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IOC REGIONAL SEMINAR ON SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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The seminar was officially opened by the Governor General of Jamaica, H.E. The Most Honourable Prof. Kenneth Hall.

The delegates from the 16 National Olympic Committees present at the seminar (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad & Tobago, United States of America), with representatives of the IOC Sport and Environment Commission led by the Chairman Dr Pal Schmitt, gathered to encourage in, their countries, the Caribbean and the Americas, the development of actions for sustainable development through sport.

The delegates heard presentations from IOC Sport and Environment Commission Members, the National Olympic Committees present, the University of the West Indies, a Jamaican Government Agency and a presentation on the new IOC Guide to Sport, Environment and Sustainable Development and discussed key issues together.

The delegates unanimously concluded that the issue of sport and the environment and its sustainability demanded urgent attention not only by sports authorities but also by governments, NGOs and local and international agencies, etc.

With reference to the discussions on the presentations and the actions plans each delegate will engage himself/herself to return home to disseminate the link between sport and the environment. They commit to make recommendations for their NOC to promote sport and environment through education, clean and green sports events, awareness raising campaigns with diverse partners in and beyond the sports community. They will work to set up national working groups/sport and environment commissions when appropriate.

The key target groups will be NOCs and associated sports organisations, Government Ministries, the media (print, electronic & radio), NGOs, sport leaders, physical education teachers, coaches, architects and sponsors with special emphasis on reaching out to young people and athletes with simple and easily understood messages on the close links between sport and environment.

The seminar recognized both the similarity and diversity of the countries present and the strong link between sport and tourism in this region. They agreed to remain in contact and exchange information and experiences in the future. In addition they will seek through the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC), United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) to develop partnerships and collaborate on projects for the benefit of the region's environment.

The participants expressed their thanks to the host of the seminar the Jamaican Olympic Association and its President, The Hon. Michael S. Fennell.
