



Organisation pour la Paix et le Sport

Five major International sports Federation join the Peace and Sport family at Sportaccord 2009

Operational Capacities Strengthened for Peace and Sport

Denver, Colorado, 26 March 2009 – From Sportaccord 2009, the international organisation Peace and Sport announces the signature of Global Agreements with five major International sports Federations (IF) to implement joint development programmes for education through sport all over the world :

- **The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)**. The first joint programmes called "Ping Pong Paz" (Peace through Ping Pong) are planned in Colombia, with the non-governmental organisation "Colombianitos", the Colombian Table Tennis Association, and the table tennis manufacturer Butterfly. Future projects in East Timor and a project in Palm Island, Australia through the Cathy Freeman Foundation are currently being discussed.
- **The World Chess Federation (FIDE)** will encourage peace-promotion events and provide equipment and training for the Youth Centres Peace and Sport supports .
- **The International University Sports Federation (FISU)** will support Peace and Sport in its awareness raising campaigns among students, who are the decision-makers of tomorrow.
- **The International Military Sports Council (CISM)** will develop joint peace-building operations for demobilised child soldiers in the Great Lakes Region in Africa.
- **The International Rugby Board (IRB)** has joined forces with Peace and Sport to deliver peace-building education programmes through Rugby in several countries.

These partnerships strengthen Peace and Sport's intervention capacity in the field by offering the International Federations' support, technical resources, personnel and expertise to aid concrete action for the social reinsertion of thousands of young people in distress.

Peace and Sport President and Founder Joel Bouzou declared : *"We are most proud to have received such positive feedback from the International Federations here at Sportaccord. All, without exception, showed their desire to contribute to the promotion of peace through sport worldwide alongside our organisation. We hope to announce very shortly that more IFs will soon join the Peace and Sport family, strengthening our activity at a grassroots level as a result. These partnerships will make a true difference for street children, demobilised child soldiers and war orphans in deprived regions of the world"* .

With the involvement of their national federations, the new Peace and Sport family members will provide equipment and coaches for programmes implemented through Peace and Sport's Locally-Based Projects in Côte d'Ivoire, Burundi, Israel-Palestine, Colombia, and Timor Leste. Additional new projects in vulnerable zones are to be announced soon.

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About Peace and Sport

“Peace and Sport Organisation pour la Paix et le Sport” is an international initiative based in Monaco, created under the High Patronage of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II.

Peace and Sport’s objective is to bring the structuring values of sport to the heart of communities in crisis throughout the world. Undertaking projects in areas suffering the consequences of armed conflict, areas of extreme poverty or lacking social cohesion, Peace and Sport makes sport a vehicle for tolerance, respect and citizenship, with the goal of Sustainable Peace.

Supported by governments, world sport governance bodies, international organisations, private international corporations and international sports champions, Peace and Sport creates synergies between various actors to successfully carry out two major types of activity: organising an annual International Forum; and implementing Locally-Based Projects (concrete projects in areas in crisis throughout the world).

Peace and Sport has interventions in Cote d’Ivoire, Burundi, Israel-Palestine, the Great Lakes Region in Africa, Timor Leste and Colombia, and is planning interventions in Haiti.

Peace and Sport was created by Joel Bouzou, its current President. Mr. Bouzou is an Olympic medallist and a Modern Pentathlon World Champion. He is the current General Secretary of the Modern Pentathlon International Union (MPIU), a Member of the World Olympians Association (WOA) Executive Committee, and an Advisor to HSH the Prince Albert II of Monaco.