

“ON BEHALF OF SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD”

Just before the November meetings that were held in Geneva (SUI) between Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, and Mikhail Gorbachev, Secretary General of the Soviet Communist Party, His Excellency Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC, sent them the following message : *"As from tomorrow, on Swiss soil and seat of the International Olympic Committee, the heads of the world's two great powers will meet.*

On behalf of all members of the International Olympic Committee, the International Sports Federations, the National Olympic Committees and hundreds of millions of people throughout the world who share the Olympic ideals of brotherhood, understanding, mutual respect, peace and friendship, I would like to express to each of you my most fervent and sincere wishes for success.

The Olympic Movement as a whole confident/y expects that your talks will produce positive and concrete results that will serve to encourage friendship, international understanding, racial non-discrimination as well as human and cultural exchanges, and that they will thus contribute to establishing and strengthening world peace, the hope of all mankind".