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PEACE THROUGH SPORT!



Sport is at the service of development and peace. This can not be contested.

Countries like the Central African Republic have experienced this fact. The Olympic truce launched by Central Africa's Head of State, Faustin Archange Touadéra in our presence on February 2020 is certainly a strong message in favour of peace.

In order to have weapons dropped, put an end to barriers of division, hatred, denial of fellow countrymen and to engage into the path of dialogue so as to build unity and peace,

the Central African Republic, under the chairmanship of its leader is setting the example.

This example was inspired by the Olympic truce proclaimed by the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations, a call for peace which is based on Olympic values. The Olympic truce, as perceived by Dr. Thomas Bach, IOC President, is a period of peace during which all conflicts must end.

On 6 April 2021, on the occasion of the International Day for Sport at the Service of Development and Peace, the Central African Republic renewed this conciliatory and peaceful message.

The same message was at the center of all activities organized by the 54 National Olympic Committees of the continent. It was an exceptional moment for Africa.

The expected social change will depend on our capacity as Africans to be resilient in the face of adversity, to turn our weaknesses into strength and to





uphold values that lead to peace and development.

For instance, we have decided to help NOCs without headquarters to build premises where they will carry out their activities. This is a push towards development in order to help sport further its vocation as instrument for peace and prosperity.

The deadly Covid-19 pandemic has also come to disrupt our tranquility, but we have taken measure to prevent this health crisis from jeopardizing our aspirations for development and peace. That is why an agreement has just been entered with Russian NOC and authorities for the supply of Spoutnik V vaccines to African NOCs.

It is urgent we come together in order to build this peace which will improve our quality of life and that of next generations.

Through its federating and unifying power, sport should help us in conceptualizing this peace ideal and to unite our thoughts so as to make our nations united and indivisible, so that at last, through peace, we can be able

to give our countries a chance to prosper by bringing about development that will eradicate poverty and misery, and put an end to all kinds of conflict.

Sport is at the service of development and peace. Let's use its power to grow further. In order to encourage equity and inclusion, promote peace and understanding between people without any distinction. African youth should use it as the corner stone for its empowerment, with our support and that of all States.

The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa upholds this vision for social change for better quality of life through sport.

That is why ANOCA leaves no stone unturned to achieve this objective through permanent concerted action in order to make the African sport and Olympic movement a lever for the improvement of African peoples' living conditions through sport.

Mustapha Berraf
IOC Member
President of ANOCA





SPORT AT THE SERVICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

The President of Central African Republic, His Excellency Pr. Faustin Archange Touadéra presided over the ceremony to commemorate the International Day for Sport at the Service of

Development and Peace on 6 April 2021 under the international theme « *peace and development* ».

30 youths from football academies





of Bangui's two subdivisions took part in this ceremony in the presence of the President of the Republic.

They came from the ACAJIO football academy of the 3rd subdivision which is predominantly of Muslim obedience, and the MANY'S football academy from the Christian 4th subdivision.

On this day, the Central African Republic focused its theme on local current developments: « **Peace and development in the country** ».

According to Central Africa's Head of State, « **Sport unites people, sport is a major carrier of peace and cohesion... Sport will contribute in reuniting our communities' populations. Sport is a carrier of ideals of peace and unity, because our country has gone through a severe crisis and national unity has**

been disrupted. »

H.E. President Faustin Archange Touadéra also declared that he would work for the popularization of sport by encouraging federations to make extra effort to this end.

Taking queue from the Head of State, the President of the Central African Republic's National Olympic and Sports Committee (NOSC-CA), Gilles Gilbert Grésenguét said that « **sport plays a unifying and pacifying role in a country like the Central African Republic.** »

In order to give special touch to the celebration of the 6 April 2021, the President of the NOSC-CA decided this year to involve the highest authorities in a simple move where the Head of State and his closest collaborators would brandish the white card. This is a symbolic



gesture to indicate that the white card is a call for international unity and cooperation.

As concerns the Covid-19 pandemic, Gilles Gilbert Grèsénguet called on his fellow countrymen to respect barrier measures put in place by authorities in order to curb the spread of the very deadly coronavirus variant now circulating in Central African Republic.

