



## Open letter from Count Jean de Beaumont



Your Excellency Mr. Samaranch,

Having attended forty-two Sessions during my thirty-four years with the IOC, I would like to bring to your attention to the fact that in the historic town of Sarajevo it was certainly the very first time in the course of all of our working meetings that I noticed that there was never any need to submit to a vote any of the decisions taken.

This matter is without doubt an unique event in the records of our Movement and is of sufficient importance to be mentioned to you.

It clearly demonstrates to the multitudes of the sporting world our desire for cohesion. It confirms our unity and demonstrates the intention of all of our colleagues, whatever their origins, of defending Pierre de Coubertin's generous ideals in the face of the rising and the power of violence.

The assistance in this task which is brought to us today by the first class organisation at the Chateau of Vidy allows us to believe in the total future success of the Olympic Movement. This was something we had to tell you because that organisation carries all our hopes.

Avec mes plus fidèles  
amitiés -

Count Jean de Beaumont