



Olympic Truce

**Peace
inspired
by
sport.**



International Olympic Truce Centre
Olympia Lausanne Athens

Olympic Truce. An Éternal Peace Accord.

776 B.C.

These were troubled times in ancient Greece, with rival city-states constantly at war.

King Ifitos of Elis, seeking to establish peace, visits the oracle at Delphi.

As myth has it, he is advised to break the cycle of conflict every four years
by replacing war with friendly athletic competition.

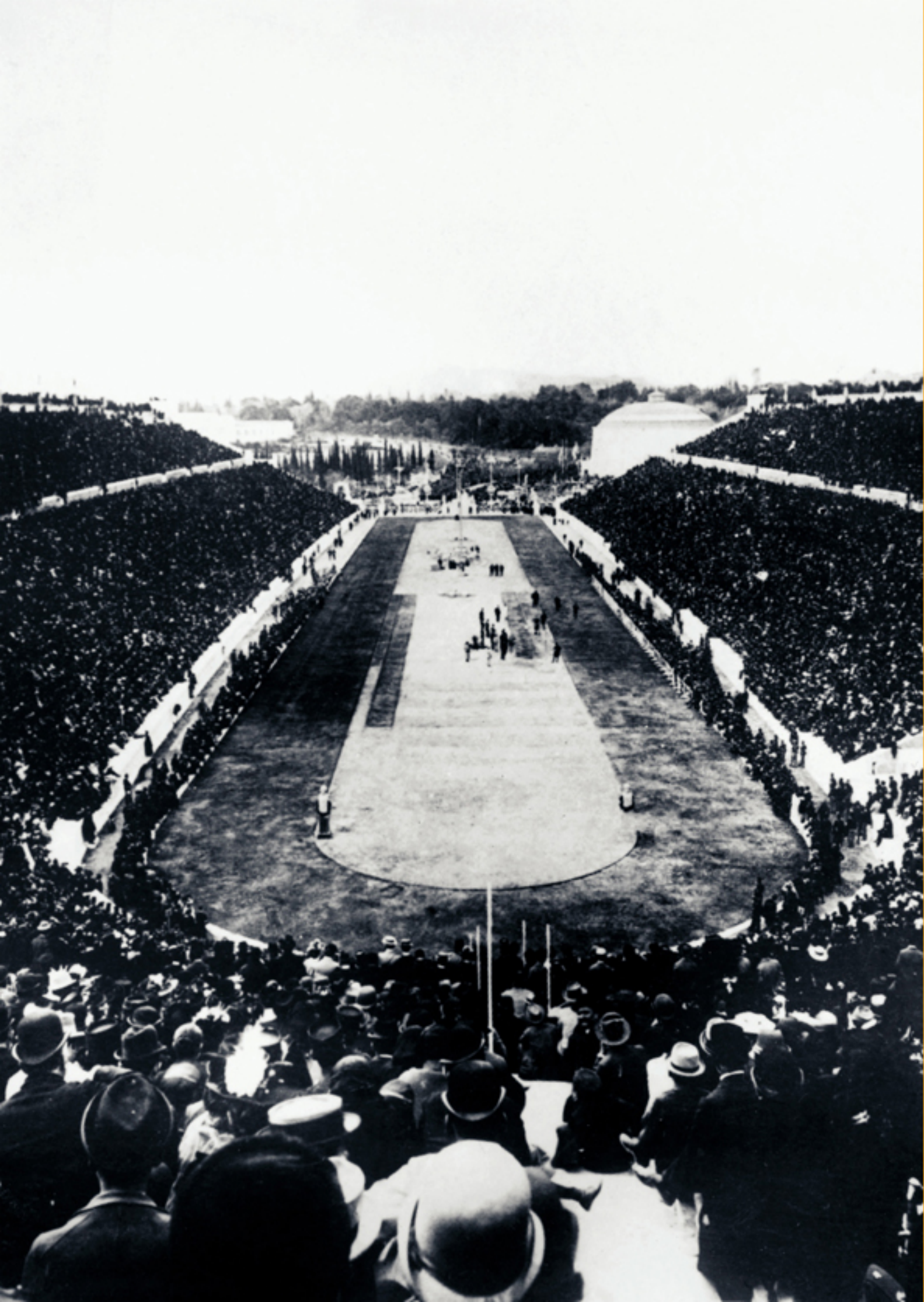
Ifitos seeks the cooperation of Kings Lycourgos of Sparta and Cleosthenes of Pisa.

