



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear President Rogge,

I write to congratulate you on your re-election as President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Let me also say how pleased I am at yesterday's vote by the United Nations General Assembly to give the IOC observer status. This paves the way for IOC representatives to participate more fully in our work, enabling us to cooperate even more closely than we do already.

Indeed, I welcomed the opportunity to meet with you earlier this month during the most successful Olympic Congress in Copenhagen to talk about our expanding collaboration. I came away from the Congress even more convinced of the important role that sport can play in promoting peace, development and global solidarity. Thank you for the hospitality that you and your colleagues extended to me on that occasion.

Congratulations again on your re-election. I look forward to strengthening our partnership during your new mandate, and I hope we have an opportunity to meet again soon.

With my deepest admiration,

Yours sincerely,


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