We, assembled delegates representing the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, National Olympic Committees, Olympic Games Organizing Committees, the World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry, the United Nations Environment Programme and other United Nations entities, the African Union and concerned non-governmental organizations, meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, from 9 to 11 November 2005, on the occasion of the sixth World Conference on Sport and Environment, with the theme ‘Sport, Peace and Environment’,

Recalling the commitment of the Olympic Movement to the principles of sustainability since the Centennial Olympic Congress, held in Paris in 1994, the inclusion of the environment as the third pillar of Olympism, alongside sport and culture, and the creation of an International Olympic Committee Commission on Sport and Environment,

Recalling the formal cooperation between the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations Environment Programme since 1994 in promoting environmental sustainability through sport, including through the organization of World Conferences on Sport and Environment,

Acknowledging the direct link between peace, security and the protection and sustainable management of the environment,

Recognize the example set by the IOC in working to reduce the environmental footprint of major sporting events,

Recognize also the efforts made by International Federations, particularly the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Green Goal initiative,

Applaud the efforts made by the City of Torino for including environmental considerations at every stage of its planning and preparation for the forthcoming XX Olympic Winter Games in 2006, and especially its commitment to making the Games climate-neutral,

Note with satisfaction the comprehensive proposals made by the organizers of the Beijing 2008, Vancouver 2010, and London 2012 Olympic Games to address environmental concerns, and look forward to the realization of their plans and initiatives,

Acknowledge with appreciation the IOC’s publication of its Guide on Sport, Environment and Sustainable Development, launched at this conference,

Encourage International Federations, National Olympic Committees and organizers of all sporting events to use the advice it contains, as well as the wealth of material on sustainable sport published by UNEP, the IOC and other organizations,
Call upon International Federations, National Olympic Committees, National Sports Federations and clubs to encourage and include in their programme of work activities that promote environmental sustainability and peace through sport.

Recalling also that the UN General Assembly declared 2005 as the International Year for Sport and Physical Education to promote education, health, development and peace and has reaffirmed the role of sport and the Olympic ideal in building a peaceful and better world through the Olympic Truce,

Noting the United Nations initiative to use sport to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and recognizing the important role sport can play, especially in combating HIV/AIDS and promoting gender equity and empowering women and girls,

Noting also the actions called for in the Torino Declaration of the V World Conference on Sport and Environment in 2003 and the need for ongoing activities to meet the commitments it contains,

Request that the International Olympic Committee, International Federations and National Olympic Committees redouble their efforts to explore how to maintain and improve on the significant momentum for environmental awareness created by the bidding process for and the staging of the Olympic Games and strive to ensure that level of awareness and commitment is sustained between Games,

Call upon the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, National Olympic Committees and National Sports Federations to identify and share examples of best practice in providing leadership and training in achieving peace and environmental sustainability through sport, such as the UNEP Nature and Sports Camp, and act as a focal point and catalyst to replicate similar activities in their countries and communities,

Further encourage the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, National Olympic Committees and National Sports Federations to work with sportsmen and women to educate children and youth and raise community awareness through the media about the importance of environmental sustainability and its links to achieving peace and human well-being.

Nairobi,
11 November 2005