They agree to a truce called "Ekecheiria"
and organize the first Olympic Games at Olympia.

Fighting ceased from seven days before until seven days after the Games,
allowing athletes, artists and spectators to travel to Olympia,
participate in the Olympic Games and return to their homelands in peace.

It was through these early Games that the ancient tradition of Olympic Truce was born
- a truly remarkable and effective truce,
respected during 1200 years of ancient history.





1896

In Athens, Greece, the Olympic Games are resurrected for the modern era, celebrating humanity, noble competition and the peaceful coexistence of all peoples and cultures.

2008

Today, there is a strong move underway to revive the Olympic Truce. Its aim is to encourage nations to observe the Olympic Truce and to cease hostilities during the Olympic Games and beyond. Its hope is to create a much needed window of opportunity for the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Sport will not impose peace. But it might inspire it.

**If we can have
peace
for 16 days,
then maybe,
just maybe,
we can have it
forever.**



It can be done.

There have already been small but significant achievements, proving that the Olympic Truce helps in furthering dialogue and understanding and provides a valuable window of opportunity to work towards the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Lillehammer Norway, 1994 Olympic Winter Games.

Sarajevo, host city of the 1984 Olympic Winter Games, is torn by conflict. Hope is revived as 1994 is proclaimed the International Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal by the UN. The appeal for the observance of the Olympic Truce allows the participation of athletes from the former Republic of Yugoslavia in the Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer. An IOC delegation visits Sarajevo to extend its solidarity to the population. UNICEF takes this opportunity to inoculate thousands of children.

Nagano Japan, 1998 Olympic Winter Games.

Tension in the Persian Gulf is at a high point. The Olympic Truce is taken into consideration by UN Member States during the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano and contributes, to a certain extent, to the setting up of a mediation mission by the UN Secretary General in Iraq. This mission leads to the signature of a memorandum of understanding between the UN and the Iraqi government.

Sydney Australia, 2000 Olympic Games.

During the opening ceremony of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad, a powerful symbolic event takes place. The South and North Korean delegations parade into the stadium together, under the single flag of the Korean peninsula, united by the peaceful power of Olympism.



Athens Greece, 2004 Olympic Games.

Back in their place of birth, the Games witnessed the participation of Afghanistan and Iraq, two countries still bloodied by latent conflicts. Their highly symbolic presence was greatly welcomed and showed the whole world that, in spite of numerous difficulties, the reconstruction of sport is under way. A video message from United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, recalling the contribution of the Olympic Truce and sport to world peace, was broadcast during the show preceding the opening ceremony.

Torino Italy, 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

During the Opening ceremony, IOC President Jacques Rogge launched a strong appeal for peace, backed up by an impressive dove composed of human bodies and a peace song sung on stage by Yoko Ono and Peter Gabriel. Following the path of numerous personalities, athletes also massively pledged their support to the Olympic Truce by signing a statement in their individual capacity on the Olympic Truce walls located in the three Olympic Villages of Torino, Bardonecchia and Sestrieres, and by writing personal messages on how they saw sport contribute to peace and humanity. Organizers too, did not spare efforts to promote the Olympic Truce concept and in the year leading up to the Games, run for the first time a large national program of activities and conferences around the theme of peace promotion through sport.



The power of sport.



