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“The Olympic ideal is a hymn to tolerance and understanding between people and culture. It is an invitation to competition, but competition with respect for others. In its way, Olympism is a school of democracy. In other words, there is a natural link between the ethics of the Olympic Games and the fundamental principles of the United Nations. In the International Olympic Committee, the United Nations has a precious ally in its action in the service of peace and bringing peoples together. ”

*Boutros Boutros-Ghali,
Secretary General of the United Nations.*

The 49th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted unanimously on 7th December 1994 a resolution (see below) co-sponsored by an absolute record of 141 Member States, entitled “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal”. (See page 20) The representatives of the United States of America (Andrew Young, co-chairman of the Organizing Committee of

the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta), Panama, Guinea (Alpha Ibrahim Diallo, IOC Member), Spain, Tunisia and Côte d’Ivoire made a statement. Beforehand, the permanent representatives of the 184 Member States of the United Nations had already taken note of the reports submitted by the IOC President and the coordinator of the International Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal.