To: IOC Member States
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
International Governmental and Non Governmental Organizations

Subject: Contributing activities to the commemorative Year of the IOC 50th Anniversary

Sir, Madam,

I express my sincere gratitude to all those Member States and partners who contributed to the first phase of the 50th anniversary of the IOC which started in 2008 and finished on 8th June 2010 with the anniversary inauguration day. Almost 50 Member States and about 10 partners dedicated their activities to the anniversary. Those Member States who have already informed the Coordinator of the commemorative activities planned for this period and above, are invited to visit the anniversary web site and make the necessary updates of the available information:

By means of this letter I invite and encourage all other Member States to organize activities from now on in 2011 under the IOC anniversary logo and inform the IOC anniversary coordinator (i.oliounine@unesco.org) accordingly.

I also take this opportunity to remind you all that the 8th of June marked, through the inauguration day, an official start of the 50th anniversary commemorations. As you all know there are no regular funds allocated for the anniversary activities and we fully rely on you in funding them. My special thanks to those countries and partners, China, Monaco, Netherlands, Total Foundation, who made contributions to the anniversary account, which we have opened in response to your request. I would hope that these contributors will be able to continue their contribution in 2010 and 2011 and that new ones will join them in their efforts. This financial support is required for coordinating the anniversary activities, implementing still pending related decisions of the IOC Governing Bodies, and promoting the IOC anniversary.

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I call on the Member States and partner organizations to pursue their efforts in supporting the IOC anniversary in order to finish the anniversary as successfully as we have started it!

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

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