Berlin

1936 Olympic Games.

J.C. "Jesse" Owens had already won gold twice in the 100 meter and 200 meter sprints. The stadium was filled to capacity as Owens prepared for the long jump. His only real opponent was Germany's Ludwig "Luz" Long. By the fifth round, both men were tied at 7.89 meters, a new Olympic record. With his final jump, Jesse Owens cleared 8.06 meters, once again breaking the Olympic record. Owens won gold. Long took silver. Hitler left the stadium without acknowledging Owens' achievement. The two athletes hugged each other, cheered on wildly by the crowd,

and established a strong bond that transcended ideology and racial divide, and celebrated the peaceful power of Olympism.

Sport has United Nations.



3 November 2003, Dr Jacques Rogge,
IOC President address at the 58th Session of the United Nations General Assembly,
United Nations Headquarters, New York.

It was the International Olympic Committee that took the initiative in 1992 to revive the concept of the Olympic Truce for the first time since antiquity.

On 21st July 1992 the IOC launched an appeal to all States and international organizations for the observance of the Olympic Truce and engaged in negotiations with the United Nations. According to that project, all initiatives shall be taken and all group or individual efforts shall be made to begin and continue to achieve by peaceful means the settlement of conflicts, whether or not of an international nature, with a view to establishing peace.

In an effort to give greater impact to the Olympic Truce, the IOC decided to relay this idea to the United Nations. The IOC's request was well received by the world organization, which decided to include this question in the agenda of the 48th Session of the General Assembly.

The 48th Session of the General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution co-sponsored by 121 States on the observance of the Olympic Truce.

The 1993 resolution, in favour of Olympic Truce, is a landmark in the history of Olympism.

In September 2000, over 160 heads of State and Government included a special paragraph in the United Nations Millennium Declaration to urge Member States to observe the Olympic Truce during all future Olympic Games.

New York, October 2007.

In October 2007, the 62nd Session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, chaired by Srgjan Kerim, adopted the Olympic Truce Resolution for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Through this resolution, the UN invites its member States to observe and promote peace during Games-times in order to protect the interests of athletes and sport in general, and to contribute, through sport, to the search for peaceful and diplomatic solutions to the world's conflicts.

Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe:
draft resolution

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 60/8 of 3 November 2005, in which it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the sub-item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal", and recalling also its prior decision to consider the item every two years in advance of each Summer and Winter Olympic Games,

Recalling also its resolution 48/11 of 25 October 1993, which, inter alia, revived the ancient Greek tradition of ekecheiria ("Olympic Truce"), calling for a truce during the Games that would encourage a peaceful environment, ensuring the safe passage and participation of athletes and relevant persons at the Games and, thereby, mobilizing the youth of the world to the cause of peace,

Taking into account the inclusion in the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹ of an appeal for the observance of the Olympic Truce now and in the future and support for the International Olympic Committee in its efforts to promote peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic ideal,

Noting that the Games of the XXIX Olympiad will take place from 8 to 24 August 2008, and that the Paralympic Games will take place from 6 to 17 September 2008 in Beijing,

Recognizing the increasingly important role of sport in the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and reaffirming the commitments undertaken in this regard by the Heads of State and Government gathered at the World Summit of the General Assembly, held in New York from 14 to 16 September 2005,

Recognizing also the valuable contribution that the appeal launched by the International Olympic Committee for an Olympic Truce, with which the National Olympic Committees of the Member States are associated, could make towards advancing the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the three main concepts that are at the core of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, namely, "Green Olympics", "High-tech Olympics" and "People's Olympics", and their vision to achieve a harmonious development of society,

Noting with satisfaction the flying of the United Nations flag at all competition sites of the Olympic Games, and the joint endeavours of the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations system in fields such as poverty alleviation, human and economic development, humanitarian assistance, education, health promotion and HIV/AIDS prevention, gender equality and environmental protection,

1. **Urges** Member States to observe, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, during the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, the vision of which is based on the slogan "One world, one dream", and the following Paralympic Games;

