

## “Olympic Solidarity” is born

In accordance with the decisions taken at the IOC Session in Sapporo and Munich in 1972, and the wishes expressed by the National Olympic Committees at their meeting in Munich with the IOC Executive Board regarding “Olympic Solidarity”. The IOC Executive Board approved the following plan during its last meeting: Under the overall direction of the President of the IOC, the three Vice Presidents of the IOC, together with the NOC Co-ordinator, will assume full responsibility for “Olympic Solidarity”.

An IOC Joint Commission for “Olympic Solidarity”, under the Chairmanship of one of the IOC Vice Presidents assisted by the NOC Co-ordinator Mr G. Onesti, as Vice President of the Commission, is being appointed by the IOC, on the essential basis of continental representation.

Contacts will be established with the International Federations, to ensure their indispensable contribution in the elaboration and carrying out of the assistance project containing especially the training of technicians in various sports.

The “Olympic Solidarity” will be dealt with by a special section in the IOC Headquarters at Chateau de Vidy. It will ensure the relations between the IOC and the NOCs and provide a link between the various NOCs themselves.

This section will, by means of a questionnaire, shortly collect together requests for and offers of assistance from NOCs for the “Olympic Solidarity Programme” for consideration and implementation.

A plan will be made to establish the IOC Olympic Foundation to provide the necessary funds for the operation of the “Olympic Solidarity Programme”.

Annual reports on “Olympic Solidarity” will be presented to the Sessions of the IOC.

