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THE OLYMPIC TRUCE (*EKECHEIRIA*)

SUMMARY

This item has been included in the provisional agenda of the 169th session of the Executive Board at the request of Greece.

An explanatory note follows.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Ref.: United Nations General Assembly resolution 58/6 “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal”, adopted at the fifty-eighth session (3 November 2003):

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 XXVIII Olympiad, to be held in Athens.

I. Introduction

1. “Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles.” Olympic Charter, Fundamental Principles, Article 2.

2. Taking into account the new political reality in which sport and the Olympic Games exist, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) decided to revive the ancient concept of the Olympic Truce with the view to protecting, as far as possible, the interests of the athletes and sport in general, and to contribute to searching for peaceful and diplomatic solutions to the conflicts around the world.

II. Background

II.A Historical survey

3. The tradition of the “Olympic Truce” or *Ekecheiria* was established in ancient Greece in the ninth century BC by the signature of a treaty between three kings. As the opening of the Games approached, the sacred truce was proclaimed and announced by citizens of Elis who travelled throughout Greece to pass on the message.

4. Shortly before the opening of the Games, three *spondophoroi*, heralds wearing wreaths of wild olive, left Ilia to go and proclaim the Truce. This ritual originally lasted one month, but gradually (from the fifth century BC) it was extended to three months (calculated from the departure date of the *spondophoroi*). During the sacred truce, the athletes and spectators could travel to Olympia in total safety. Hostile acts were not tolerated in the region of Ilia and nobody could enter it armed. Any violation of the Truce was regarded as an affront to Zeus himself, to whom the whole event was dedicated.

II.B The modern Truce and its implementation

5. In 1992, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) urged the international community to observe the tradition anew, calling for all hostilities to cease during the Olympic Games and beyond. Since then, numerous initiatives to promote understanding and peace through sport in communities around the world have been launched with the cooperation of National Olympic Committees. In July 2000, the International Olympic Committee and the Greek Government established the International Olympic Truce Centre, whose purpose is to promote observance of the Olympic Truce.

6. The Statement of World Personalities in their individual capacities in support of the Olympic Truce (see Annex) states that “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, youth, women and the aged. Humanity's quest is for a world free of hatred, terrorism and war, where ideals of peace, goodwill and mutual respect form the basis of relations among peoples 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". The Statement of World Personalities on the Olympic Truce has been signed to date by more than 10,000 personalities worldwide.

7. In 1987 a network was founded called *AMPHICTYONIE of twinned towns and regions of the Mediterranean*, also within the framework of the Olympic Truce, pursuing an ancient practice of peace and cooperation between towns. Eighty-one Mediterranean towns and regions currently subscribe to this initiative.

8. The United Nations General Assembly, strongly supported by all its Member States, has requested those States on several occasions to observe the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, by means of the following resolutions:

Observance of the Olympic Truce by which it "Notes the idea of the Olympic Truce, as dedicated in ancient Greece to the spirit of fraternity and understanding between peoples, and urges Member States to take the initiative to abide by the Truce, individually and collectively, and to pursue in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations the peaceful settlement of all international conflicts" A/Res/48/11 (25 October 1993).

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal, by which it noted "*with satisfaction* the joint organization by the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of the World Conference on Education and Sport for a Culture of Peace in Paris from 5 to 7 July 1999, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/13 of 20 November 1997, and their initiation of a programme of action pursuant to Assembly resolution 53/243 of 13 September 1999" A/Res/54/34 (24 November 1999).

United Nations Millennium Declaration A/Res/55/2 (8 September 2000).

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal A/Res/56/75 (11 September 2001).

Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace A/Res/58/5 (3 November 2003).

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal A/Res/58/6 (3 November 2003).

