



## INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON SPORT FOR PEACE AND THE OLYMPIC TRUCE

Ancient Olympia, Greece, 18-21 May 2007

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Representatives of the NOCs of Burundi, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Greece, Haiti, Jordan, Korea, Pakistan, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Representatives of the IOC, the IOTF/IOTC, the IOA, the Greek Ministries of Culture, Tourism, Education and Foreign Affairs, UNESCO, BOCOG, VANOC, LOCOG, the Hellenic Paralympic Committee and Athletic Federation, UIPM, the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), IDHEAP, Uppsala University, Peace & Sport, Organisation pour la Paix, CISM, Truce Foundation of the USA, CECAFA, the City Councils of Andravidas, Ancient Olympia, Pinias and Vouprasias, the Prefecture of Ilia, the Greek Chamber of Commerce, the Union of Civil Servants of Greece, and the region of Western Greece, Diplomats representing Albania, Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Poland and the Russian Federation, and Sports journalists,**

#### Agree to:

1. request NOCs to urge their governments to co-sponsor the Olympic Truce resolution at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly;
2. encourage North and South Korea to further strengthen their ties and move beyond the traditional joint parade at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, by competing as a unified team;
3. support the IOC initiative to organise Youth Olympic Games as a new platform to promote the Olympic Truce and Olympic values to the world's youths;
4. request the IOTF/IOTC to strengthen its work at the national level by supporting special sport for peace initiatives of NOCs and other organisations, ensuring the sustainability of said initiatives by entrusting their ownership to local communities;
5. increase collaboration with relevant NOCs and other organisations present in conflict and post-conflict countries;
6. request the IOTF/IOTC to collect and assess experiences, and compile lessons learned from sport and peace initiatives;
7. urge the IOTF/IOTC to better communicate and market sport and peace initiatives at all levels, making effective use of the media, and to undertake symbolic actions to honour such activities;
8. congratulate BOCOG, VANOC, and LOCOG for their vision and plans in which the concepts of Olympic Truce and harmony are some of the central themes in organising the Games in their countries;
9. continue pursuing close relationships with the CISM, other international sports organisations, and the IOTF/IOTC, in order to promote the cause of peace through traditional and innovative initiatives, especially at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Military Games in Hyderabad in October;
10. encourage the academic community and Olympic University Chairs to conduct further research on the impact of sport on peace building and its relevance as a tool for unifying divided communities in conflict and post-conflict societies, and initiate relevant educational programmes for youths and educators;
11. thank the Greek Government, the IOC, and the IOTF/IOTC for making the Forum possible;
12. thank the Ephoria and the IOA management and staff for their collaboration.

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