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## Press Release

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# Glasgow 2014 and London 2012 sign unprecedented and unique agreement

John Scott, Chief Executive of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and Sebastian Coe, Chairman of London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), today signed an unprecedented and unique agreement to work together to maximise benefits of hosting major sporting events.

The agreement will set out how both Organising Committees will jointly benefit from the second time an Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games has been hosted within two years of each other in the same country, since Canada hosted the 1976 Summer Olympics and the 1978 Commonwealth Games.

This key moment in Games history sees the heads of both Organising Committees sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Scotstoun Stadium, a Glasgow 2014 training venue. The benefits outlined in the MoU include:

- **Volunteers:** A successful Games will depend on the thousands of volunteers who help the event run smoothly and safely. There will be specialist volunteer positions at London 2012 that may also be valuable to Glasgow 2014. London 2012 have agreed to share information and knowledge on many aspects of their volunteer programme and strategy. Glasgow 2014 may also be able to help London 2012 with their volunteer requirements for the Olympic Football tournament games at Hampden.
- **First hand experience:** London 2012 will seek to involve Glasgow 2014 personnel in the London 2012 Observer Programmes run by the IOC and IPC. London 2012 will also make secondment opportunities available in 2012, so Glasgow 2014 staff can gain valuable first-hand experience of working on a major sports event. London 2012 would benefit from having additional, experienced staff to work on the London Games.
- **Fit-for-Games Equipment:** Following the closure of London 2012, LOCOG will be in possession of a wide variety of hardware, software and

equipment that will need to be disposed of in the most cost effective way possible. Glasgow 2014 will enter in discussions with LOCOG about the purchase of fit-for-Games equipment.

- **Sponsorship:** LOCOG will, where practicable, offer its commercial partners the opportunity to be introduced to Glasgow 2014 for the purposes of facilitating potential involvement which will potentially help Glasgow 2014 reach its commercial targets.

**John Scott, Chief Executive of the Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee,** said:

“To have the Commonwealth and Olympic and Paralympic Games within two years of each other in the same country is unprecedented, and the understanding we have formally signed today has underlined what a unique opportunity both Great Britain and Scotland have.

“There are so many ways in which Glasgow and Scotland will benefit from London 2012, and the potential sharing of assets such as volunteers and equipment means that we can also provide athletes coming to us in 2014 with the same athlete centred experience that 2012 also aims to deliver.”

**Sebastian Coe, Chairman of LOCOG,** said:

“Scotland’s double opportunity to reap benefits from hosting two of the world’s largest sporting events is boosted with agreement and transfer of knowledge that lies at its heart.

“Today’s agreement paves the way for both London 2012 and Glasgow 2014 to enjoy the greatest possible success, and furthers a broader legacy aim for the UK to be the place to turn to find the very best people to deliver global events.”

**Olympic and Commonwealth swimmer Robbie Renwick,** who plans to compete in both London 2012 and Glasgow 2014, said:

“I am really pleased to see how London and Scotland are working together to benefit from each other for these two great sporting events.

“It is brilliant for athletes, keeping us at the heart of the Games, and allowing us to get on with what we are there to do – and that is to have a result on home ground, whether that is in London competing for Team GB, or in Glasgow, as Team Scotland.”

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