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By e-mail only

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Dear Presidents,

It is with great pleasure that I am informing you about the historic agreement which we concluded with the United Nations yesterday.

Together with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Ban Ki-moon, I signed an agreement which strengthens our ties at the very highest level and means that we will work together in the future on an organisation-wide basis.

The agreement, which was signed in the presence of the President of the UN General Assembly, recognises the goal of the IOC and the Olympic Movement to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating young people through sport without discrimination of any kind. It also calls for respect of the autonomous organisation of sport.

Let me outline some of the key points of the agreement, which will mean much closer cooperation between all the UN agencies and the various pillars of the sports movement.

The agreement calls for sports initiatives to promote social integration and economic development, including:

- a) Access to Sport for All among communities, in particular the most disadvantaged and marginalised populations
- b) Quality physical education in school settings
- c) Youth empowerment, education and skills development
- d) Girls' and women's empowerment
- e) Peace-building and community dialogue
- f) Healthy lifestyle promotion
- g) Environmental sustainability

Within this framework, the UN will work through the IOC with the Olympic Movement and sports organisations – forming partnerships with UN member states, UN Special Envoys, Special Advisors and Goodwill Ambassadors, UN Specialised Agencies and UN Funds.

I am sure you will agree that this is a significant and important agreement which paves the way for a number of new projects for our Movement, and I would be happy to receive your ideas on how we might make the best use of this relationship. Our cooperation with the United Nations and your proposals will also be discussed in the framework of Olympic Agenda 2020.

As part of the closer cooperation, I am also happy to inform you that Honorary President Jacques Rogge has been appointed as the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Youth Refugees and Sport.

The overall objective of his role will be to support the UN Secretary-General in advancing peace, development and an inclusive society through sport. On substantive issues, the Special Envoy will work closely with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

I look forward to hearing your suggestions on how we might make the most of this historic agreement.

With my best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve A. L." with a stylized flourish at the end.