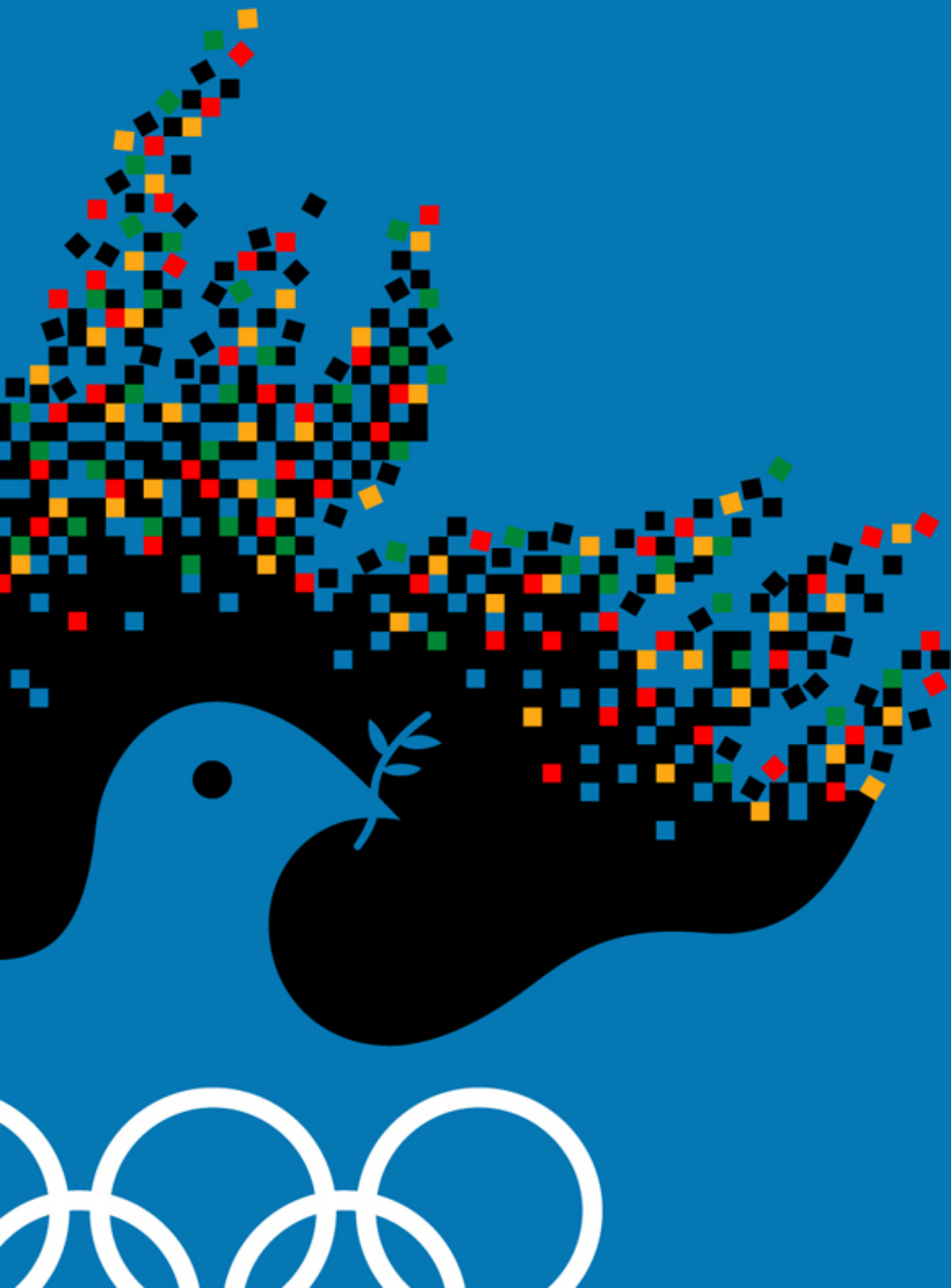
2. **Welcomes** the decision of the International Olympic Committee to mobilize international sports organizations and the National Olympic Committees of the Member States to undertake concrete actions at the local, national, regional and world levels to promote and strengthen a culture of peace and harmony based on the spirit of the Olympic Truce;

