

At the end of the opening ceremony of this Extraordinary Session, Princess Nora of Liechtenstein, who was absent from Los Angeles at the time of her election, took the oath, bringing the official Membership of the IOC to ninety one. President Samaranch then proceeded to award the Olympic Order to Mr. Alain Danet (FBA), Mr. Abdelaziz Elshafei (ECY) and Mr. Pierre Hirschy (SUB, who had been nominated by the 88th Session the previous summer.



*From left to right :  
Messrs. Alain Danet,  
Abdelaziz Elshafei  
and Pierre Hirschy.*

---

### ECHOES OF THE 89th SESSION

HE. Judge Keba Mbaye, Executive President of the Court of Arbitration for Sport since 17th December last year, reminded the Session that this body will be able to give a consultative opinion. The working group appointed to draw up its conditions of operation proposes that questions on which it will be able to give a pronouncement be formulated by the Executive President of the Court

The Executive Board proposed to renew until the Berlin Session of 1985 the mandates of the two members affected by the rule on the age of

retirement, Mr. Cross and Mr. Hsu. Indeed, the 99th Session is due to give a ruling on this question.

Mr. Fidel Castro, the Cuban Head of State, sent a long letter to Mr. Samaranch dealing with three points : the problems between Cuba and the Panamerican Games; the Los Angeles Games; a personal opinion on the Games. Mr. Castro suggests, to avoid a boycott of Seoul, that the competitions be held in North Korea. Mr. Samaranch declared on this last point : "The IOC is not ready to conduct a meeting of the two Koreas on this subject, for the simple reason that it has not been asked to do so".