II.C The Olympic Games and the Olympic Truce: symbols of peace

- (a) The emblem of the International Olympic Truce Foundation (IOTF) is a dove carrying in its beak an olive branch or *kotinos*;
- (b) The emblem of the Olympic Games 2004 is an olive branch or *kotinos*, an olive branch intertwined in a circle. The *kotinos* is directly linked to the history of the Olympic Games of

antiquity since it was the prize awarded to the victors. It also represents the sacred tree of the city of Athens;

- (c) The leaf of an olive tree was the inspiration for the first Olympic Torch, which will travel through five continents bearing a message of peace for the 2004 Olympic Games;
- (d) The olive tree is one of the most important universally recognized symbols. It has been a sacred tree for Mediterranean countries for thousands of years, and was the ancient symbol of the city of Athens;
- (e) The Olympic Games, **the Truce or *Ekecheiria***, the Flame and the Torch, together with the olive tree, have become universal symbols of peace and freedom, inseparable from the idea of peace and global peaceful coexistence.

III. Objectives

9. The objectives of the Olympic Truce or *Ekecheiria* are:

- (a) to highlight the ideals of Olympism as enshrined in the Olympic Charter, in particular:

Art. 2: Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles;

Art. 3: The goal of Olympism is to place everywhere sport at the service of the harmonious development of man, with a view to encouraging the establishment of a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity. To this effect, the Olympic Movement engages, alone or in cooperation with other organizations and within the limits of its means, in actions to promote peace;

- (b) to work to promote a culture of peace and peaceful coexistence and strengthen UNESCO in the achievement of its noble missions in favour of human progress, universal peace and understanding among peoples and civilizations;
- (c) to promote the idea of observing, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, during the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad to be held in Athens and at future Olympic Games.

10. These objectives are consonant with:

- Fundamental Principles of the Olympic Charter and the ideals of the Olympic Games, both ancient and modern;
- United Nations resolutions on the *Observance of the Olympic Truce*;
- International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010);
- World Conference on Education and Sport for a Culture of Peace, organized jointly by the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and held in Paris from 5 to 7 July 1999;
- Statement of World Personalities in their individual capacities in support of the Olympic Truce;

- UNESCO's Roads and Routes Programmes, in particular the project entitled "The Olive Roads", an itinerary of cultural and sustainable development and dialogue and peace among peoples.

IV. Recommendation

11. Greece, the country where the Olympic Games were born more than 2,500 years ago, and where the modern Olympic Games were revived in 1896, aware of the real and symbolic weight of holding the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, appreciative of UNESCO's efforts concerning a culture of peace through education and sport and mindful of the symbolism and exceptional significance of Olympism as an emblem of peace, reconciliation, prosperity and spirituality, would like the concept of the Olympic Truce or *Ekecheiria* to be recognized by UNESCO with a view to increasing the visibility and impact of the Organization's action and strengthening solidarity among peoples.

12. The Declaration of the Olympic Truce could be promoted and supported by the Member States of the Organization.

13. In view of the relevance of the proposal, the Executive Board may like to recommend that the "Olympic Truce" or *Ekecheiria* be included in document 33 C/5.

ANNEX

A. STATEMENT OF WORLD PERSONALITIES IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE OLYMPIC TRUCE

WHEREAS:

The idea of the Olympic Truce (*Ekecheiria*) dates back to 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 further promote the observance of the Olympic Truce.

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

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 the children, the youth, women and the aged.

Humanity's quest is for a world free of hatred, terrorism and war, where ideals of peace, goodwill and mutual respect form the basis of relations among peoples 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 in 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.

B. THE WORLD PERSONALITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE OLYMPIC TRUCE ARE MENTIONED IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY AT THE TIME OF THE SIGNING

World personalities in support of the Olympic Truce (as of November 2003)
(in alphabetical order)

HEADS OF STATE

1. **V. Adamkus**, President, Republic of Lithuania
2. **B. Al-Assad**, President, Syrian Arab Republic
3. **W.J. Clinton**, Former President, United States
4. **D. Covic**, Tripartite Presidency, Bosnia and Herzegovina
5. **V. Vike-Freiberga**, President, Republic of Latvia
6. **S.M. Khatami**, President, Islamic Republic of Iran
7. **V. Kostunica**, President, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
8. **A. Kwasniewski**, President, Republic of Poland
9. **L.I. Lula Da Silva**, President, Federative Republic of Brazil
10. **N. Mandela**, Former President, Republic of South Africa
11. **R. Meidani**, President, Republic of Albania
12. **S. Mesic**, President, Republic of Croatia
13. **N. Nazarbayev**, President, Republic of Kazakhstan
14. **T. Papadopoulos**, President, Republic of Cyprus
15. **B. Paravac**, Tripartite Presidency, Bosnia and Herzegovina
16. **G. Parvanov**, President, Republic of Bulgaria
17. **J. Sampaio**, President, Portuguese Republic
18. **C. Stephanopoulos**, President, Hellenic Republic
19. **S. Tihic**, Tripartite Presidency, Bosnia and Herzegovina
20. **A. Toledo**, President, Republic of Peru
21. **B. Trajkovski**, President, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

