

RECOMMENDATIONS

FIRST INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON SPORT FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

Meeting in Lausanne on 7 and 8 May 2009

Representatives of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), led by its President; representatives of the United Nations (UN), led by Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary General on Sport for Development and Peace; representatives of the International Sports Federations (IFs); representatives of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) from throughout the world, as well as representatives of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the academic world agreed:

1. **To stress** the importance of the holding of this first Forum on Sport for Development and Peace, as it was the first time that representatives of all the Olympic Movement, the United Nations, NGOs and the academic world were meeting under the auspices of the IOC to analyse and discuss these themes of growing importance for the development of sport for all those involved in the Olympic family. Furthermore, to emphasise that sport has the power to build peace and encourage development, ranging from preventing violence to humanitarian relief and the long-term construction of society. The role of sport in peace-building is always in close cooperation with government authorities, whose importance must be further emphasised.
2. **To agree** that the Olympic Movement and its partners cooperate wherever possible to strengthen efforts to use sport and recreational programmes to overcome the growing health challenges facing the world, including obesity, poor nutrition and ill health.
3. **To underline** the commitment of the Olympic Movement to assist, in every way possible, in the delivery of the UN Millennium Development Goals through sport as an important catalyst for development and peace.
4. **To emphasise** that the Olympic Movement will commit itself to using its influence to build support among political, community and civil society leaders in order to mobilise action around sport and recreational initiatives, promoting peace, development and the integration of sport and recreational programmes into all schools, ensuring, where applicable, that schools engage with the Olympic family, community groups, sports federations, government authorities and local clubs to maximise opportunities for sport and physical activity.
5. **To affirm** that the Olympic Movement supports the furtherance of dialogue between nations and individuals to contribute to the eradication of prejudice, to foster mutual understanding and to strive to achieve dignity of all individuals and peoples.
6. **To state** that priority should be given to advancing the cause of women in and through sport; seeking to promote equal opportunities for women to participate in

sports competition, administration and coaching; and with regard to equal opportunities for women as a fundamental human right.

7. **That** the Olympic Movement should strive for the promotion of peace through the International Olympic Truce Foundation's work and the Olympic Truce.
8. **To ask** the IOC, together with the Office of the Special Adviser of the UN Secretary General on Sport for Development and Peace, to establish a Working Party to consider the best ways of achieving a comprehensive exchange of information, expertise and experience to generate international best practice between the Olympic family and all organisations active in the field of sport, development and peace, and to report to the IOC's International Relations Commission by 30 September 2009.
9. **To recommend** to the IOC that the proceedings, findings and conclusions reached during the International Forum on Sport, Peace and Development should be considered in detail, and, where possible, included for consideration by the Editorial Committee of the 2009 IOC Copenhagen Congress in preparing for the Congress.
10. **To ascertain** that, wherever the Olympic family is committed to development and peace programmes, it ensures that the interests of those with disabilities are fully considered, recognised and integrated into the relevant programmes.
11. **To call on** the National Olympic Committees and International Sports Federations to demonstrate leadership to promote peace and understanding and to design, implement and support programmes to that end through the power of sport.
12. **To agree** that this first Forum, which in particular served to study the present situation, should be the first step towards future editions that are to be developed periodically, and no less than two years apart.