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Dear Reader,

In the following pages we will present a number of documents related to PeaceWaves' activities for the Olympic Truce.

Since our inception we work and commit our resources in order to open a discussion on the themes connected to the values of Olympism and to sport as a peace, social cohesion and youth policies tool.

PeaceWaves has in its statute a specific commitment for the Truce.

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With the present document we hope to bring the word of the Truce to anyone who wishes to go on along the path of Peace designed by PeaceWaves together with thousands of people, youth, students, teachers, etc.

Peace Greetings,

Marco Braghero

PeaceWaves ONLUS President





PeaceWaves for the Olympic Truce

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Looking to the Turin 2006 20th Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, PeaceWaves promoted discussions and meetings among youth and institutions, local and international organizations, in particular:

- ∠ the Team Leaders course together with the Provincia di Torino where, more than 500 young people, discussed and shared their thoughts regarding Olympism, sport as a peace tool, etc;
- ∠ the "Olympic Truce Games", organized since 2001 all over Italy, where young students have the opportunity of practicing sport events together with an active discussion on the themes connected to the Truce;
- ∠ the realization of the path leading to the publication of a draft proposal for the Resolution for the Respect of the Olympic Truce during the Turin 2006 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games;

One year before the Games (on February 2005), PeaceWaves published the proposal for the draft Resolution. More than 300 young people from all over the World participated in the discussions for the realization of the proposal.

As we all know, the Italian government will have to present a draft proposal to the 60th Assembly of the United Nations that will be held in NY on September-December 2005 for the Respect of the Truce during Turin 2006. PeaceWaves proposes the first draft to the Italian and International Authorities that really comes from the below, from youth, teachers, and civil society.

Thus, PeaceWaves proposes the following points for a political discussion of the Olympic Truce:



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- ∠ stop of all ongoing conflicts. This will be achieved by non-violent settlement of conflicts and reopening dialog channels among communities and cultures through youth participation in a democratic processes using sport, art and education as universal means of cohesion to further Human Sustainable Development.
 - ∠ facilitate the equalisation of the Paralympic Games with the Olympic Games so that the Paralympic athletes have equal rights while the Olympic Truce period is extended to include the Paralympics.
 - ∠ Realizing an information and education campaign all over Europe for the themes connected to the Olympic Truce.
 - ∠ Welcomes the organisation of an Olympic Truce Youth Camp to be held in the host city of the Summer and Winter Games; and that the Youth Camp, from now on, during the Olympic and Paralympic Games, will deal with issues such as Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Youth policies in order to increase the awareness of the Olympic Truce.



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OLYMPIC TRUCE: A CHALLENGE FOR SPORT... AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE!

The Olympic Games of Athens 2004 and Turin 2006, the European Youth Olympic Festival of Lignano 2005, the Mediterranean Games of Pescara 2009, the Winter Universiade hosted by Turin in 2007: through those international events the Mediterranean become the centre of the worldwide sport for a period of 5 years. We think that the history give us an important occasion to re-discover sport and the Games directly from the area where they were born.

The Olympic Truce, based on the International Laws and on the adhesion of Peoples and States is the right instrument to make it real and to add value to this opportunity.

The Olympic Truce is a concept that dates back to the tradition of Olympism in the ancient Greece. The definition of Olympic Truce in Ancient Greek is "Ekecheiria" ("rising the hands") and it was used since 800 BC, after the drafting of a peace treaty, sealed by 3 kings (Ifito, Cleostene and Licurgo). The other Greek cities agreed after this "international treaty": thanks to it came the Olympia's inviolability and immunity. Moreover, during the period of Olympic Truce, athletes, artists and their families, as normal pilgrims, could travel in total security to share or watch the Olympic Games and then go back home.

An Olympic Truce from below

PeaceWaves propose an Olympic Truce which arises from below, promoted by the associations and organizations operating in the reality of the Host City of the Games through projects at local, national and international level. This Truce will mean not only the interruption of all the conflicts during the period of the Games, but it will be an occasion for peace-building and peace-keeping, sustaining human rights, equal opportunities under an intercultural view.

Furthermore the Olympic Truce is the occasion to make equal the Olympic and Paralympic Games, with the extension of the Olympic Truce at the paralympic period and the unification of the Olympic Family between the able and disable athletes.

The city that hosts the Games must burden on the responsibility not only the mere material organization of the event, but above all the message, the model that the city intends to launch when the eyes of the world are all upon it.



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We propose that the host cities will have to undertake specific pledges, sharing them with local authorities, schools, universities, civil society, writing a “social plan”, that is a territorial plan for the Olympic Truce. This pact must contain projects and pledges, checkable by a third party, and must promote the diffusion of the “best practices”.

Along with the technical dossier that the cities have to present in order to host the Games, the before mentioned “social plan” should be handed in too. It should embody the needs of the international community, a qualitative requirement that must correspond to the Olympic Spirit, going beyond the mere organisational efficiency.