22. **A.M. Brazauskas**, Prime Minister, Republic of Lithuania
23. **Z. Djindjic**, Prime Minister, Serbia
24. **I.K. Gujral**, Former Prime Minister, India
25. **Zl. Lagumdžija**, Prime Minister, Bosnia and Herzegovina
26. **L. Miller**, Prime Minister, Republic of Poland
27. **A. Nastase**, Prime Minister, Republic of Romania
28. **K. Prunskiene**, Former Prime Minister, Lithuania
29. **Iv. Racan**, Prime Minister, Republic of Croatia
30. **S. Saxe-Coburg-Gotha**, Prime Minister, Republic of Bulgaria
31. **S. Samar**, Vice-President of the interim Administration and Minister for Women's Affairs of Afghanistan

MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

32. **M. Soledad Alvear**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Chile
33. **C. Amorin**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Brazil
34. **M.E.B. de Avila**, Foreign Affairs Minister, El Salvador
35. **A. Belkhadem**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Algeria
36. **M. Benaissa**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Morocco
37. **I. Berzins**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Latvia
38. **R. Bielsa**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Argentina

39. **N. Caldera**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Nicaragua
40. **S. Casule**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
41. **I. Cem**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Turkey
42. **Wl. Cimoszewicz**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Poland
43. **A.M. Da Cruz**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Portugal
44. **A. Dade**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Albania
45. **J. Deiss**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Switzerland
46. **J. Fischer**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Germany
47. **F. Frattini**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Italy
48. **J. Gama**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Portugal
49. **M. Geoana**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Romania
50. **Ph. Goff**, Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister, New Zealand
51. **B. Graham**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Canada
52. **V. Guliyev**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Azerbaijan
53. **E. Gutierrez**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Guatemala
54. **A. Gul**, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister, Turkey
55. **T.H. Ilves**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Estonia
56. **S.R. Insanally**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Guyana
57. **I. Ivanov**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Russian Federation
58. **J. Kavan**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Czech Republic
59. **S. Kerim**, Former Foreign Affairs Minister, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
60. **K. Kharrazi**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Iran
61. **A. Khatib**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Jordan
62. **Ed. Kukan**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Slovakia
63. **A. Lindh**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Sweden
64. **Z. Li**, Foreign Affairs Minister, China
65. **A. Maher**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Egypt
66. **J. Martonyi**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Hungary
67. **R. Chaderton Matos**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Venezuela
68. **I. Mitreva**, Former Foreign Affairs Minister, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. **V. Oskanian**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Armenia
70. **G.A. Papandreou**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Greece
71. **S. Passy**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Bulgaria
72. **S. Peres**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Israel
73. **T. Picula**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Croatia
74. **J. Pique**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Spain
75. **J.A.M. Ruffinelli**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Paraguay
76. **C.A. Saavedra**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Bolivia
77. **A. Sattar**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Pakistan
78. **A. Saud al Faysal**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Saudi Arabia
79. **N. Shaath**, Minister of Planning and Int. Coop., Palestinian Authority
80. **A.M. Shalqam**, Secretary of People's General Committee for Foreign Affairs Liaison and International Cooperation, Libya
81. **J. Straw**, Foreign Secretary, United Kingdom
82. **G. Svilanovic**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Yugoslavia
83. **J. Tang**, Foreign Affairs Minister, China
84. **A. Valionis**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Lithuania
85. **H. Védrine**, Foreign Affairs Minister, France
86. **N.P. Vega**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Ecuador
87. **D. de Villepin**, Foreign Affairs Minister, France
88. **A. Wagner**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Peru
89. **B. Ferrero-Waldner**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Austria

