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## Full Report

### ROUNDTABLE ON THE RESPONSE OF THE WORLD OF SPORT TO THE INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI

*The French Sports Daily L'EQUIPE joined with the United Nations to host the leaders of International Sports Organisations in a Roundtable discussion on the Indian Ocean tsunami on April 14, 2005 at United Nations in Geneva.*

#### The agenda included:

1. Welcome from UN and *L'Equipe*
2. Opening statement from Adolf Ogi, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace
3. Tsunami situation report by United Nations
4. Statements by sport organisations on response to tsunami
5. Common goals and avenues for future cooperation
6. Final conclusions of Roundtable

#### 1. Welcome

Djibril Diallo, Director of the New York United Nations Office of Sport for Development and Peace, and Claude Droussent, Editorial Director, *L'Équipe* welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending.

#### 2. Opening Statement

Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, gave an introductory speech.

Mr. Ogi reflected on the devastation caused by the tsunami and the swift and generous response from several sports organizations. He thanked *L'Equipe* for taking the initiative to encourage more communication among sports organizations and stressed the belief that the tsunami has given impetus to coordinated action between the United Nations and the world of sport.

Mr. Ogi noted that on 10 January 2005, the International Federation of Volleyball pledged to donate \$3 million to the United Nations Development Programme for sport and education projects in Thailand.

In response to the generous donation, Mr. Ogi launched an appeal to the world of sport for a coordinated approach with the United Nations in responding to the disaster. Mr. Ogi suggested three ways in which sport could assist and work with the United Nations:

1. Sport organisations could help in financing the reconstruction efforts of sport and educational infrastructure.
2. Cooperation with the sports clubs and sports associations in the affected countries is necessary. Children must be given a sense of normalcy and must be helped to overcome the trauma and regain confidence in the future.
3. The enormous number of volunteers, which support the world of sport and are used to long-term commitment could also support the long-term efforts and mobilisation needed to recover from this earthquake tsunami.

### **3. Situation report by United Nations**

Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, Chief Asia and the Pacific Section, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations

Mr. McGoldrick began the report by giving a brief overview of the situation after the tsunami. The Indian Ocean tsunami affected 5 million people. Some organizations have been more generous with relief assistance than some governments and thus far, pledges are 92% met. PriceWaterhouse Coopers has helped ensure there is transparency in how the donations are allocated. The UN is actively working on re-establishing education and preventing the trafficking of children. For example, all children in the Maldives are back in schools.

The next steps that are necessary are to ensure that the money donated is spent transparently, that there is a coordinated approach by all relief organizations and donors, that lives saved are now sustained, and that rebuilding of infrastructure and facilities is done better.

### **4. Statements by sports organizations on response to tsunami**

Jacques Rogge, the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), began the discussion among the sports organizations, noting that the IOC has had a long tradition in humanitarian relief assistance. Financial contributions generally are made to NGO's since the IOC is not an expert in relief.

The IOC has made contributions to the reconstruction and rebuilding of sports facilities, and the organization spends \$500 million every four years in support of national federations. Specialized foundations, such as OlympAfrica and OlympAsia, have been created by the IOC, to build and rebuild sports facilities.

The IOC is willing to coordinate and ready to collaborate with the United Nations and other sports organizations on tsunami recovery efforts.

Hein Verbruggen, Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) President and President of General Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF), announced that the GAISF General Assembly in Berlin during the week of April 18 would be an excellent opportunity to concretely address problems through national federations. Mr. Verbruggen also suggested that the initiative, "Sporting Goods to Go," a program in which well-endowed federations donate equipment to other federations, can actively assist in areas of need.

Robert Fasulo, Director, Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), said that there are different ways to support tsunami relief by either financial contribution or long-term programme support. ASOIF already has efficient structures on the ground with national federations and members, but is open to the possibility of working with the UN. The Roundtable forum is useful in exploring ways to coordinate communication and work.

Lamine Diack, President, International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF), declared that the IAAF contacted all national federations and is now working on relief assistance in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Seychelles and the Maldives. The IAAF believes that assistance from the world of sport must support sport and infrastructure. The IAAF is open and available to discuss initiatives and other partnerships. Strong links and modes of communication are needed in the countries between the sports federations at the national level. Since the image of sport is now taken more seriously as a tool for development and peace, sports organizations are able to work better together for the development of countries.

Djibril Diallo, Director of New York United Nations Office of Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP), explained that coordination among sports organizations and the United Nations can be carried out at two levels. At the ground level, Resident Coordinators of the UN Country Teams can help facilitate communication regionally, and at the headquarters' level, Mr. Ogi's office serves a window and platform to the United Nations.

Markus Siegler and Mary Harvey represented the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) at the Roundtable. Mr. Siegler, Director of Communications, announced that immediately after the tsunami, the FIFA AFC Solidarity Fund was set up and, to date, has raised \$10.5 million and now the distribution of funds is underway. FIFA has its own development network throughout the world, which has been helpful. The challenge right now is not to forget the tsunami, as media attention long ago shifted to other issues. FIFA organized a celebrity football match with 40 players in Barcelona as a tremendous sign of solidarity. The model, which FIFA used to respond to the tsunami disaster, will be used again, should it be necessary. FIFA and UNICEF are working together on a media awareness-raising campaign. In response to recent events, FIFA has created an independent "Corporate Social Responsibility" department.

