



CISM “Sport for Peace Forum”

From positive initiatives to systematically integrated programs

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Taking place in Aosta Valley on the occasion of the 1st CISM Winter Military World Games, CISM organized a Sport for Peace Forum with the objective to open a discussion about the ways to integrate sports program focusing on social and educational inclusion, as an operational objective of military peacekeeping operations.

In the heart of Alps, the ancient roman city of Aosta is providing the unique setting for some 800 young soldiers from over 40 different Armed Forces worldwide, to deeper reflect on how their participation in such a multisport event should impact on promoting mutual understanding and building sustainable friendship.

Considering the outstanding opportunity of the CISM Military World Games, representatives from CISM Member Nations, IOC, Aosta Valley, Italian Armed Forces, UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace, NATO, VATICAN, Peace and Sport Organization, former Commanders of UN peacekeeping missions, military athletes, Olympic medallists and several Organizations directly dealing with peace and development matters, have attended the Sport for Peace Forum and agreed on:

- Expressing heartfelt appreciation for the generous support by the Aosta Valley Government, the Italian Ministry of Defence, and the International Olympic Truce Foundation on the organization of this Forum;
- Endorsing the CISM Sport for Peace Declarations undersigned in Mantova – Italy, 2005, and in Hyderabad - India in 2007, as well as UN Magglingen Call to Action 2005, Beijing Declaration on Sport for Development and Peace, in 2008, and the IOC Lausanne Declaration in 2009;
- Recognizing that, since its creation on 18 Feb 1948, CISM and all the Armed Forces from its member nations, have been demonstrating their strong capability of promoting peace and improving mutual understanding throughout the world, by using sport as a vector to develop, enhance and sustain the education and social integration of the young generations,
- Recognizing and expressing appreciation to all various projects in the field of Sports and Development from different Governments and multi-national Institutions;

- Taking into account that all these institutions and players on this field, from now on, are facing new challenges requiring concrete and positive initiatives in conflict areas;
 - Reflecting in which way all of us are able to create a favourable environment to develop strong and sustainable sports projects in peace-making processes.
 - Finally, considering that we all recognize the importance of partnership in fulfilling the requirements to face new challenges;
- CISM urges all Institutions represented at this Sport for Peace Forum and Armed Forces highest authorities of all CISM Member Nations to commit themselves to:
 - Formally establish a bilateral and/or mutual agreement in order to effectively implement Sport for Peace programs;
 - Reinforce among all CISM nations that it is important to continue promoting sporting events for their military personnel, and encouraging the participation in CISM activities;
 - Establish and increase close relationships between the military and civilian society, allowing both to expand and enhance the visibility and importance of military sports activities worldwide;
 - Call to all Institutions represented in Aosta and all CISM Member Nations, to join each other and effectively foster programs aimed at the development of the educational, social and sportive activities, especially those that could be easily integrated in peacekeeping operations coordinated by the United Nations.
 - Undertake to develop programmes for sharing good practices with IOC, Peace and Sport Organization, UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace, NATO and other relevant partners.

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