The concretization in “glocal” action of the Olympic Truce must be more than ever one of the requirements for a correct organization of the Olympic Games and, at the same time, an opportunity for a human sustainable development.

Sport and the Olympic Games as a peace tool

The characteristic of the Olympics as a worldwide events, which take place biennially (summer and winter Games), the importance that they hold on the media: those are the instruments that could be used for the promotion of the Olympic ideal, in its meaning of sport as a peace tool.

Since the beginning of the Olympic Games of the modern age (1896), the meaning of sport is understood to unite all the people: unfortunately, it has been violated many times.

The Olympic Truce, for PeaceWaves, doesn't mean only a STOP to all the conflict during the Games, but it represent an opportunity to re-open dialogues that were erroneously considered closed or impossible. It is a metaphor of mediation in conflicts and sustainable development, for a responsible freedom and a new idea of citizenship, respecting Peoples and diversities.

The way we are undertaking it will offer to us the possibility to reflect and to have a dialogue on the themes of freedom, inter-culturality, the courage to make a choice, justice and forgiveness, the responsibility of our actions.

Furthermore we will have the possibility to promote peace actions as the creative and non-violent resolution of conflicts, guided by the solidarity of men for their brothers and their earth.





ACTIONS FOR THE TRUCE: PEACEWAVES' PATH

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In the following page we present a short description of the actions and events organized by PeaceWaves for the respect of the Olympic Truce



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	<p>3-8 July 2005 Lignano Sabbiadoro, European Youth Olympic Festival During the EYOF 2005 in Lignano Sabbiadoro, PeaceWaves, in partnership with Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia, organised several activities in order to promote and discuss about the Olympic Truce and about the sport as a tool for education and peace.</p>
	<p>23-27 February 2005 Torino - Pracatinat, Olympic Truce Resolution Meeting More than 50 young people from all over the world participated in the Olympic Truce Resolution Meeting, held in Turin and Pracatinat (Italy). The forum has been organised by PeaceWaves in partnership with the European Council, IRRE Piemonte, FIAT and Poein Kai Prattein.</p>
	<p>8-9 June 2004 Genoa, European Forum for the Olympic Truce Genoa, the European Capital of Culture for the year 2004, hosts young people coming from Italy and Europe to debate on the Olympic Truce.</p>
	<p>5-6 June 2004 Perugia, Games for the Olympic Truce Third edition of the Games for the Olympic Truce, in combination with the Seventh Edition of the National Student Olympic Games.</p>
	<p>6-9 May 2004 Crotone, Seminar about the Olympic Truce - Magna Grecia Games Seminar on the Olympic Truce, debates between young participants and support to the organisation of the Magna Grecia Games 2004.</p>
	<p>14-17 February 2004 Pracatinat, National Seminar "Diamoci Tregua" The National Seminar "Diamoci Tregua" involved students and teachers coming from the Province of Turin and the rest of Italy: that was the starting point for the cross-generational working group.</p>



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 <p><i>Giochi per la Tregua Olimpica</i> Perugia 2003</p>	<p>31 May 2003 Perugia, Games for the Olympic Truce Second edition of the Games for the Olympic Truce, in combination with the Sixth Edition of the National Student Olympic Games.</p>
 <p><i>Giochi della Magna Grecia</i> Crotona 2003</p>	<p>6-11 May 2003 Crotona, Seminar about the Olympic Truce - Magna Grecia Games Seminar on the Olympic Truce, debates between young participants and support to the organisation of the Magna Grecia Games 2003.</p>
 <p><i>Corriamo per la Pace</i> Crotona 2002</p>	<p>19-22 November 2002 Crotona, Seminar about the Olympic Truce - Corriamo per la Pace Seminar on the Olympic Truce, debates between young participants and organisation of the sport event "Corriamo per la Pace" that involved more than 900 students.</p>





OUR LOGO FOR THE TRUCE



*by Roberta Blanc
designer of the logo
for the Olympic Truce*

The Symbol of the Olympic Truce was born during a sunny day in June 2002, in Pracatinat, in occasion of the last step of the first training course for Team Leaders (organized by PeaceWaves for Olympic volunteers project "Ragazzi del 2006").

I had at my disposal the appeal for the respect of the Olympic Truce, and I was in particular touched by the first and the seventh objective, which aim at "the suspension of every military activity during the period of the Olympic and Paralympic Games" and "that in the next UN Resolutions, Olympic Truce will be extended even during all the period of the Paralympic Games".

I thought that, if I had to represent the Olympic Truce, a period of peace between peoples, I would have done it using three symbols:

- ∠ The one of the Olympic Games, the 5 circles which represents the 5 continents. The choice of "chopping" the circles into several pieces wasn't a chance: it wasn't only due to the fact that the 5 circles are a registered trademark and protected by copyright by IOC, but it also wants to represent the road we still have to follow to reach the objectives of the project for the Olympic Truce, how many stages we still have to connect to arrive at the goal.
- ∠ The one less known but not less important of the Paralympic Games, that is the three drops representing respectively the mind, the soul and the body.
- ∠ Finally, to connect them together, the symbol of Peace.





