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Dear colleagues and friends,
Dear Presidents,

What was still a hope at the 128th Session in Kuala Lumpur has today become reality:

The United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda has adopted the 17 Goals and sport is mentioned as an important tool to achieve these goals.

Paragraph 37 of the UN-Declaration "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" reads:

"Sport is also an important enabler of sustainable development. We recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives."

This is the successful finish of a long advocacy journey. In all my many meetings with Heads of State and Government this role of sport in society has been discussed. Therefore we are grateful to many governments on all five continents who have initiated and supported this paragraph.

This success for sport means also a responsibility for sport. We have now to work even harder to put sport at the service of humanity.

Since the realisation of these goals will be a priority for national governments and intergovernmental organisations, we will discuss the contribution of the entire Olympic Movement already during the Olympic Summit on 17 October.

Looking forward to your continued cooperation and support also in this regard, I remain,

Yours sincerely

Thomas Bach