90. **H. Ben Yahia**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Tunisia
91. **Y. Yakis**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Turkey
92. **A. Zlenko**, Foreign Affairs Minister, Ukraine
93. **Nk. Cl. Dlamini-Zuma**, Foreign Affairs Minister, South Africa

**SPEAKERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTS,
MINISTERS, HIGH OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER PERSONALITIES**

94. **V. Andric**, Federal Secretary for Sports and Youth of the FRY
95. **V. Andriukaitis**, Deputy Chairman of the Seimas Parliament, Lithuania
96. **K. Annan**, Secretary-General, United Nations
97. **J.B.M. Amaral**, Vice-President of Portuguese Parliament
98. **I. Babayev**, Deputy Minister of Youth, Sports and Tourism, Azerbaijan
99. **V. Barkowski**, Designer & Founder, Mia Zia
100. **M. Barnier**, Member of the European Commission
101. **V. Barsegyan**, Secretary of State for Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, Armenia
102. **L.E.D. Bautista**, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States
103. **C. Bellamy**, Executive Director, UNICEF
104. **S. Bellanger**, President & CEO, Ass'n French Chambers of Commerce
105. **V. Blinkeviciute**, Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
106. **C. Boras**, Assistant Federal Secretary of State for Youth of the FRY
107. **A. Burg**, President, Knesset, Israel
108. **D. Christofias**, President of Parliament, Republic of Cyprus
109. **L. Cok**, Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia
110. **C. Constantinou**, Amb., Dean, J.H. Whitehead School of Diplomacy, Seton Hall
111. **G. Dimitrakopoulos**, Vice-President, European Parliament
112. **R. Demotte**, Minister of Culture, Finance, Youth and Sports, French Community, Belgium
113. **A. Dossal**, Executive Director, UNFIP
114. **K. Dervis**, State Minister, Turkey
115. **Lord A. Dubs**, Labour Party Chair, House of Lords
116. **H. Durt**, Int'l College for Advanced Buddhist Studies, Tokyo
117. **A. Ertegun**, Co-Chairman & CEO, The Atlantic Group, USA
118. **H. Fischer**, Speaker of Parliament, Austria
119. **Z. Gaiparashvili**, Chairman of State Department of Youth Affairs of Georgia
120. **J. Garriaud-Mayla**, Co-founder, Union Internationale des Citoyens Européens
121. **Boutros B. Ghali**, Secretary-General of the International Organization of Francophony and former Secretary-General of the United Nations; member IOTC board
122. **G. Gingaras**, Minister of Youth and Sports, Romania
123. **L. Hallengren**, Minister for Youth, Deputy Minister for Education, Sweden