3. **Calls upon** all Member States to cooperate with the International Olympic Committee in its efforts to use sport as an instrument to promote peace, dialogue and reconciliation in areas of conflict during and beyond the Olympic Games period;

4. **Welcomes** the increased implementation of projects for peace, development and human understanding through sport, and encourages Member States and all concerned agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to strengthen their work in this field, in cooperation with the International Olympic Committee;

5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to promote the observance of the Olympic Truce among Member States and support for human development initiatives through sport, and to cooperate with the International Olympic Committee and the sporting community in general in the realization of these objectives;

6. **Decides** to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal" and to consider the item before the XXI Olympic Winter Games, to be held in Vancouver, Canada, in 2010.



The International Olympic Truce Centre

In July 2000, the International Olympic Committee, in close cooperation with Greece, established the International Olympic Truce Foundation, and its operational arm, the International Olympic Truce Centre, with the goal of reviving the ancient tradition of the Olympic Truce.

The Olympic Truce Centre is an international non-governmental organization that operates within the framework of the Olympic Movement.

Its mission is to promote the Olympic Ideal, to serve peace, friendship and international understanding, and to uphold the Olympic Truce.

It is dedicated to the creation of an organizational framework in support of the Olympic Truce.

It promotes a Culture of Peace, through a combination of global and local initiatives, mobilizing leaders, athletes and young people of the world behind the cause of sport and peace.

The symbolic seat of the International Olympic Truce Centre is in Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games.

The Centre has a liaison office in Lausanne, Switzerland, home of the International Olympic Committee.

The executive offices of the International Olympic Truce Centre are in Athens, the host city of the 2004 Olympic Games, where the first Games of the modern era were held in 1896.

Olympic Truce. Hope for all humanity.

At the dawn of the 21st Century, the nations of the world are encouraged to observe the ancient Olympic Truce tradition, to unite, lay down weapons and work towards building the foundations of peace, mutual respect, understanding and global reconciliation.

Peace, even for a short period, is invaluable.

It can provide precious time to build bridges and establish communication between adversaries.

It can facilitate the provision of humanitarian aid to peoples in conflict-torn regions.

It can ensure the participation of the youth of the world in the Olympic Games, as all humanity celebrates together in peace.

Above all, the Olympic Truce, if respected, can help create the environment and infrastructure for continued dialogue and renewed hope for reconciliation during the Olympic Games and beyond.



776 B.C. Truce is established, allowing the first Olympic Games to take place in Olympia.

1894 The International Olympic Committee is established, with the goal of placing sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to encouraging the establishment of a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity.

1896 Athens organizes the first Olympic Games of the modern era.

1992 The International Olympic Committee launches an appeal for the observance of the Olympic Truce and negotiates with the United Nations to allow athletes of the Former Republic of Yugoslavia to participate in the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Barcelona.

1993 During its 48th Session, the United Nations General Assembly for the first time urges Member States to observe the Olympic Truce.

1994 The Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway, revive hope in conflict-torn Sarajevo, host city of the 1984 Olympic Winter Games. After coordinated diplomatic efforts, the Olympic Truce is observed for the first time in the modern history of the Games.

1995 The resolution of the 50th Session of the United Nations General Assembly supports the idea of building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal, and invites all Member States to uphold the Olympic Truce during the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta, USA.

1997 The 52nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopts a resolution to observe the Olympic Truce during the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan in 1998.

1998 During the Nagano Olympic Winter Games, tensions in the Persian Gulf region are high. The observance of Olympic Truce according to United Nations resolutions, offers the opportunity to United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan to intervene and seek a diplomatic solution to the crisis in Iraq.