Ms. Harvey, FIFA Director of Development, explained that development programmes at FIFA involve financial assistance, infrastructure support, and education. Experience from the project GOAL has been used for tsunami response and projects. FIFA has development officers in Colombo and in Kuala Lumpur. The short-term response for tsunami relief includes promoting play, which will help overcome trauma, and distributing equipment with help from local football stars. Medium-term relief includes restarting football activities with financial support. Finally, long-term assistance includes the reconstruction and rebuilding of football structures and facilities. FIFA tsunami task force will meet next week to release funding to projects. Football activities in Sri Lanka, taking place between two enemy controlled areas, are supporting peace initiatives.

Mark Miles, Chairman of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), declared that the ATP has a decentralised way of raising charity money and the organization has created a formal partnership with UNICEF. Carlos Moya, who won the first tournament of the year in Chennai, India, gave his \$50,000 prize to tsunami relief. ATP would like to learn more about rebuilding infrastructure, since governments have always played more of a role in this area. ATP hopes to continue to contribute to relief assistance.

Patrick Baumann, Secretary General, Federation Internationale de Basketball (FIBA), announced that FIBA has used solidarity funds when national federations have expressed the need. In the past, FIBA has always given assistance through national federations. Tsunami assistance by FIBA was done discretely and responded immediately after the disaster with personnel on the ground. FIBA funds were channelled to its regional office in Kuala Lumpur for emergency assistance for various humanitarian needs, such as food, clothing, etc.

The next step for FIBA is to distribute equipment where basketball is jeopardized and restart basketball activities and ensure that they can be maintained. So far, there has been difficulty in exchanging equipment among national basketball federations. Assistance from Mr. Ogi's office will help facilitate communication with the United Nations.

Francesco Ricci Bitti, President, International Tennis Federation (ITF), declared that ITF pledges \$4 million per year for its assistance programme. This year, two new funds were created in Asia: one for the reconstruction of sport facilities and the second for programmes for children. ITF is interested in learning practical methodologies for development through sport.

Mike Miller, Chief Executive, International Rugby Board (IRB), expressed hope for a more coordinated approach among sports organizations in the future. All sports organizations invest in sports and through sport, also invest into communities. Sports organizations should lend the glamour and aura of sport to development initiatives. It is important for organizations to be good global citizens and reinvest benefits. IRB has chosen to have a lasting partnership with the World Food Programme and the proceeds of a recent fundraising North vs. South match were used to provide food to tsunami victims.

Eshan Mani, President, International Cricket Council, said that during the tsunami disaster, the Sri Lanka team was touring New Zealand. The tour was cancelled and the ICC started helping in relief camps. The Cricket Aid fund offered 4,000 aid workers to the NGO World Vision to help in the field. Medium and long-term plans are underway to contribute to sustainable community rebuilding. The ICC plans to build with \$350 million over coming years, with half of funds to be invested in Indonesia. The Cricket Aid fund in Sri Lanka will continue to be supported by the ICC.

Jordi Serra and Lilamani de Soysa, Executive Director and Programme Coordinator respectively, International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), said that ITTF helped immediately after the tsunami through the Red Cross. Lilamani de Soysa was present in Sri Lanka and supported the relief process. ITTF contacted table tennis companies for support, launched fund raising initiatives, and opened a bank account specifically for disaster relief. ITTF may not have as many resources as other federations, but it has experience in coordinating with others, such as its successful cooperation with the IOC in Afghanistan. Currently, ITTF is considering which structures to put in place to deal with future disasters.

Miguel Sagarra, Secretary General, International Paralympic Committee (IPC), declared that IPC is not a rich organisation, but it is young and energetic and can provide expertise in giving hope to persons with disabilities. IPC is convinced that sport can play a critical role in overcoming the trauma and devastation inflicted by the tsunami. Unfortunately, the needs of people with disabilities are usually last on the agenda. Employment opportunities are difficult to provide for people with disabilities, but initiatives are working, thanks to support from IOC. Two different programmes for tsunami relief were drafted and are under implementation in cooperation with the NGO CARE International. IPC is looking forward to collaborating with other sports organizations and synergizing development initiatives, and is ready to provide its support and expertise.

Adolf Ogi, the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, expressed his appreciation on behalf of the UN for the engagement by sport organizations. The United Nations will not give orders, but will offer a platform that will be beneficial for all parties concerned. Mr. Ogi's office can provide a network to ensure that sport organizations know how to coordinate with the United Nations. The United Nations encourages sport organizations to mobilize athletes and teams to bring hope and attention to the people in need, and stands by to lend support to sport organizations and concrete ways of cooperation.

Claude Droussent, the Editorial Director of L'Équipe thanked all the participants for their contributions to the Roundtable discussion and titled the morning's meeting as, "United Passion."

## **5. Second Session of the Roundtable:**

**Participants explored common goals and avenues for future cooperation to provide long-term assistance to the victims of the earthquake and tsunami and subsequent disasters.**

**This portion of the Roundtable provided a forum for leaders of the world of sport to explore together with the UN how they can join forces to ensure a stronger coordination in response to natural and man-made disasters and implement together sport-related projects of trauma healing and infrastructure reconstruction.**

Mike Miller, Chief Executive, IRB began the second session of the Roundtable by remarking that there are three possible ways to move forward. First, sports organizations can continue working on individual initiatives. The second option is for sports organizations to work with the UN. The final option is for sports organizations to coordinate with the UN when useful, however keep individual initiatives running.