124. **D. Hanganu**, Architect
125. **Ol. Ivanovic**, Member of the Serbian National Council, Kosovo/FRY
126. **J. Kellenberger**, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross
127. **R. Khan**, Journalist, CNN
128. **M.R. Khatami**, First Vice-Speaker, Islamic Consultative Assembly, Iran
129. **Dr D. Klimo**, Founder & President, D. Klimo GmbH
130. **N. Konstandaras**, Editor-in-Chief, International Herald Tribune-Kathimerini
131. **T. Kostadinova**, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport, Bulgaria
132. **P. Lamy**, EU Commissioner for Trade
133. **R. Lubbers**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees
134. **Martin Luther King III**
135. **N. Massalha**, Vice-President, Knesset, Israel
136. **At. Mesterhazy**, State Secretary, Ministry of Children, Youth and Sports, Hungary
137. **A. Moerzinger**, Political Director, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Uruguay
138. **A. Moussa**, Secretary-General, Arab League
139. **A. Ogi**, UN Under-Secretary-General
140. **D. Papademetriou**, Co-founder & co-director, Migration Policy Institute, USA
141. **St. Papadopoulos**, Vice-Chairman, SG Gowen Securities Corp., USA
142. **D.A. Quinonez**, Vice-Minister of External Relations, Honduras
143. **E. Rama**, Mayor of Tirana, Albania
144. **M. Rand**, Minister for Education of Estonia
145. **V. Reding**, Member of the European Commission
146. **I. Rugova**, President, Democratic League of Kosovo/FRY
147. **S. Rylko**, Holy See
148. **J. Schlesinger**, International journalist
149. **W. Schwimmer**, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe
150. **Al. Shambos**, Minister of Justice and Public Order, Cyprus
151. **G. Sipahioglu**, President, SIPA Press, France
152. **J. Solana**, EU's Secretary-General/High Representative
153. **A. Soler**, Director, Cadbury Schweppes, Canada
154. **I. Stancicoff**, Director, Cresta Marketing; former Foreign Minister, Bulgaria
155. **Prince D. Sturdza**, Co-founder, D'esse AG of Switzerland
156. **A. Tato**, Minister for Culture, Albania
157. **M. Tilki**, Chairwoman, Federation of Irish Societies, UK
158. **Z. Tesanovic**, Minister for Sports and Youth, Republica Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina
159. **C.D. Trevino**, Secretary-General for Social Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Spain
160. **C. Toepfer**, Executive Director, UNEP
161. **Dr G. Ugeux**, Senior Managing Director, New York Stock Exchange
162. **O. Anders With**, State Secretary of the Royal Ministry of Children and Family Affairs, Norway
163. **A. Vallarino**, Vice-President of the Republic of Panama
164. **E. Venizelos**, Minister for Culture, Greece
165. **D. Vidovic**, Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, Croatia

166. **Dr M. Vyhnálek**, Founder, Lacrum Tasmanian Dairy Farm, Australia
167. **A. Xhaferi**, President DPA, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
168. **S. Zanoun**, Speaker, Palestinian National Council
169. **Otto Zich**, Chairman, Sony Europe

RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND OTHER PERSONALITIES

170. **His Beatitude Anastasios**, Archbishop of Tirana and All Albania
171. **His Eminence Anastasios**, Metropolitan of Ilioupolis and Theira
172. **His Beatitude Aram**, Catholicos Patriarch of Cilicia (Armenian)
173. **His Eminence Cardinal Francis Arinze**, (President of the Pontifical Council for the Inter-religious Dialogue), Vatican
174. **His All-Holiness Bartholomew**, Ecumenical Patriarch
175. **His Beatitude the Archbishop of Athens and all Greece Christodoulos**
176. **His Grace Bishop Julius Cicek**, Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch
177. **His Eminence Demetrios**, Archbishop of America (Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America)
178. **His Beatitude Eirinaios**, Patriarch of Jerusalem
179. **Mgr Walter M. Ebejer**, Diocesan Bishop of Uniao da Vitoria, Brazil
180. **His Grace Bishop Emmanuel** of Rigion
181. **Chancellor Andreas Gilerdy**, Serbian Patriarchate
182. **Mgr Aldo Giordano**, General Secretary of Roman Catholic Council Europe Assemblies
183. **His Beatitude Ignatius IV**, Patriarch of Antioch and All East
184. **His Beatitude Ilias II**, Catholicos Patriarch of All Georgia
185. **Archimandrite Venediktos Ioannou**, Representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the World Council of Churches
186. **His Grace Bishop Irinej** of Batska, Serbia
187. **Mr Michael Jaharis**, Vice Chairman of the Archdiocesan Council, New York
188. **His Eminence Jeremy**, Metropolitan of Switzerland, President of the Conference of European Churches
189. **His Holiness Patriarch of All Armenians Karekin II**
190. **His Eminence Cardinal Walter Kasper**, President of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity
191. **Antonios Kireopoulos**, Conference of Religions about Peace (USA)
192. **K. Klements**, Secretary General of the Conference of European Churches
193. **Deacon Elpidoforos Labriniadis**, Ecumenical Patriarchate
194. **Mahmoud Al-Mufti**, on behalf of Prince Hasan of Jordan
195. **His Eminence Makarios**, Metropolitan of Kenya
196. **Archbishop Paul Matar**, representing the Church of Maronites
197. **His Eminence Meliton**, Metropolitan of Philadelphia
198. **His Beatitude Mesrob II**, Patriarch of the Armenians of Constantinople
199. **G. Bizos**, Counsellor to President N. Mandela
200. **Professor Niyazi Oktem**, representing the President of Religious Affairs of Turkey
201. **His Grace Bishop Vincezo Paglia**, Italy
202. **His Beatitude Pavle**, Patriarch of the Serbs
203. **His Beatitude Petros VII**, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa
204. **Vlassios Phidas**, Professor

