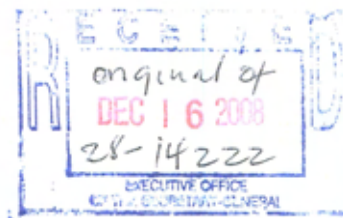




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UN Observer status to IOC

Dear Secretary General,

The Italian Mission to the United Nations has submitted a request to grant observer status of the United Nations General Assembly to the International Olympic Committee.

You and I have discussed the importance of the collaboration between the IOC and the UN. We value very much that collaboration and we thank you for your support of the Olympic Games in Beijing and your message of peace which was conveyed to billions of television viewers across the globe.

This letter is to request your kind support for the application by the Government of Italy.

We look forward to our continued collaboration which I am glad to note is continuing to expand with new projects between the IOC and WFP in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Egypt, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

You will also be glad to know that I should be signing the first IOC-UN-HABITAT MoU with Ms Tibaijuka in the new year.

I look forward to meeting you again soon and thank you for your support.

Please accept, dear Secretary General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Jacques Rogge

