

VII World Sport for All Congress
“Sport for All and the Global Educational Challenges”
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“The participants,

Recognizing that Sport for All is a recent and extensive world-wide development as it relates to health, culture, the economy and particularly to education,

Recalling that there is a crisis in physical education, which has declined dramatically as the primary base of Sport for All, thus presenting a global challenge,

Bearing in mind that Sport for All is a human right and that society has a collective responsibility to ensure that the quantity and quality of physical education are adequate for all children and youth,

Taking into consideration that sport is a valuable educational tool which must be acquired in childhood through physical education, in order to help young people develop patterns of regular participation in lifelong physical activity,

Emphasizing that children and youth must learn through physical education programmes the value of physical activity as a key component of physical, mental, emotional and social well-being,

1. Call upon governments, and namely upon the Ministries of Education, Health, Youth and Sport, as well as voluntary organizations, and public and private sectors, to establish and to strengthen their partnerships in support of physical education and to create an environment in which it is valued;

2. Urge all governments, and all inter- and non-governmental organizations involved in education to take corrective action to reverse the declining trend in physical education and to promote physical education and Sport for All;

3. Urge the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the international Sport for All organizations and all other participants in the VII World Sport for All Congress to undertake concrete actions based on this declaration.”