205. **His Grace Bishop Eberhardt Renz**, President of the World Council of Churches
206. **Professor Andrea Riccardi**, President of the Roman Catholic Community of San Egidio
207. **R. Rohrandt**, Vice-President of the Conference of European Churches
208. **Davos Salom**, Jewish Community of Serbia
209. **Aca Singer**, Jewish Community of Serbia
210. **Rabbi Arthur Sneier**, New York
211. **The Most Rev (Senior) Georgios Tsetsis**
212. **Cemal Ussak**, Turkish representative of the Intercultural Dialogue Platform
213. **Gary Vachicouras**, Centre of Ecumenical Patriarchate of Geneva
214. **His Grace Vasilios**, Bishop of Trimythounta

PERSONALITIES FROM THE ARTS AND LETTERS

215. **H. Ahrweiler-Glykatzi**, President of the European University
216. **V. Amritra**, Actor
217. **Th. Angelopoulos**, Film director
218. **A. Baltsa**, Opera singer
219. **H. Bellafonte**, Actor
220. **R. Berger**, General-Director, Vienna Volksoper
221. **J-CI. Brialy**, Artist
222. **M. Cacoyannis**, Film director
223. **Chryssa**, Sculptor
224. **J. Dassin**, Film director, President M. Mercouri Foundation
225. **K. Dimoula**, Poet, Member of the Academy of Athens
226. **Ol. Dukakis**, Actress
227. **D. Fotopoulos**, Stage designer
228. **I. Galante**, Soprano
229. **K. Gavras**, Film director
230. **J. Gianopoulos**, Co-Chairman, 20th Century Fox
231. **V. Globokar**, Composer, trombone player
232. **Denis Glover**, Actor
233. **E. Karaindrou**, Composer
234. **C. Katsaris**, Concert pianist
235. **L. Kavakos**, Concert violinist
236. **J. Kounellis**, Painter
237. **N. Mahfouz**, Nobel Laureate
238. **K. Mattila**, Soprano
239. **Th. Mikroutsikos**, Composer, former Minister of Culture
240. **Roger Moore**, Actor
241. **Nana Mouskouri**, Singer, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador
242. **A. Myrat**, Conductor
243. **D. Papaioannou**, Director, choreographer
244. **Irene Papas**, Actress
245. **Vangelis Papathanassiou**, Composer
246. **L. Renaud**, Artist
247. **M. Rubackyté**, Concert pianist and professor
248. **J. Saramago**, Nobel Laureate
249. **D. Sgouros**, Concert pianist
250. **Im. Stuart**, Sculptor
251. **Takis**, Sculptor
252. **Mikis Theodorakis**, Composer
253. **Peter Ustinov**, Actor

- 254. **Fyodor Yurchikhin**, Cosmonaut
- 255. **S. Xarhakos**, Composer
- 256. **V. Zelakeviciute**, Documentary filmmaker

