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RECOMMENDATIONS

UN-IOC FORUM: THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIP

Meeting in Lausanne on 21st-22nd May 2010

Representatives of the International Olympic Committee, led by its President, Dr Jacques Rogge; representatives of the United Nations, led by Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary General on Sport for Development and Peace; representatives from the Red Cross Movement; representatives of the International Sports Federations; representatives of the NOCs from throughout the world as well as representatives of the International Paralympic Committee, NGOs and the academia agreed:

1. **To recognise** the honour accorded to the IOC through the granting of UN Permanent Observer Status and the historic milestone which this represents in giving an authoritative voice to the sporting movement within the international community, with the power to act as an advocate for the role of sport in the service of peace and development.
2. **To resolve** to maximise the opportunity afforded by the granting of Observer Status to build on the IOC's relationship with the UN and to sustain and complement the UN's efforts to shape a peaceful future. Furthermore, mindful of the need for close co-operation with government authorities, to leverage this unique and seminal opportunity to interface with and influence national governments in the formulation of their development policies

and to entrench sport within those policies by emphasizing its enormous power as an indispensable tool for peace and development.

3. **To emphasise** that it is incumbent on the Olympic Movement to fulfil its collective responsibility and moral duty, in accordance with the principles and values of Olympism, by identifying and implementing best practice in the use of sport to promote economic and social development; and further, to recognise the need to think beyond the competitive character of sport to maximise its contribution to development.
4. Mindful of the fact that the IOC will need to be proactive in its relationship with the UN, **to prioritise** a dialogue with the UN on the mainstreaming and embedding of sport within UN programmes for humanitarian development and to seek the UN's active support and specific proposals with regard to this undertaking.
5. **To acknowledge** and harness the power of partnership in sport at all levels, from local, regional, international and sectoral, in order to translate the vision of a peaceful, healthy society into reality; and to recognise the need for a collaborative, sharing, networking and learning approach which engages all key stakeholders including the private sector, civil society and the military. Furthermore, to facilitate all such partnerships by building new alliances, defining new areas of co-operation, creating fresh synergies and identifying the organisations and institutions with whom the Olympic Movement can most effectively collaborate to further our common goals, while at the same time mindful of the need for a co-ordinated approach, which complements ongoing initiatives and avoids the creation of parallel structures and the unnecessary duplication and overlap of activities.
6. **To develop** the IOC's working relationships with the Other Entities who have Permanent Observer Status at the UN in order to realise our common goals, in particular the Red Cross Movement, given their similar structures and shared objectives; and to encourage the national affiliates of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the NOCs to work together, particularly in areas where they

have joint programming activities, such as in the field of HIV/AIDs, disaster prevention and disaster response.

7. **To underline** the commitment of the Olympic Movement to continue its efforts to combat HIV/AIDs, including the dissemination of the 'Tool Kit for the Sports Community: Together for HIV and AIDS Prevention', as widely as possible.
8. **To recognise** the contribution that the IOC has made in support of the UN Millennium Development Goals to date and to stress, on the occasion of this UN-IOC Forum, the Olympic Family's continuing commitment to engage with all of the MDGs and to accelerate efforts to facilitate their delivery specifically through the medium of sport and education by the 2015 target date, including appropriate IOC participation in the UN Summit on MDGs in September 2010.
9. **To recognise** the responsibility of the sporting movement to strive for environmental protection and sustainability at all times; and to commit the Olympic Family to the promotion of environmental sustainability in all aspects of its work.
10. **To acknowledge** the unique contribution of the forthcoming Youth Olympic Games in the promotion of Olympic values to young people, including peace and development, and to recognise the importance of outreach to young people in tackling social challenges, by taking steps to connect with them effectively, making full use of digital communications, the internet and social media. Furthermore, in recognition of the fact that the education system is the most comprehensive way of reaching young people, to work with all relevant partners and stakeholders, in particular national and local government authorities, to ensure that the promotion of participation in sport and physical activities is included in school curricula worldwide in view of the contribution of sport to health, wellbeing and education.
11. **To commend** the achievements of the International Olympic Truce Foundation in its endeavour to encourage the study of world peace and the creation of progress in its pursuits; and in addition, the achievements of the World Taekwondo Federation Sport Peace Corps in its successful outreach to young people and its aims of building a better and more peaceful world; and

to advocate the consideration of its global expansion, in close cooperation with key stakeholders, including the IOC, the UN, national and international sports federations and NOCs, firmly believing that together, we have the ability to promote global peace and harmony through sport.

12. Mindful of the priority given to gender equity and the empowerment of women in the UN Millennium Development Goals, **to affirm** the importance of sport as a vehicle for the achievement of gender equality and to continue to strive for equal opportunities for women in and through sport, both at grass roots levels and in leadership positions, while avoiding generalised, one-size-fits-all approaches. Furthermore, to give full recognition to the high-quality female role models in sport and to increase the target number of women in leadership positions and decision-making structures within the Olympic Family and in the wider sporting world.
13. **To ensure** a fully inclusive approach, additionally by making it a priority to include girls and women with disabilities in sport for development and peace initiatives.
14. **To resolve** to promote more health-enhancing initiatives, in particular to tailor and develop activities designed to reach inactive groups and to forge new alliances with all stakeholders, including public health authorities and the WHO for the purpose of promoting healthy lifestyles and addressing the challenges of obesity, poor nutrition and ill health.
15. **To recognise** that while sport alone cannot prevent the evils of society and solve the world's political socio-economic problems, it can contribute to a climate of peace and to the making of improved life for its citizens. That being the case, **to reflect** on how to implement the UN Secretary-General's request for the IOC to consider organising more activities on the ground in conflict or post-conflict situations and to identify appropriate partners in this endeavour, both with UN agencies and elsewhere, while remaining humble and realistic about the contribution that the IOC and sport can make to peace-making, peace-building and peace consolidation efforts.
16. **To consider** the creation of a web-based information-sharing network for sport in peace and development, through

which information, expertise and know-how on local, national and regional initiatives, case studies, research, best practice and impact measurement and evaluation of projects can be shared by all members of the Olympic Family.

17. **To explore** further the vast potential of ‘healing through sport’, both in post-conflict situations and in equipping communities to cope with the profound trauma caused by natural disasters, recognising the need to customize sports interventions according to the situation on the ground and the need for collaborative efforts with established local community development networks including coaches and volunteers, as well as with UN agencies and NGOs, to build resilience and create durable, sustainable change within devastated communities.
18. **To recognise** the enormous contribution of volunteers to efforts to advance peace and development through sport and to encourage the IOC and the Olympic Family to participate in the celebrations during 2011 to mark the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers.
19. **To recommend** the holding of further UN-IOC Forums and the continuation of the Working Party of the International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development established by the President of the IOC, whose remit would include the provision of full assistance with all aspects of the preparation of the second International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development as well as a comprehensive review of the outcome of the 2010 UN-IOC Forum.