



IOC World Conference on Women and Sport, 1996

Resolution of the 1st IOC World Conference on Women and Sport

Congratulating the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on its initiative to stage a World Conference on Women and Sport with representatives of many countries and non and intergovernmental organizations;

Welcoming the initiative of the IOC to establish a working group on Women and Sport and looking forward to hearing continued positive recommendations therefrom;

Also welcoming the evidence of cooperation between sectors of the sports community and government, both at national and international level, in promoting issues relative to women in sport;

Looking forward to the staging of similar events at appropriate intervals to further promote the advancement of women;

Recalling that the aim of the Olympic Movement is to build a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal, without discrimination of any kind;

Recognizing that the Olympic ideal cannot be fully realized without, and until there is, equality for women within the Olympic Movement;

- 1 **Calls upon** the IOC, the International Federations (IFs) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to take into consideration the issue of gender equality in all their policies, programmes and procedures, and to recognize the special needs of women so that they may play a full and active part in sport;
- 2 **Recommends**, that all women involved in sport be provided equal opportunities for professional and personal advancement, whether as athletes, coaches or administrators, and that the IFs and the NOCs create special committees or working groups composed of at least 10% women to design and implement a plan of action with a view to promoting women in sport;
- 3 **Requests**, that commissions dealing specifically with the issue of women in sport be set up at national and international level;
- 4 **Recommends** the establishment by NOCs of athletes' commissions including women, as a way of training women as leaders;
- 5 **Encourages** the IOC to continue working toward the goal of attaining an equal number of events for women and for men on the Olympic programme;
- 6 **Suggests**, that within Olympic Solidarity a special fund be earmarked for the promotion of women's sport at all levels as well as for the training of women administrators, technical officials and coaches with emphasis on developing countries;
- 7 **Requests**, that the IOC organize each year, and on the five continents, a training course for women in one of the following areas: coaching, technical activity, administration or media/journalism;
- 8 **Proposes**, that one of the criteria of assessment of cities bidding to host the Olympic Games be their demonstrated ability to serve the needs of women in sport;
- 9 **Endorses and encourages** the increased production of research and statistical data on subjects relating to women and sport and the dissemination thereof to all parties involved in the sports movement, including success stories on advancements made in sport for women and girls;
- 10 **Urges** the IOC to discontinue the current process of gender verification during the Olympic Games;
- 11 **Calls upon** the national and international sport federations to facilitate and promote sport for women with

disabilities, in light of the fact that women with disabilities face a double challenge in the world of sport;

- 12 Encourages** the IOC, in its relations with non and intergovernmental international organizations, especially those that have as their focus girls and women, to cooperate in efforts that have as their aim the creation of global programmes of physical education in schools and in the community in order to promote health and quality of life;
- 13 Recommends**, that the IOC advise governments of its technical assistance to developing countries;
- 14 Requests**, that the IOC direct its working group on Women and Sport to consider issues specific to the needs of women and children in sport, taking into account the importance of family support in the development of young female athletes.
- 15 Recommends**, that the IOC working group on Women and Sport be given the status of an IOC commission;
- 16 Encourages** the IOC to continue to develop educational materials to assist in advancing opportunities for women in sport;
- 17 Recommends**, that the IOC identify a theme for the 1996-2000 quadrennial: "Olympiad for Women".