OLYMPIC FAMILY

- 257. **T. Ajan**, IOC
- 258. **Y. Akashi**, President, Japanese Centre for Preventive Diplomacy; IOTC
- 259. **Albert de Monaco**, IOC
- 260. **S. Ali**, IOC
- 261. **G. Angelopoulos**, President, Athens 2004; IOTC
- 262. **R. Baar**, IOC
- 263. **Th. Bach**, IOC
- 264. **P. Baudry**, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador; IOTC
- 265. **F. Bello**, IOC
- 266. **Borbón, l'Infante Doña Pilar**, IOC
- 267. **V. Borzov**, IOC
- 268. **Breda Vriesman, Els van**, IOC
- 269. **S. Bubka**, IOC
- 270. **R. Carrión**, IOC
- 271. **V. Castellani**, President, Turin 2006; IOTC
- 272. **Vl. Cernusak**, IOC
- 273. **P. Chamunda**, IOC
- 274. **U. Chang**, IOC
- 275. **O. Cinquanta**, IOC
- 276. **J.D. Coates**, IOC
- 277. **Ph. Coles**, IOC
- 278. **N. Comaneci**, Olympian
- 279. **Constantine**, IOC
- 280. **P. Craven**, IOC; IOTC
- 281. **Ch. Crooks**, IOC
- 282. **R. Ctvrtlik**, IOC
- 283. **L. Diack**, IOC
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- 285. **M. Di Centa**, IOC
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- 288. **M. Estiarte**, IOC
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- 290. **N. Filaretos**, IOC
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- 299. **M. Hashemi Taba**, IOC
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- 301. **J. Havelange**, IOC; IOTC
- 302. **G. Heiberg**, IOC
- 303. **G. Heinze**, IOC
- 304. **P. Henderson**, IOC
- 305. **P. Hickey**, IOC

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313. **K. Keino**, IOC
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318. **J. Kurri**, IOC
319. **M. Larfaoui**, IOC
320. **K. Lazarides**, IOC
321. **G. Lindberg**, IOC
322. **A. Ljungqvist**, IOC
323. **Nora de Liechtenstein**, IOC
324. **Le Grand-Duc de Luxemburg**, IOC
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326. **Sh. Magvan**, IOC
327. **A. Matthia**, IOC
328. **F. Mendoza Carrasquilla**, IOC
329. **S. Moudallal**, IOC
330. **N. Moutawakel**, IOC
331. **R.N. Muñoz Peña**, IOC
332. **M. Mzali**, IOC
333. **Fr. Narmon**, IOC
334. **Y. Ndiaye**, IOC
335. **S.M. Ng**, IOC
336. **L. Nikolaou**, IOC
337. **C. Nuzman**, IOC
338. **F. Nyangweso**, IOC
339. **S. Okano**, IOC
340. **S. O'Neil**, IOC
341. **Le Prince d'Orange**, IOC
342. **D. Oswald**, IOC
343. **L. Palenfo**, IOC
344. **Y.S. Park**, IOC
345. **M. Pescante**, IOC
346. **Al. Popov**, IOC
347. **R. Pound**, IOC
348. **S. Ramsamy**, IOC
349. **C. Reddie**, IOC
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352. **M. Sabet**, IOC
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354. **J.A. Samaranch Jr**, IOC
355. **M. Sánchez Rivas**, IOC
356. **P. Schmitt**, IOC
357. **Ph. von Schoeller**, IOC
358. **A. Sealy**, IOC
359. **R. Singh**, IOC
360. **Iv. Slavkov**, IOC
361. **A. Sondral**, IOC

- 362. **B. Stankovic**, IOC
- 363. **T. Stoltenberg**, IOTC
- 364. **I. Szewinska**, IOC
- 365. **P. Tallberg**, IOC
- 366. **Sh. Tazpischev**, IOC
- 367. **E. Terpstra**, Olympian; IOTC
- 368. **W. Troeger**, IOC
- 369. **M. Vázquez Raña**, IOC; IOTC
- 370. **Ol. Vázquez Raña**, IOC
- 371. **L. Wallner**, IOC
- 372. **P. Wiberg**, IOC
- 373. **T. Wilson**, IOC
- 374. **Ch-K. Wu**, IOC
- 375. **Z. Yu**, IOC

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- 376. **Fenerbahce Football Club**, Turkey
- 377. **Galatasaray Football Club**, Turkey
- 378. **Olympiakos Football Club**, Greece
- 379. **Panathinaikos Football Club**, Greece
- 380. **Pyeong Chang 2010 Games bid city** (R.M. Gong, Chairman; H.S. Kwon, Mayor)
- 381. **Salzburg Games bid city** (D. Schaden, Mayor; E. Winkler, DG)
- 382. **Vancouver 2010 Games bid city** (L. Campbell, Mayor; J. Poole, Chair)