

# RESOLUTION OF THE 89th SESSION

**The International Olympic Committee  
meeting in Lausanne  
in extraordinary Session,  
to consider the future of the Olympic Games**

Recalling the purpose and aims of the Olympic Games,  
Reviewing various political activities intruding upon the celebration of the Olympic Games in recent years,

Noting, despite such intrusions, the successful celebration of such Olympic Games,

Concerned particularly about the athletes whose lives are adversely affected by non-participation in the Olympic Games due to political considerations,

Welcoming and noting the supportive views expressed by the International Federations and by the National Olympic Committees in their "Mexico Declaration",

Recalling that the International Olympic Committee alone is responsible for interpretation of the "Olympic Charter",

Reminded of the duties and responsibilities of its members,

Determined that the principles contained in the "Olympic Charter" shall continue to govern celebration of the Olympic Games.

Declares that :

- the Olympic Movement unites the International Olympic Committee, the International Federations and the National Olympic Committees in a common pursuit of the shared ideals and principles which bind them together ;

- one of the principal duties of a National Olympic Committee is to enable and ensure that athletes from its country participate in the Olympic Games at the invitation of the International Olympic Committee ;

- it condemns the punishment of athletes which results from a decision not to participate in the Olympic Games ;

- the solution to this serious problem does not consist of imposing further punishment affecting the athletes for whom the Olympic Games exist. Rather, it lies in identifying the true motives for non-participation and pointing out that such actions will isolate the representa-

tives of the National Olympic Committees of such countries, upon their own volition, from the Olympic Games ;

- the International Olympic Committee is the sole authority to determine whether proper conditions exist for the celebration of the Olympic Games and whether the provisions of the "Olympic Charter" have been observed and to take the appropriate measures.

- the International Olympic Committee reiterates its full support of the Organizing Committees of the Olympic Winter Games in Calgary and of the Games of the Olympiad in Seoul, in 1988, noting in this regard the support of the International Federations and the National Olympic Committees. Preparations for the celebration of such Games are in accordance with the provisions of the "Olympic Charter".