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**Story Headline:** IOC President Thomas Bach calls for anyone with information on doping to come forward immediately. It comes as the IOC announces preliminary results of Beijing 2008 sample retests.

**Event:** Interview with IOC President Thomas Bach.

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**STORY SCRIPT**

Speaking after a meeting of the IOC Executive Board, IOC President Thomas Bach has called for anyone with information on doping to come forward immediately. Bach also warned that those involved in “cheating” would be “sanctioned” whoever they are.

Media reports have recently widely covered the allegations made by the former head of the Moscow anti-doping laboratory Grigory Rodchenkov who claimed that a special doping programme for national athletes was put in place in order for them to win most of the medals at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014.

The IOC has officially asked the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for a comprehensive investigation and full report to the IOC.

The IOC has already proven its determination some months ago - irrespective of any sport or any nation - by deciding to retest specific targeted samples of the Olympic Games Beijing 2008 and London 2012. The retests were focused on athletes who could potentially start at the Olympic Games Rio 2016 and were conducted using the very latest scientific analysis methods.

As a result President Bach announced that up to 31 athletes from six sports could be banned from competing at the Olympic Games in Rio. The IOC immediately initiated proceedings with the 12 NOCs* concerned informed
in the coming days. All those athletes infringing anti-doping rules will be banned from competing at the Olympic Games Rio 2016.

The fight to protect the clean athletes does not stop there, with 250 more results from retesting of samples from the Olympic Games London 2012 to come shortly. The aim is to stop any drugs cheats coming to the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

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