Jamie McGoldrick, UN-OCHA representative, stressed that lessons learned from the tsunami disaster must be used when approaching other emergencies. He reminded the participants not to forget regions, national sports federations, and people in need.

Mary Harvey, FIFA Director of Development, surmised that the tsunami has managed to crystallize rapid response from several organizations. FIFA has learned about

development the hard way since 1999 and can contribute to other federations with expertise and financial support.

Jacques Rogge, IOC President, said the organization has done a great deal of humanitarian support and sport assistance and has learned that development strategies vary greatly from NGOs to UN agencies. The IOC will support coordination among sports organizations and the UN. The sport community needs to remain pro-active. Today, there is wide support for responding to the disaster, and sports organizations can capitalise on the emotions of people. To ensure long-term humanitarian assistance, sports organizations need to establish a fund. The IOC is not sport specific and not dependent on athletes' preferences, and thus it is easier to make development decisions. IOC is ready to take part in cooperating with the UN and other sport organizations and expresses goodwill, however the organization acknowledges that it is in a far easier position than sports federations.

Djibril Diallo, Director of UNOSDP, stressed that the UN does not want to put sports organizations under pressure to make pledges. Under the leadership of Mr. Ogi, the UN could, however, explore the possibility to set up a trust fund as a tool for sustainable development and peace through sport.

Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of ITF, explained that there is a big difference between humanitarian aid and development work. Most of the major sports organisations have foundations and are doing assistance work.

Adolf Ogi, the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, underlined the importance of not forgetting the tsunami disaster. The UN is available for assistance if required and sports organizations, along with the UN, should be prepared for future crises.

Mark Miles, ATP Chairman, said that sports organizations need to understand better how to get information to all the members. For the next tsunami, sports organizations should be able to get together quicker and more efficiently.

Djibril Diallo, Director of UNOSDP, announced that the UN system has been informed of this initiative and agrees to facilitate coordination.

Jordi Serra, ITTF Executive Director, suggested that an informational website be created to facilitate sharing of information on sport and development and communication among sports organizations and the UN. Several other federations supported the idea.

Patrick Baumann, FIBA Secretary General, said that FIBA will not forget the tsunami, since the organization is in daily contact with the federations doing relief work on the ground. Basketball Without Borders (FIBA, NBA) educational programme, which employs stars in Asia and Africa, is helpful in overcoming trauma in tsunami-affected areas.

Mary Harvey, FIFA Director of Development, declared that the tsunami and the sport response are an opportunity to leave a legacy that should not be missed. After the immediate relief, there is an opportunity to leave a lasting support system in place,

which will confirm the critical role of sport for development and assisting trauma recovery. Now there is a chance to give young people the opportunity to have access to sports where they may not have had access before.

Hein Verbruggen, UCI President and GAISF President, encouraged sports organizations to create awareness among athletes because sport has the ability to mobilise people. Sport activities can also help overcome the trauma produced by disaster. Long-term sport development initiatives can be done by all organizations individually. However, the tsunami response may benefit from a coordinated approach.

Robert Fasulo, ASOIF Director, declared that communication is a key element resounding from the Roundtable. The sports organisations can learn from each other. ASOIF will help its 28 international member federations to generate some better understanding. ASOIF is planning a sport development conference at the end of this year, involving the UN and Mr. Ogi.

Markus Siegler, FIFA Communications Director, proposed that the sports organizations, along with the UN, have a joint information hub. The UN office could collect information on development strategies, offer services for coordination, and make this information available to all concerned parties.

Jacques Rogge, IOC President, recommended that the next time there is a disaster, the sports organizations and the UN should have a meeting, and be prepared to react quickly during the time of emotional calls for mobilization. Development through sport is a very broad and long-term subject, and has to be kept separate from the immediate issue of the tsunami. Programmes and partnerships already exist for the long-term development with various UN system members. Mr Ogi and the UN have a role to play in making sure the information is shared.

## **6. Final Conclusion of Roundtable:**

The participants from the United Nations and international sports organizations agreed to seek ways to provide access to sports for all in the regions affected by the tsunami. Sports organizations, with the assistance from the UN, will share information more effectively regarding development through sport initiatives.



**Opening statement by  
Mr. Adolf Ogi**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you know, the year 2005 has been proclaimed the International Year of Sport and Physical Education by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

However, an unpredictable and devastating event has created an immense and worldwide shock at the beginning of the year. The earthquake-tsunami, which struck on 26 December 2004, was one of the most devastating natural disasters ever.

The International Year of Sport and Physical Education, which we expected to begin with joy and celebration was marked by devastation and a sudden need for emergency help and support from around the world.

All of you have responded to the plight of the victims in South Asia. The response, from every quarter, has been swift and extraordinarily generous. You have mobilised your forces and have been able to assist your member federations and athletes in Indonesia, in Sri Lanka, in Thailand, in India, in the Maldives and in other locations around the Indian Ocean, including the East African Coast.

The well-known and very influential French daily sports newspaper L'Equipe was the first to have the idea that there may be a need for a coordinated approach by the world of sport. I wish to thank L'Equipe for their initiative and for their support. We are greatly benefiting from your experience and knowledge of the world of sport.

In the last four years, since I have been appointed Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace by the Secretary General Kofi Annan, I have strived to spread a better understanding and to build a more coordinated approach by the world of sport to human development issues.