PEACEWAVES' PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRUCE

During our works for the Truce we presented various documents connected to the Olympic Truce.

With the vision of creating a useful documentation for school discussions, meetings, study groups, PeaceWaves will publish on December 2005, together with the Editor EGA, a book by Prof Marco Braghero - PeaceWaves' President.

Also Available on our website:

	<p>Anno II - n. 3 27 February 2005</p> <p>magazine realized during the Olympic Truce Resolution Meeting – February 2005</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL February 27th 2005</p> <p>also available in English</p>
	<p>Anno I - n. 2 11 giugno 2004</p> <p>Magazine realized during the meeting for the Truce in Genoa, June 2004</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL June 11th 2004</p> <p>also available in English</p>
	<p>Anno I - n. 1 17 febbraio 2004</p> <p>Magazine realized during the first meeting students-teachers on the Truce on February 2004</p>	

Available on our website: www.treguaolimpica.peacewaves.org, a wide mediaallery with our documentation, photogallery and videogallery.





OUR PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT RESOLUTION

Considering the art. 1 of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the UN regarding the observance of the Olympic Truce during the winter and summer Olympic Games - A/RES/48/11, 1993:

*“The General Assembly of United Nations
commends the International Olympic Committee,
the International Sports Federations
and the National Olympic Committees
for their efforts to mobilize the youth
of the world in the cause of peace”*

The young participants of the Olympic Truce Resolution Meeting – Torino (Italy) 23rd 27th February 2005 - promote a proposal for the UN Resolution for the observance of the Olympic Truce during the Winter Olympic Games of Torino 2006 to be discussed during the sixtieth UN General Assembly from September to December 2005.

The General Assembly,

- Recalling its resolution 58/6 dated 18 November 2003, in which it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal” and its decision to consider this item every two years in advance of each Summer and Winter Olympic Games,
- Recalling also its resolution 48/11 of 25 October 1993, which, inter alia, revived the ancient Greek tradition of ekecheiria or “Olympic Truce” calling for a truce during the Games that would encourage a peaceful environment and ensuring the safe passage and participation of athletes and others at the Games and, thereby, mobilizing the youth of the World to the cause of peace,
- Taking into consideration the inclusion in the United Nations Millennium Declaration an appeal for the support of the Olympic Committee in its efforts to promote peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic ideal,
- Noting that the Games of the XX Winter Olympiads will take place from 10 to 26 February 2006 in Turin, in Italy, and endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of States and Government of that organization,
- Welcoming the initiative of the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Inter-agency Task Force on Sport for Development and Peace,
- Recognizing that the goal of the Olympic movement is to build a peaceful and better World by educating the youth and the World through sport, practised without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding, promoted by friendship, solidarity and fair play,
- Recognizing also the valuable contribution that the appeal launched by the International Olympic Committee for an Olympic Truce, with which the National Olympic Committees of the Member States are associated, could make towards advancing purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,
- Welcoming the individual support of World personalities for the promotion of the Olympic Truce,



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1. Urges Member States to observe the Olympic Truce during the XX Olympic Winter Games, which will be held in Turin, Italy 10th - 26th February 2006 and the Paralympic Games, which will be held in Turin, 10th - 19th March 2006, the vision of which is the stop of all ongoing conflicts. This will be achieved by non-violent settlement of conflicts and reopening dialog channels among communities and cultures through youth participation in democratic processes using sport, art and education as universal means of cohesion to further Human Sustainable Development.
2. Calls upon all Member States to facilitate the equalisation of the Paralympic Games with the Olympic Games so that the Paralympic athletes have equal rights while the Olympic Truce period is extended to include the Paralympics.
3. Requests the International Olympic Committee to cooperate with the accredited UN Agencies and the UN Commissioner for Human Rights for the monitoring of universal human rights standards and their possible violations during the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and that already passed and future resolutions are fully enacted upon.
4. Asks the UNESCO agency to make the concept of the Olympic Truce and of the games be a part of the World's Common Heritage.
5. Requests the commitment of the candidate cities to an Olympic Truce Action Plan including social, economic, environmental and cultural development measures to be used as criteria for evaluation by the International Olympic Committee during the selection process.
6. Requests Member States to promote Olympic Truce actions for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and support the campaigns against child labour.
7. Welcomes the organisation of an Olympic Truce Youth Camp to be held in the host city of the Summer and Winter Games; and that the Youth Camp, from now on, during the Olympic and Paralympic Games, will deal with issues such as Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Youth policies in order to increase the awareness of the Olympic Truce.
8. Urges Member States to promote the Olympic Truce spirit and ideals among children and youth during their compulsory education by organizing artistic cultural activities and encouraging the public to debate with athletes and other functionaries about Olympic values and fair play.
9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second Session the item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal" and to consider this item before the XXIX Olympic Games in Beijing, China, in the year 2008.