1999 180 United Nations Member States co-sponsor a resolution in support of the observance of the Olympic Truce during the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, Australia.

2000 The International Olympic Truce Foundation and the International Olympic Truce Centre are founded by the International Olympic Committee.

2000 The United Nations Millennium Summit, held in New York with the participation of more than 160 Heads of State and Government, adopts a Millennium Declaration that includes a paragraph on the observance of the Olympic Truce.

2000 During the Opening Ceremony of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, the North and South Korean delegations parade together under the flag of the Korean peninsula.

2001 The 56th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopts a resolution on the Olympic Truce in preparation for the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

2002 The collection of signatures by international personalities in support of the Olympic Truce is launched in Ancient Olympia, during the lighting of the Olympic Flame for the Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games. The call is supported by hundreds of dignitaries, including Heads of State of Government, speakers of parliaments, foreign ministers, religious leaders, Heads of international organizations, athletes and Olympic Movement officials, and leaders in the fields of business, literature and the arts.

2003 The nations of the world unanimously urge humanity to celebrate the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens, Greece, in peace, though the adoption of an Olympic Truce Resolution by 190 UN Member States, a number unprecedented in UN history.

2004 The Games of the XXVIII Olympiad take place in August in Athens, Greece, where the Olympic Games and Olympic Truce were born.

2005 The nations of the world again commit themselves to promoting the respect of ancient tradition at the Winter Olympic Games in Torino, Italy, in 2006. At the 60th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Olympic Truce resolution was adopted.

2006 The XX Olympic Winter Games take place in February in Torino, Italy.

2007 The 62nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopts a resolution on the Olympic Truce in preparation for the Olympic Games in Beijing.

2008 The Games of the XXIV Olympiad take place in August in Beijing, China.

as:

Dossal, Executive Director, UNFIP, **Boutros Boutros-Ghali**, Former Secretary General, United Nations, **Klaus Toepfer**, Executive Director, UNEP, **His Grace Bishop Eberhardt Renz**, President, Holy See, **Yassir Arafat**, President, Palestinian Authority, **Ali-Assad**, President, Syrian Arab Republic, **William J. Clinton**, Former President, United States of America, **Valdis Karpis**, President, Republic of Latvia, **Mohammad Khatami**, President, Islamic Republic of Iran, **Lech Kaczyński**, President, Republic of Poland, **Letsie III**, King, Kingdom of Lesotho, **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**, President, Brazil, **Ilir Meta**, President, Republic of Albania, **Stip Mesic**, President, Republic of Croatia, **Georgi Parvanov**, President, Republic of Bulgaria, **Arnold Rüütel**, President of the Republic of Estonia, **Jorge Sampaio**, President, Portugal, **Alija Izetbegovic**, Member, Tripartite Presidency, Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Alejandro Toledo**, President, Republic of Honduras, **Andrius Kubilius**, Prime Minister, Republic of Lithuania, **Zoran Djindjic**, Prime Minister, Serbia, **Radomir Milosevic**, President, Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Leszek Miller**, Former Prime Minister, Republic of Poland, **Adrian Nastase**, Prime Minister, Romania, **Ivan Jaksic**, Prime Minister, Republic of Croatia, **Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha**, Prime Minister, Republic of Bulgaria, **Hamid Karzai**, President of Afghanistan, **Haris Silajdzic**, Former Prime Minister, Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Soledad Alvear**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Argentina, **Alfredo Arias**, Foreign Affairs Minister, El Salvador, **Abdelaziz Belkhadem**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Algeria, **Valdis Karpis**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Latvia, **Rafael Bielsa**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Argentina, **Norman Caldera**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Costa Rica, **Abdullah Gül**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Turkey, **Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Poland, **Fitri Kambing**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Albania, **Joseph Deiss**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Switzerland, **Joschka Fischer**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Germany, **Alvaro Albuquerque**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Portugal, **Mircea Geoana**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Romania, **Phil Goff**, Foreign Affairs Minister, New Zealand, **Ilham Aliyev**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Azerbaijan, **Edgar Gutiérrez**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Guatemala, **Andrus Ansip**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Estonia, **S. 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endorsement.

