaired several IPC committees and is the President of the Cerebral Palsy International Sports & Recreation Association (CPISRA).

Speaking of his re-election Mr Dickson said: "I have been lucky to see and be a part of the development of a vibrant and professional international community of disabled athletes. Looking forward I see the need to capitalise on this momentum to drive forward the opportunities for our athletes and the broader message of equality.

"I am therefore delighted to be re-elected to the IPC Governing Board so that I can continue to work with both these athletes and my equally committed Board and IPC colleagues.

"With London hosting the 2012 Paralympics and Glasgow hosting the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Great Britain has a real opportunity to lead the rest of the world in encouraging disabled people to get involved with sport, and developing and building truly accessible venues which will open up sport to everyone. We have the opportunity to create a lasting legacy which will ensure future generations of disabled people can get involved with sport in whichever way they want, whether that is as an international competitor or as an enthusiastic supporter or spectator."

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Notes to editors

Capability Scotland campaigns with, and provides services to, disabled children and adults across Scotland, supporting them to achieve equality and have choice and control in their lives.

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The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement. The IPC organizes the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, and serves as the International Federation for nine sports, for which it supervises and co-ordinates the World Championships and other competitions. The IPC is committed to enabling Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to developing sport opportunities for all persons with a disability from the beginner to elite level. In addition, the IPC aims to promote the Paralympic values, which include courage, determination, inspiration and equality.

Founded on 22 September 1989, the IPC is an international non-profit organization formed and run by more than 160 National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) from five regions and four disability specific international sports federations (IOSDs). The IPC Headquarters and its management team are located in Bonn, Germany.

For more information please visit the IPC website www.paralympic.org.