

**The New Year's greeting of
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In sending you seasonal greetings at the end of an old year and almost at the beginning of a New Year, I do not choose to dwell too long in the past. I am always an optimist. But I must say 1982 has been an important year in many respects.

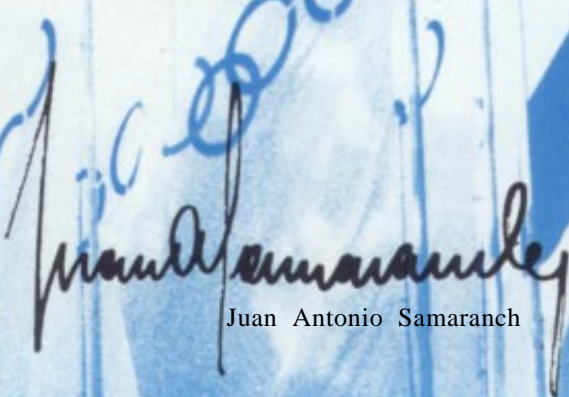
We have celebrated the first Olympic Week in Lausanne and have resolved to make it an annual festival. We have brought together art and sport in opening our museum and Centre for Olympic Studies, and the Session in Rome approved plans for our new Olympic Headquarters in Lausanne. I certainly hope that as many NOCs as possible will create their own Olympic museums.

I have managed to visit 47 NOCs during the year, (80 since my election) and territories ranging from Aden to the Republic of China, and have made extensive tours of the Gulf States, Latin-America and the Caribbean, the Far East and South-east Asia as well as several European countries. All of this I am confident will make for stronger ties between the IOC and the NOCs of the world, now organised in continental entities.

In the same way, the formation of summer and winter sports associations will allow the sports federations to speak collectively and directly to the IOC and I believe make even more effective their contributions to the Olympic Games and the Winter Olympic Games.

Looking forward, our Session in New Delhi in March 1983 will be important. I am delighted that it is being held in one of the developing countries. The Commission for the Study of the Olympic Congress, that remarkable meeting of our Olympic family which was held in Baden-Baden in September 1981, will make a further report. The reaction of the various International Federations to our proposals on Rule 26 will be considered. There will be very many commission reports and recommendations. The Olympic Programme, as always, will be under review. And so the work goes on, from year to year.

It is part of my earnest wish that all of us involved, all of us who are privileged to be part of Olympism, will enjoy good health and every success in our efforts to enhance the Olympic Movement in 1983.



Juan Antonio Samaranch