I believe that the earthquake-tsunami of 26 December 2004 is the most terrible and most powerful call for coordinated action between the United Nations and the world of sport !

This catastrophe has affected thousands of people, including athletes and their families, sports managers and clubs, federations, etc. The sports world was also one of the fastest and more energetic to react and to express its generosity. Some have decided to work with the United Nations such as the "Fédération Internationale de Volleyball". On 10 January 2005, here, at the United Nations and in my presence, the FIVB has donated 3 mio US dollars to the United Nations Development Programme for sport and education projects in Thailand.

On that occasion and in the name of the UN system, I launched an appeal to the world of sport for a coordinated approach with the United Nations in responding to the disaster. This roundtable is the concrete follow up of my call and I thank you for joining us.

In my call for coordinated action I had suggested three ways in which sport could assist and work with the United Nations:

1. First, the sports organisations could help in financing the reconstruction efforts of sport and educational infrastructure
2. Second; a cooperation with the sports clubs, sports associations in the affected countries is necessary. Children must be given a sense of normalcy and must be helped to overcome the trauma and regain confidence in the future.
3. And third, the enormous number of volunteers which support the world of sport and are used to long-term commitment could also support the long term efforts and mobilisation needed to recover from this earthquake tsunami.

As Jean-François Lamour, the French Minister of Youth and Sports said: “tomorrow we will need to rebuild a future for the survivors. This is why our efforts must be lasting ones”

In most cases, the UN and its partners do not seek more money. The UN agencies and in particular , the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and their partners should now be able to meet the remaining relief and early recovery needs of some 5 million people in seven countries

At present, the regional priorities represent an overall recognition of the need to plan for the transition from emergency relief activities to longer-term recovery and reconstruction needs.

This is a time for sport to play its role in helping to rebuild strong communities, in overcoming the trauma and making sure that people have access to recreation and sports facilities necessary for the development of the population.

Once again, I wish to thank you for having answered the joint call of L’Equipe and the United Nations to discuss today what has been done so far and how we can work in closer cooperation in the future.

I also wish to thank L’Equipe for the lunch they have invited us to after the meeting for those who can join us.

The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, Mr. Bill Clinton said yesterday in New York that “this is the most important time”. We must now avoid oblivion for the victims and remain mobilised.

## Media Advisory

### ROUNDTABLE ON THE RESPONSE OF THE WORLD OF SPORT TO THE INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI

*The French Sports Daily L'EQUIPE will combine efforts with the United Nations to host the leaders of International Sports Organisations in a Roundtable discussion on the Indian Ocean tsunami.*

**What:** “Response of the World of Sport to the Indian Ocean Tsunami”: A Roundtable with leaders of prominent sport federations; Co-organized by L’Equipe and the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace

**When:** Thursday, April 14, 2005, 9:00 am - onwards

**Where:** Romanian meeting room H-3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Old Building, Palais des Nations, United Nations, Geneva

**Who:**

**Adolf Ogi**, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace

**Claude Droussent**, Editorial Director, L’Équipe

**Jamie McGoldrick**, Chief of Surge Capacity and Contingency Planning Section, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations

**Djibril Diallo**, Director, New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, United Nations

**Jacques Rogge**, President, International Olympic Committee

*See attached document for a full list of participants.*

Hosted by the United Nations and the French sports daily, L’Equipe, the most prominent international sports organisations will participate in a Roundtable on the various relief efforts underway in Asia after the tsunami and on how to coordinate such efforts on April 14, 2005.

The Roundtable will provide a forum for leaders of the world of sport to explore together with the United Nations how they can join hands in the tsunami disaster recovery and reconstruction efforts.

Leaders from several international sports organizations and federations from around the world will attend the one-day meeting.

This Roundtable will take place within the context of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE 2005) and will take stock of recovery activities already underway by the United Nations and sports organizations in Asia.

Organisations such as the International Volleyball Federation and International Rugby Board have already taken great strides to join the tsunami relief efforts. At a press conference at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on January 10, 2005, Adolf Ogi, the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, launched a call for coordinated action to the world of sport in response to the Indian Ocean tsunami on behalf of the UN system. Participating in the press conference was Jean-Pierre Sepey, the Director-General of the International Volleyball Federation, which announced a \$ 3 million contribution as the first response to Mr. Ogi's call. In a similar generous fashion, the International Rugby Board used the proceeds from a south versus north hemisphere rugby match to grant a \$3.35 million cheque to the United Nations World Food Programme.

The April 14<sup>th</sup> Roundtable will encourage international sport federations to step up or join efforts to address the needs of the communities devastated by the Indian Ocean tsunami. The forum will also address the ways in which international sports organisations and the United Nations can join forces to ensure that sport-related projects of trauma healing and infrastructure reconstruction are implemented.

On 26 December 2004, the devastating tidal wave that struck the shores of the Indian Ocean, killing thousands and destroying homes and businesses, shocked the entire world. With two of its staff journalists losing family members, the French sports daily L'Equipe was directly affected and intimately aware of the dimension of the catastrophe.

On 5 January 2005, the columns of L'Equipe called the world of sport to join efforts and make a lasting contribution for the benefit of the survivors.