Some of the world personalities who have endorsed the Olympic Truce initiative include:

Kofi Annan, Secretary General, United Nations, **Carol Bellamy**, Executive Director, UNICEF, **Amir Dossal**, Executive Director, UNFIP, **Boutros Boutros-Ghali**, Former Secretary General, United Nations, **Ruud Lubbers**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, **Koïchiro Matsuura**, Director-General, UNESCO, **Klaus Toepfer**, Executive Director, UNEP, **His Grace Bishop Eberhardt Renz**, President, World Council of Churches, **Valdas Adamkus**, President, Republic of Lithuania, **Bashar Al-Assad**, President, Syrian Arab Republic, **William J. 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The world personalities in support of the Olympic Truce are mentioned in their official capacity at the time of their endorsement.



Whereas:

The idea of Olympic Truce ("Ekecheiria") has its roots in an Ancient Hellenic tradition. In keeping with this tradition all hostilities would cease during the Olympic Games. The Olympic Truce was fully respected for twelve centuries of Olympic Games in antiquity.

In 1992, the International Olympic Committee urged the international community to observe this tradition anew, calling for all hostilities to cease during the Olympic Games, and beyond. Since then, numerous initiatives to promote understanding and solidarity through sport in communities around the world have been developed with the cooperation of National Olympic Committees. In July 2000, the International Olympic Committee and the Government of Greece established the International Olympic Truce Centre. This Centre seeks to promote the observance of the Olympic Truce.

The United Nations General Assembly, with the strong support of all our countries, has seven times called for Member States to observe the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, including in its Millennium Declaration in September 2000, with the signatures of over 160 Heads of State and Government.

On your marks get set stop!

Today, the Olympic Truce has become an expression of Mankind's desire to build a world based on the rules of fair competition, humanity, reconciliation and tolerance. Moreover, the Olympic Truce epitomizes a bridge from the old and wise tradition to the most compelling purpose of today's world - the maintenance of international peace and the promotion of multicultural dialogue, cooperation, and understanding.

The period of the Olympic Games, and beyond, should provide an opportunity for such a dialogue and the search for durable solutions for the restoration of peace in all areas of conflict, where the first victims are children, the youth, women and the aged.

Humanity's quest is for a world free of hatred, terrorism and war, where the ideals of peace, goodwill and mutual respect form the basis of relations among people and countries. The goal may still remain elusive, but if the Olympic Truce can help us to bring about even a brief respite from conflict and strife, it will send a powerful message of hope to the international community.

Wherefore, we, the undersigned:

1

Urge world leaders, Governments, and International Organizations, to give peace a chance and to agree to join efforts to use the Olympic Truce as an instrument to promote peace and reconciliation in areas of conflict and strife.

2

Pledge to exercise our best efforts to ensure that the Olympic Truce appeal is observed in our countries and our region during the upcoming Olympic Games as a way of promoting goodwill and encouraging the peaceful settlement of conflicts in full conformity with the purposes and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations; and

3

Pledge to support and disseminate, individually and collectively, the symbolic call for Olympic Truce throughout all future Olympic Games and beyond, and to exercise our best efforts within our communities, countries, and relevant international organizations to achieve its recognition and observance.

With my signature I pledge my support for the observance of Truce during all future Olympic Games, with the hope that this will create a window of opportunity for the peaceful resolution of disputes.

SIGNATURE.....

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Please mail the above form to the International Olympic Truce Centre, or send it by fax to +30 210 36 11 024. You can also visit the web site of the Centre at **www.olympictruce.org** to find out more about the Truce and **sign up** there.



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