

## **Report of the President of the International Relations Commission to the General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees**

1. Congratulate the President of the IOC for his achievement in getting the UN to pass a resolution recognizing the autonomy of sport.
2. Congratulate the President of ACNO, Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad Al Sabah for the organisation of the Asian Games which led to historic improvement in relations between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic Republic of Korea. The hockey final between India and Pakistan also opened a new chapter in relations between the two countries.
3. Calls upon the President of ANOC to find ways to get NOCs to be involved in ensuring that the resolution is implemented at national level.
4. Should now ensure that MoUs between the IOC and the UN are implemented by NOCs at national level. This will give NOCs greater recognition for their contribution in development
5. The International Relation Commission recognizes the importance of the unique UNESCO structures which are very much like those of the Olympic Movement. The Commission therefore requests that efforts be made for National Olympic Committees to be involved in UNESCO National Commissions. This will ensure that NOCs are involved in national decision-making in areas concerning sport, physical education and youth in their countries.
6. ACNO and the IOC have been the only consistent participants in the UNESCO meetings of the Permanent Consultative Commission with Vice Chairman Tommy Sithole having participated in the last meeting of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Sport and Physical Education (CIGEPE) in Medellin, Columbia last month. Yet this commission is very important, especially now that it is following up on the reviewing of the International Charter of Sport and Physical Education and the Berlin Declaration of the MINEPS V which was held last year in Berlin.
7. The Commission believes that sport must maintain its presence in PCC and the CIGEPE in order to safeguard the interest of sport and the Olympic Movement.
8. The Commission calls upon NOCs and sport in general to work to cooperate with national authorities and try as much as they can to reduce conflict. The Commission was happy that there were fewer NOC-government conflicts in the world.
9. Starting next year NOCs should collaborate with governments in celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Day of Sport for Development and Peace which was inspired by the IOC.

10. The Commission intends to meet with the UNESCO Inter-Governmental Committee on Sport and Physical Education (CIGEPS) when next it holds its next meeting to follow up on the review of the international charter and the implementation of the Berlin Declaration

11. I wish to thank the support of the President of ANOC, the Secretary General Gunilla Lindberg and her staff in providing the necessary support for the Commission to do its job. Just as important I wish to thank members of the Commission for their very valuable and enthusiastic contribution to the work of the Commission.

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