The earthquake and tsunamis have caused tremendous loss of life and destruction of property, schools, and sports facilities throughout Asia. At the same time, hundreds of thousands of survivors are still making enormous efforts to recover their lives and livelihoods and are still in dire need of the world's solidarity. As the struggle for survival continues in Asia and life is only very slowly returning to normalcy, L'Equipe and the United Nations are co-organizing the Roundtable with the goal of maintaining focus on the long-term plight of the victims. L'Equipe is honoured by the positive response from the world of sport to unite for this crucial initiative. The United Nations and L'Equipe are committed to continuing their engagement with the world of sport to support this endeavor that will begin on 14 April 2005.

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*For more information on the International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE 2005), please visit: <http://www.un.org/sport2005>*

**Background:**

In November 2003, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolution 58/5 entitled, "Sport as a means to promote Education, Health, Development, and Peace", where it recognized the power of sport to contribute to human and healthy childhood development, and proclaimed the year 2005 as the International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE 2005).

The United Nations has long acknowledged the importance of sports in society and has established strong ties to the sports world. Its agencies, funds and programmes have undertaken a wide variety of sports-related activities, such as implementing basketball and soccer programmes for children in refugee camps, using sport to help improve education and health among poor and marginalized people, and exercising sport as a diplomatic tool to diffuse tension and build social capital between communities following conflicts.

IYSPE 2005 aims to raise general awareness about the power of sport to promote health, education, development, and peace, as well as advocate for the implementation of more sport-based human development programmes and projects. Governments, athletes and sports federations, industries, clubs and non-governmental organizations are urged to use 2005 to step up or join efforts to achieve the eight Millennium Development Goals agreed to by world leaders, including cutting poverty and hunger in half, ensuring that all children attend primary school and stemming the spread of HIV/AIDS, all by 2015.

"Sport can play a role in improving the lives of whole communities", the Secretary-General said, at the launch of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education at UN Headquarters in New York on 5 November 2004. "I am convinced that the time is right to build on that understanding, to encourage governments, development agencies and communities to think how sport can be included more systematically in the plans to help children, particularly those living in the midst of poverty, disease and conflict."



## **Leading sports organizations join UN response to Indian Ocean tsunami**

*14 April 2005* – Leaders of more than a dozen international sports organizations today pledged to join the United Nations-led recovery efforts underway in the countries devastated by the late December earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

"This is a time for sport to play its role to help in rebuilding strong communities, overcoming the trauma and making sure that people have access to recreation and sports facilities necessary for their recovery and development," said Adolf Ogi, Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace, as he wrapped up a roundtable discussion held at the UN Office at Geneva ([UNOG](#)).

The meeting was organized in the framework of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education, and was hosted by Mr. Ogi and Claude Droussent, Editorial Director of *L'Equipe*, the French sports daily.

According to the UN, several sports organizations have already pitched in. The International Volleyball Federation has announced a \$3 million contribution to the recovery activities, and the International Rugby Board used proceeds from a North-South rugby match to grant a \$3.35 million check to the World Food Programme ([WFP](#)).



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## **Leading sport organizations join UN in responding to Indian Ocean tsunami**

*United Nations Office at Geneva, Thursday, 14 April 2005:* Leaders of more than a dozen international sport organizations announced plans to join with the United Nations to assist recovery efforts underway in countries hit by the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami last December following a Roundtable in Geneva organized by *L'Équipe*, the French sports daily, and the Office of the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace.

"This is a time for sport to play its role to help in rebuilding strong communities, overcoming the trauma and making sure that people have access to recreation and sports facilities necessary for their recovery and future development," said Adolf Ogi, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace. He thanked the sport leaders for participating in the discussion on "what has been done so far and how we can work in closer cooperation in the future." The participants also exchanged views on strengthening their preparedness in response to future emergencies as well as using sport as a tool for development and peace.

The Roundtable was organized in the framework of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE 2005). Mr. Ogi and Claude Droussent, Editorial Director of *L'Équipe*, hosted the Roundtable, and Jacques Rogge, President, International Olympic Committee, was among the sport leaders participating.

The tsunami caused tremendous loss of life and destruction of property, schools, and sports facilities throughout the region. Hundreds of thousands of survivors are making enormous efforts to recover their lives and livelihoods and are still in dire need of the world's solidarity.

Several sports organizations have already pitched in. Participating in the Roundtable was Jean-Pierre Seppey, Director-General of the International Volleyball Federation, which has announced a \$3 million contribution to the United Nations for recovery activities. The International Rugby Board used proceeds from a south versus north rugby match to grant a \$3.35 million cheque to the United Nations World Food Programme for tsunami relief.

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LE 5 JANVIER DERNIER, L'Équipe lançait, à sa Une (" Si tous les sportifs du monde... ") un appel solennel aux plus hautes instances du sport mondial à s'unir, afin de venir en aide, sur le long terme, aux victimes de la catastrophe d'Asie du Sud du 26 décembre 2004. Hier, un pas décisif a été franchi en ce sens à Genève, au Palais des nations où, sous l'égide de l'ONU, une table ronde intitulée " **Tsunami** : réponse du monde du sport " a réuni dans ce but treize des plus puissantes organisations de la planète sport (\*), dont le Comité international olympique (CIO) représenté par son président, Jacques Rogge.

