**STORY HEADLINE:** Portugal-based Sprinter Dorian Keletela makes the IOC Refugee Olympic Team for Tokyo 2020

**DATE:** 8 June 2021

**LOCATION:** Portugal

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:** The Republic of Congo

**LANGUAGE:** French

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**STORY SCRIPT:**

Dorian Keletela, a refugee from the Republic of Congo, has been selected for the IOC Refugee Olympic Team for Tokyo 2020.

Dorian is a sprinter who now lives and trains in Portugal, making an impact in indoor competition in the 60 metres in National Championships, and also making progress in the 100 metres.

Dorian, whose Olympic hero is the legendary Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, says: “Running is incredible to me. When I run I forget all the misfortunes in the world, I forget all the sufferings in life.”

One of 56 refugee athletes currently supported by the IOC through Olympic Solidarity Scholarship for Refugee Athlete Programme, Dorian says: “Representing refugees all over the world is a source of pride. The world can recognize the value of refugees. My message to refugees is: “Believe in yourself, believe in your talent, wherever you are.”

The 29-member IOC Refugee Olympic team (EOR)* initiative at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 is a continuation of the IOC’s commitment to play its part in addressing the global refugee crisis, and another opportunity to continue to convey the message of solidarity and hope to millions of refugees and internally displaced athletes around the world.

*The IOC Refugee Olympic Team will compete in Tokyo under the French acronym EOR which stands for Équipe Olympique des Réfugiés.

**SHOTLIST:**

00:02 Dorian Keletela walking up to the entrance of his training facility
00:08 Dorian entering the changing room
00:13 Dorian removing his shirt
00:19 Wide shot of Dorian running the indoor 60m tracking

**00:32 SOUNDbite:** Dorian Keletela, IOC Refugee Olympic Team (EOR), Tokyo 2020, Athletics 100m, (French Language).
Q. How has sport changed your life?
Sport has brought a lot to my life, in my opinion, because sport has changed my life here in Portugal. People have a different way of thinking about refugees, but on the other hand, I think that refugees can contribute to the development of the world, and sport too can contribute to development.

00:59 Dorian sitting on a mat stretching
01:08 Dorian lying on a mat stretching

01:14 SOUNDBITE: Dorian Keletela, IOC Refugee Olympic Team (EOR), Tokyo 2020, Athletics 100m, (French Language).
Q. Why is a Refugee Olympic Team important?
“In my opinion, it's very important to give a chance to athletes who do not have a country. To prove their talent, to prove their worth and for the whole world to discover their talents too.”

01:27 Wide shot of Dorian sitting on a weightlifting machine

01:34 SOUNDBITE: Dorian Keletela, IOC Refugee Olympic Team (EOR), Tokyo 2020, Athletics 100m, (French Language).
Q. What is your target at the Olympic Games?
“The Olympics are important. The Olympics are important for every athlete, to prove their worth, to compete with other athletes in the world. I think my goal will be to... do my best, perform well, and I think giving my best is the most important.”

01:57 Wide shot of Dorian lifting weights in the gym

02:08 SOUNDBITE: Dorian Keletela, IOC Refugee Olympic Team (EOR), Tokyo 2020, Athletics 100m, (French Language).
Q. What is your motivation to compete?
“My motivation, running is something incredible for me. A feeling that cannot be described because when I run, I forget all the misfortunes in the world, I forget all the sufferings of life. Running is something that is unexplainable to me.”

02:30 Dorian lifting a bar with weights in the gym

02:40 SOUNDBITE: Dorian Keletela, IOC Refugee Olympic Team (EOR), Tokyo 2020, Athletics 100m, (French Language).
Q. What does it mean to you to represent the Refugee Olympic Team?
“For me, representing refugees around the world is a source of pride. And I think that all refugees also have a chance to succeed in the world, whether in sport, in the professional environment. I think every refugee has a talent, which he can express around the world so that the world can recognize the value of refugees as well.”

03:05 Dorian putting on his running spike shoes
03:12 Close up of running spike shoe
03:16 Dorian climbing into his sprinting blocks on the outside track
03:28 Wide shot of Dorian sprinting across the camera
03:32 Slow motion of Dorian sprinting towards camera

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