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News Release

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**Regarding Formal Complaint against the Company**  
**Filed by the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission**

Today, Olympus Corporation (the “Company”) has confirmed that the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission has filed a formal complaint with prosecutors of the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors’ Office against the Company on suspicion of breach of the Securities and Exchange Act and the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (filing of annual securities reports with false statements).

The Company takes the decision made by the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission with utmost seriousness and will continue to make every endeavor to enhance the corporate governance systems.

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