Les treize ont souscrit d'entrée au préambule énergique d'Adolf Ogi, conseiller spécial auprès du Secrétaire général des Nations unies sur le sport en faveur de la paix et du développement : " Ne laissons pas les victimes du **tsunami** tomber dans l'oubli. Bill Clinton, l'ancien président des États-Unis, l'a répété ces derniers jours : le moment le plus important, c'est maintenant ! "

Quatre heures de réunion ont permis à MM. Ogi, qui avait relayé, au nom de l'ONU, notre initiative dès le 7 janvier, et Rogge, d'acter, en conclusion, trois grands principes d'actions communes :

- qu'une réunion d'urgence puisse se tenir à l'ONU, à Genève, afin que les grandes fédérations sportives coordonnent leurs actions en cas de nouveau désastre naturel ;
- que tous les crédits émanant de ces fédérations, consacrés à la reconstruction des infrastructures sportives, puissent également être coordonnés par l'ONU ;
- que l'ONU puisse aussi favoriser la coordination des nombreux accords, jusqu'ici bilatéraux, entre chacune des fédérations sportives et de grandes organisations humanitaires comme l'Unicef, le Programme alimentaire mondial, etc...

Des difficultés à réunir les bonnes volontés

Si la table ronde de Genève a constitué une grande première, en validant l'initiative de L'Équipe, elle a également permis de rappeler que les grandes fédérations internationales avaient déjà une longue expérience en matière d'aide humanitaire, pas seulement en terme de fonds de développement pour leurs propres activités.

" Il est difficile de chiffrer exactement l'aide que le sport a apporté en ce début d'année aux victimes du **tsunami**, a ainsi précisé Jacques Rogge, car toutes les actions ne sont pas connues. Mais on peut tabler sur un montant allant de 50 à 75 millions de dollars (soit entre 39 et 58 millions d'euros) . " Au passage, il rappelait que le seul Michael Schumacher avait offert 10 millions de dollars.

Les débats onusiens d'hier ont néanmoins mis le doigt sur les difficultés à réunir toutes les bonnes volontés. " Nos efforts, quand le besoin s'en fait sentir, vont en priorité sur le développement de nos sports, à travers par exemple la reconstruction des installations, a précisé Francesco Ricci Bitti, président de la Fédération internationale de

tennis.Or, dans ce domaine, nous sommes tous en concurrence. Difficile d'imaginer une coordination de nos actions. "

Le souhait de Jacques Rogge de voir se constituer un fonds commun, " car il serait indécent, pour nous, de continuer à capitaliser sur l'émotion collective ", n'a pas été adopté, hier à Genève. Il n'empêche que le recours au savoir-faire de l'ONU, lorsque le sport voudra faire preuve de générosité, a été admis par tous. " Ce n'est pas notre métier de savoir où va l'argent ", a souligné Mike Miller, secrétaire général de l'IRB. Adolf Ogi en a profité pour interpeller les dirigeants présents : " Vous avez consacré beaucoup d'argent en faveur des victimes du **tsunami**. Nous souhaitons désormais que vous puissiez envoyer vos meilleurs athlètes, vos plus grandes équipes, disputer des compétitions sur les lieux mêmes des catastrophes. Car au-delà des aides, vos champions génèrent aussi le rêve et l'espoir. C'est aussi de cela qu'ont besoin les populations touchées. "

CLAUDE DROUSSENT

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Et pourtant. En se réunissant, hier, à Genève, sous l'égide de l'Organisation des nations unies (ONU) représentées par Adolf Ogi, treize des principaux dirigeants sportifs de la planète - à commencer par le premier d'entre eux, Jacques Rogge, président du Comité international olympique (CIO) - ont montré qu'il fallait bien, le 5 janvier, oser une telle initiative.

Car en ce début de XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle où, par la faute des éléments mais aussi celle des hommes, le malheur dicte trop souvent sa loi, L'Équipe se sent proche de ceux qui souffrent. C'est pour cette raison, et celle -là uniquement, que notre journal a suggéré aux " grands " de " faire quelque chose ".

Certes, beaucoup de champions, de clubs, de fédérations, d'instances - nationales ou internationales - n'ont pas attendu pour agir, et c'est tant mieux. Le propos de L'Équipe n'était pas de dire à chacun ce qu'il avait à faire. Ce que nous avons espéré, c'est que, au-delà de leur propre culture, particularismes, intérêts, ceux qui gèrent le sport mondial s'assoient autour d'une table pour inventer une structure commune afin que les actes de solidarité soient pour longtemps les plus efficaces possible.

En Suisse, hier, le premier pas a été fait. Le premier et, on l'espère, pas le dernier. Car ce n'est pas un " pas de deux " que le sport mondial doit entamer pour aider son prochain, mais un véritable marathon. Oui, le temps est venu pour les sports qui en ont les possibilités, notamment financières et logistiques, de s'unir face aux catastrophes qui frappent et, malheureusement, frapperont encore la planète.

C'est, semble-t-il, ce que les hommes de bonne volonté réunis à Genève ont compris.

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## **ICC President supports UN calls for closer collaboration between sports on humanitarian issues**

Brendan McClements April 14, 2005

ICC President Ehsan Mani today emphasised the leading role that cricket has played in the relief efforts after the Asian tsunami and supported the call from Adolf Ogi, the former President of Switzerland and current United Nations Special Advisor of the Secretary General on Sport for Development and Peace, for the international sports community to work together to address humanitarian issues.

Speaking after a round table discussion co-hosted by the United Nations and the French sports magazine L'Equipe in Geneva, Mr Mani said that sports governing bodies had an important role to play in maintaining public awareness of major social issues.

"In the immediate aftermath of the tsunami, funds were required to address the urgent demands of food, drinking water and accommodation and the cricket world was able to lead the way with a series of excellent fundraising initiatives that peaked with the World Cricket Tsunami Appeal match in Australia," said Mr Mani.

