

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION**

(represented by the International Labour Office)

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) share a common belief in the right of all human beings to pursue their spiritual and material development in conditions of freedom, dignity, and equal opportunity. Both entities work for the creation of a peaceful world founded on social justice, tolerance and understanding between individuals and cultures.

The IOC and the ILO place the utmost importance on international solidarity, and make their special contribution to human development and the pursuit of excellence in accordance with their respective mandates and principles.

Sharing these common goals, the IOC and ILO have therefore decided to cooperate in promoting social justice and human dignity worldwide through their respective fields of activity.

The IOC and the ILO undertake to encourage activities in pursuit of this objective, particularly those which contribute to the elimination of poverty and child labour and the development of individual potential of creative talents and productive skills.

To this end, the Parties have agreed that a joint IOC/ILO working group will be established to develop a programme of mutual cooperation.

This agreement will become effective upon signature by both parties and shall remain in force till such time as one party informs the other in writing that it wishes to terminate the agreement.

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