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News Release

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Statement from the Third Party Committee Regarding Certain Media Reports
Concerning Olympus Corporation

Olympus Corporation (the “Company”) hereby announces that, regarding certain media reports concerning the Company, the Company has received the attached statement from the Third Party Committee (Chairman: Tatsuo Kainaka, attorney-at-law) as of today.

The Company shall immediately disclose any further important information if it has come to light.

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To whom it may concern

Third-party committee of Olympus Corporation
Chairman Tatsuo Kainaka

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Regarding the postponement of reporting of securities investment losses of Olympus Corporation, the third-party committee of Olympus Corporation is currently conducting investigation focusing on previous acquisitions by Olympus Corporation, the flow of acquisition funds and related matters.

Recently, some international media and some domestic media that have cited international media have reported that such previous acquisition funds may have flowed to anti-social forces (organized crime syndicates), or that anti-social forces (organized crime syndicates) might have had been involved in such acquisitions. However, no such facts have been uncovered in the course of the committee's investigation to date.

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