"In the longer term, sport has an equally important role to play in raising and maintaining public awareness of the rebuilding of lives, homes and communities that is going on in the region.

"Just as the ICC works with UNAIDS to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS in cricket-playing countries, so the international sports community must play a role in ensuring that people and their governments are conscious of the ongoing issues facing India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the other countries affected by the tsunami."

The round table discussion in Geneva was attended by senior representatives from the United Nations and leading sports administrators including IOC President Jacques Rogge and senior officials from the ATP, FIFA, IAAF, IPS, IRB and ITF.

The International Cricket Council was the first international sports federation to sign an agreement with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). For the last 18 months the ICC and its members have worked with UNAIDS to help raise awareness of the fight against HIV and AIDS in the cricket-playing world.

Fédération Internationale de Basketball

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**FIBA - FIBA at the United Nations**

GENEVA (FIBA) - Upon a joint invitation from the United Nations and the French Sports Daily "L'Equipe" some of the most influential sports leaders in the world met yesterday in Geneva, Switzerland at the offices of the UN. The focus of the meeting was a roundtable discussion on the response from the sports world to the tsunami-affected communities in the Indian Ocean region.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Djibril Diallo, UN-Director of the New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, on behalf of the Special Adviser for Sport to the UN Secretary General, Mr. Adolf Ogi.

In attendance was, amongst others, IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge and representatives from such prominent sports organizations such as ASOIF, ATP, FIBA, FIFA, GAISF, IAAF, ICC, IPC, IRB, ITF, and ITTF.

During the roundtable discussions the various relief efforts underway were presented. Mr. Ogi underlined in particular that the victims in the area should not be forgotten and supporting efforts from the sport movement should be maintained with a long-term perspective. He also offered the support of the UN structures to coordinate such efforts where requested and needed by sports federations.

One conclusion of the meeting was that international sports organizations are happy to assist in humanitarian actions and that meetings of this nature together with the UN shall be held more rapidly after an event occurs. As to technical sport development, the reports presented by the sport federations present at the meeting indicated that all sport organisations have already advanced and efficient programs in place, in accordance with their individual needs and possibilities.

The roundtable took place in the context of the "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (IYSPE 2005), which has been proclaimed by the UN with the resolution 58/5 in November 2003.

"We are very sensitive to this issue", stated FIBA Secretary General Patrick Baumann after the meeting.

"The amount of solidarity shown in the past months by the basketball community around the world and by our partners and sponsors has been tremendous. We look forward to an intensified co-operation with them and our members. The meeting today was a good occasion to exchange views and share experiences. For this we are thankful to the UN, Mr. Ogi and L'Equipe."

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Des aides ont été également apportées par des sportifs pour répondre à la famine en Corée du Nord, aux tremblements de terre en Afrique du Nord et en Iran et aux ouragans dans les Caraïbes, rappelle-t-on.

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### Leading Sports Organizations Join UN Response To Tsunami

April 14, 2005

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The meeting was organized in the framework of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education, and was hosted by Mr. Ogi and Claude Droussent, Editorial Director of L'Equipe, the French sports daily.

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– **MILES TAKES PART IN U.N. FORUM IN GENEVA** ... ATP C.E.O. Mark Miles participated in a round table discussion, organized by L'Équipe and the United Nations, at the UN in Geneva on Thursday to discuss sports' on-going support of the victims of the South Asia earthquake and subsequent tsunamis. The objective for the "Round Table on the Response of the World of Sport to the South Asia T sunami" was to explore common goals and avenues for future cooperation to provide long -term assistance to the victims. Miles presented the ATP's Charity Background and spoke about the ATP fundraising efforts in response to the tsunami. He also gave the participants an update on how the ATP intends to move forward with the relief efforts as well as the newly launched cooperation between UNICEF and ATP with the ACE (Assisting Children Everywhere) program. Other sport leaders present included Jacques Rogge of the IOC and Francesco Ricci Bitti of the ITF as well as representatives from other sporting bodies such as IAAF, FIBA and FIFA took part, to explore together with the United Nations how they can join forces to ensure a stronger coordination in response to natural and man-made disasters and implement together sport -related projects of trauma healing and infrastructure reconstruction.

The event was organized by Claude Droussent, L'Équipe's Editorial Director, Adolf Ogi, a Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace who has worked with Roger Federer on promoting 2005 as the U.N. Year of Sport and Physical Fitness, and Djibril Diallo, Director of the UN New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace.

Mr. Ogi Press Release

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**Adolf Ogi a l'aide des victimes du tsunami**

Le mouvement sportif renforce sa coordination

Geneve (ats) Le mouvement sportif va renforcer sa capacite de reponse aux catastrophes humanitaires et naturelles, a annonce jeudi Adolf Ogi, conseiller special de Kofi Annan pour le sport. Douze federations sportives et le CIO s'y sont engagees. Lors d'une reunion a Geneve, ces organisations ont decide de mieux harmoniser leurs efforts a l'avenir, en tirant les lecons de la catastrophe du 26 decembre qui a fait pres de 300 000 morts dans sept pays en Asie.

"Si un nouveau desastre de cette ampleur devait se reproduire, nous devrions nous reunir plus vite pour mieux harmoniser nos efforts sous le parapluie de l'ONU", a affirme a la presse le president du Comite international olympique (CIO) Jacques Rogge.

