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Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are nearing the end of the XIII Olympic Congress.

Before we move to the final agenda items, I would like to again thank our hosts – the Organising Committee, ably led by Kai Holm, and the Danish National Olympic Committee, led by Niels Nygaard.

You and your teams have done a marvellous job. We are also indebted to the volunteers who have assisted us and to the Danish people for their hospitality. We made the right choice when we decided to hold this Congress and the IOC Session in Copenhagen.

We have had an open, honest and constructive discussion over the past few days.

This Congress reflects the full diversity of the Olympic Movement – a gathering of people from all over the world, from different cultures, with different languages and different worldviews.

Every member of the Olympic Family has been well represented, including, of course, the athletes. Our Movement exists for them.

We have also had valuable contributions from NGOs, representatives from the academic and scientific communities, the media and the general public.

We have not always agreed on every issue. No one should expect unanimity from such a large and diverse group dealing with so many complex issues. But our collective judgement has led us to a broad consensus on the way forward.

And we will leave Copenhagen more committed than ever to our goal of using sport to promote Olympic values and global solidarity.

The discussion does not end here.

We will establish working groups to review the recommendations from the Congress before they are submitted to the appropriate decision-making bodies.

Some proposals will require action by International Federations. Others will be submitted to the IOC Executive Board. Some, including proposed changes to the Olympic Charter, will be considered by the IOC Session.

I would urge all of the relevant decision-making bodies to take action as soon as possible, but past experience suggests a need for patience.

Now, Mr. Baumann and Lord Moynihan will present the recommendations drafted by our editorial board, composed of representatives of the IOC, the athletes, the International Federations and the National Olympic Committees. They will present the recommendations in English and in French. You may also read them on the monitors. These recommendations take into account the proposals of the *Virtual Olympic Congress*, the plenary sessions and the break out sessions.

*(The IOC President gives to floor to Lord Colin Moynihan and Patrick Baumann to read the recommendations from the XIII Olympic Congress.)*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The recommendations that have just been presented reflect the consensus views expressed over the course of this three-day Congress. They are a prescription for future action that will strengthen and refresh the Olympic Movement in this new millennium.

I would propose that we not engage in additional debate over the precise wording at this point because the thrust of these proposals is clear. I hope all of you will help put these ideas into action as the process moves forward.

Can I assume that the Congress will adopt these recommendations? All those in favour, please raise your hands...

*(The participants of the Congress approve the recommendations by acclamation.)*

All those opposed, please raise your hands...

Thank you.

As I said in our opening session, the Olympic Congress was established to provide intellectual guidance to the Olympic Movement.

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, you have fulfilled your obligation. You have served our Movement well.

Thank you.