He also recalled that **« In April 2016, the NOSC-CA, in partnership with MINUSCA, organize a series of information and exchange meetings on the social role sports play in the Central African Republic, destined for sports managers, athletes, women and journalists. In April 2017, a debate meeting organized**

at the National Assembly brought together students from several schools in Bangui, just like in April 2019 at the Boy Rab youths Center were more than 2000 youths were gathered by the NOSC-CA through the National Olympic Academy, to be sensitized on the spirit and role of Olympics which uphold the values of fair play, tea spirit, excellence, ethics, among others. »

The celebration of the 6 April 2021 was also marked by the organization of a boxing gala and a press conference. The next celebration is scheduled for 2022.





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT

SENEGAL'S NATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY MAKES ITS SHOW



It organized a series of activities as part of the International Day of Sport at the service of Development and Peace.

A caravan including the Director of Senegal's National Olympic Academy, Cécile Faye, the Vice-president of the National Olympic and Sport Committee, Ibrahima Wade and other Olympic Committee members visited the INSEPS, situated at the MOR Diop Primary School in the Médina at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy High Scholl.

Cécile Faye had this to say on the aim of this caravan: « ***This year, we wanted to mark this day in two***

steps; celebrating Olympic values in times of a pandemic as well as in times of crisis. »

She went further to say that « ***We have to demonstrate that Olympism and sport have their role to play in the stability of societies. That is why we decided to celebrate excellence, respect and peace. Sport is a source for development because it attracts crowds and investment. We came to meet students because they are the youth, they are the ones who need to be sensitized so as to use sport in times of crisis. »***

According to Ibrahima Wade, Vice-President of the NOSC-S, this is « ***a moment for testimony an dialogue with youths because sport has become a major tool for the development of societies and nations, for social cohesion, bearer of new dynamics. »***

Ibrahima Wade is also the coordinator of the Youths Olympic Games Dakar will host in 2026.





THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF TUNISIA CALLS ON THE AUTHORITIES TO RECONSIDER THE ROLE OF SPORT



This call was made to the Tunisian State to pay special attention in its development plans so as to play its role as guarantor of values of friendship, respect surpassing oneself and desire to distinguish oneself.

According to the NOC-T, sport and Olympic education are the solution to get out of the situation Tunisia is going through, due to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as the political, economic and social environment which caused an unprecedented educational and moral crisis.

In his message, the President of the National Olympic Committee of Tunisia, Mehrez Boussayene declared that *« on the occasion of the 2021 International Day of Sport, the Olympic caravan decided to go to two Governorates of the hinterland, taking into consideration the « 3rd edition of the Olympic Heritage Sports Festival in the Zaghuan "Temple des Eaux", and the 1st edition of the "Foulées Olympiques des Martyrs pour la Solidarité Et La Paix" in the streets and forests of Kasserine. Through this type of events, the NOC-T contributes in cultivating hope and love among citizens, given the difficult situation our country is going through. »*

The NOC-T has been giving special importance to this day since 2014





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT

MOROCCO: FROM ORIGINS TO VIGILANCE



It is under this theme that the National Olympic Committee of Morocco celebrated this day of the 6th of April 2021.

This vigilance is expressed through initiatives launched within sports circles in Morocco and all over the world.

The celebration of the International Day of Sports at the Service of Development and Peace was initially proposed by the Kingdom of Morocco. On 22 May 2011 during the 2nd International Forum held at the **"Palais des Nations"** in Geneva, Kamal Lahlou, the representative of the Moroccan National Olympic Committee proposed to the assistance the celebration of an international day for sport, in order to sensitize governments and political leaders

through sport, that sport has become a right, such as education or health for instance.

This proposal was made in the presence of former International Olympic Committee President, Jacques Rogge, and former United Nations Organization, Ban Ki Moon.

On 23 August 2013, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the 6th of April as the International Day of Sport at the Service of Development and Peace, thus establishing a link with the opening date of the first Olympic Games in 1896.

The International Day of Sport at the Service of Development aims at celebrating the contribution of sport and physical activity to education, human development, the adoption of healthy lifestyles and the advent of a peaceful world.

On 6 April 2021, Kamal Lahlou Vice-President of Morocco's National Olympic Committee and member of ANOCA's Executive Committee member said that **« the most important thing is not only to mark this day, but also to use it for public policies guaranteeing the right for all to practise sport. »**