Il a indique que dorénavant l'aide des federations sportives sera coordonnee par le bureau d'Adolf Ogi. M. Rogge a precise que le mouvement sportif a debloque entre 50 et 75 millions de dollars pour aider les victimes du tsunami en Asie.

Envoi d'athletes

"Les cameras de television et les medias ne sont plus dans les pays touches, mais les victimes du tsunami attendent toujours notre aide", a declare l'ex-president de la Confederation Adolf Ogi.

Il a souhaite l'organisation de matchs dans les pays touches, et l'envoi d'equipes et d'athletes en solidarite avec les cinq millions de victimes. "Il faut @tre mieux prepares en cas de nouvelle catastrophe", a affirme le conseiller special de Kofi Annan.

Il a plaide pour qu'au-dela de l'aide d'urgence, le monde du sport soutienne la reconstruction et le developpement. L'ONU est disponible pour faciliter la coordination, a indique M. Ogi.

Jacques Rogge a precise que les Jeux olympiques permettent de generer 4,5 milliards d'euros. Sur cette somme, quatre milliards sont redistribues par le CIO pour le developpement du sport, surtout dans les pays en developpement.

Adolf Ogi avait lance le 10 janvier un premier appel en faveur des victimes du tsunami. La Federation internationale de volleyball avait verse immediatement trois millions de dollars.

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### **UNO-Jahr des Sports**

Sportverbände wollen Katastrophenopfer verstärkt unterstützen

Genf (sda) Zwölf Sportverbände sowie das Internationale Olympische Komitee (IOK) wollen sich verstärkt für die Überlebenden von Katastrophen einsetzen. Koordiniert wird die Hilfe vom Büro des UNO-Sonderbeauftragten für Sport, Entwicklung und Frieden, Adolf Ogi.

Der frühere Bundespräsident sprach sich am Donnerstag in Genf dafür aus, sportliche Veranstaltungen in den von der Flutkatastrophe im indischen Ozean betroffenen Ländern zu organisieren. Kinder und Jugendliche sollen mit Hilfe des Sports erlittene Traumata besser überwinden können.

Weiter sollen sich die Sportverbände für den Wiederaufbau einsetzen. Zur Unterstützung der Tsunami-Opfer haben die Sportverbände bislang rund 75 Millionen Dollar bereitgestellt, wie IOK-Präsident Jacques Rogge sagte.

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**POLIDEPORTIVO/Tsunami-DEPORTE**

Movimientos deportivos donaron 50 a 75 millones de dolares en ayuda

Ginebra, 14 abr (EFE). - Los diversos movimientos deportivos han donado entre 50 y 75 millones de dolares en ayuda a las victimas del maremoto registrado el pasado diciembre en el oceano Indico, dijo hoy el responsable del Comité Olímpico Internacional (COI).

El presidente del COI, el belga Jacques Rogge, indica que se trata de una "estimacion", ya que no existe una cifra exacta sobre el monto de ayuda a los damnificados.

Añadió que solo el piloto alemán de automovilismo Michael Schumacher ofreció 10 millones de dolares a título personal para los damnificados, lo que constituye un "gesto destacable". Rogge hizo estas declaraciones al término de una reunión con representantes de más de una decena de federaciones internacionales que fue convocada por el consejero especial de las Naciones Unidas para el Deporte, el suizo Adolf Ogi.

El dirigente del COI subrayó en una conferencia de prensa junto a Ogi la necesidad de convocar con mayor celeridad reuniones en casos de urgencia como los de catastrofes naturales que requieren ayuda humanitaria, pero también otras para tratar cuestiones relativas a la reconstrucción de infraestructuras y al desarrollo del deporte.

Agregó que es necesario "organizar mejor los esfuerzos" y señaló que hasta el momento el movimiento deportivo "ha sido muy generoso y espontáneo pero no siempre ha estado bien coordinado".

Rogge recordó que el COI, al igual que otros movimientos deportivos internacionales, hace tiempo que participa en acciones humanitarias. Menciona como casos recientes la ayuda alimentaria a Corea del Norte así como la asistencia a los damnificados por seismos en Marruecos, Argelia e Irán o a los damnificados por los ciclones en el Caribe. Por su parte, Ogi consideró que "el mundo del deporte ha hecho mucho en el pasado y está preparándose para hacer mucho en el futuro".

La ayuda del movimiento deportivo "es como un iceberg" dijo el consejero especial de la ONU y puntualizó que "solo se ve la punta, pero no lo que hay debajo". Agregó que "hay muchas federaciones que tienen acuerdos con agencias de la ONU" para contribuir en diversos ámbitos de la asistencia humanitaria. Rogge precisó que el COI obtiene unos ingresos de unos 4.500 millones de euros de los Juegos Olímpicos de los que "distribuye 94 por ciento para el desarrollo del deporte, con particular énfasis en los países en desarrollo". Agregó que las demás federaciones internacionales "reparten porcentajes similares" de sus ingresos, por lo que consideró que: "se puede decir que el deporte es generoso".

Rogge apuntó que "los atletas que reciben dinero son tal vez solo el 1 por ciento del total de atletas del mundo" y que "tienen evidentemente gran visibilidad".

Pero agregó que si detrás de ese deporte profesional hay "un 99 por ciento restante de atletas que no gana absolutamente nada" de dinero ya que se trata simplemente de aficionados. EFE xb/JL

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