

Award for the Sports Event for Peace of the Year:

THE MARATHON OF PEACE

12 KM FROM KINSHASA

CONGOLESE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (COC) AND THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN CONGO (MONUC)

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

HAVE HELD AS OF September 26, 2009



The Olympic Committee joined Congolese MONUC to highlight the message of Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-Moon, who had launched a multifaceted campaign 3 months before September 21, together with certain figures leader in the sports world and culture in order to educate all nations in regard to the observance of a cease-fire and nonviolence throughout the world. "WE MUST DISARM", "WE HAVE TO LIVE IN PEACE".

In this vein, the Democratic Republic of Congo, MONUC and COC joined together to convey through an activity trail slogan interpreted tailor Take Action to end the conflict in DRC," We must live in Peace in the DRC ".

Indeed, the leitmotif involves a sensitization to disarm minds, hearts, attitudes and habits that sow distrust and hatred for the Democratic Republic of Congo, peace is not just a simple word but is mostly a very complex design light of continuing unrest from the 1960s until today, whatever the intensity of violence.

On this occasion he was reminded the Congolese people as it is since 1999 that the international community and MONUC are working together to restore lasting peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which could pave the way towards sustainable development, although this is a long-term. Watermark, the image was projected through the race which was held in the large arteries of the city of Kinshasa until Stade Velodrome, where several cultural events were seen daily.

It is noteworthy that among the other stakeholders involved in this ceremony we quote: Athletes of all categories, elements of the police and MONUC military, many schoolchildren, and the forces of civil society, musicians whose orchestras have been able to announce messages of peace in all languages through popular songs.

Moreover, testimony and other words of fact were made by:

The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mr. Ross Mountain;

The Interim President of the Congolese Olympic Committee, Mr. Jacob NDOMBE KANGULA;

Mr. Secretary-General for Sport and Recreation, Representative of His Excellency the Minister of Youth and Sports;

Representative of Civil Society, Mr YAMBA YAMBA;

The Representative of the Association of Women in Democratic Republic of Congo, Mrs. Kieser;

Mr. Youth representative.

It should be noted that throughout the course of the banners have been made showing different stages of the peace process since its release to date. Ultimately, the COC wanted to show the public that the trilogy "PEACE, SPORT, development" is an indivisible whole IS FOR A NATION OF KEYS FOR THE ARCH OF STABILIZATION ECONOMIC-SOCIAL AND POLITICAL.

THE PRESIDENT a.i,

Jacob NDOMBE KANGULA

-President ad interim