



The Yemen Challenge

Recognizing and supporting the objectives declared by the United Nations through the International Year for Sport and Physical Education 2005 “for a better understanding of the values of sport and physical education for human development programmes”, with special emphasis on the needs of girls and women,

Delegates from 27 countries and regions participating at the 3rd Asian Conference on Women and Sport emphasize the importance of the following:

1. **For the AWG** to work in collaboration with the Olympic Council of Asia for the promotion and development of women in sport in Asia, such as co-hosting projects, conferences, workshops, in a spirit of mutual cooperation;
2. **For the AWG** to compile information on the current status of women and sport in Asia and to present an evaluation report at the World Conference on Women and Sport in Kumamoto, Japan, May 11-14, 2006.
3. **For all sports organisations** to actively pursue strategic alliances and partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organisations for the promotion and development of women and sport.
4. **For all sports organisations** to exceed the IOC target of 20% women representation at all levels of decision making structures, by December 2005.
5. **For all Asian governments and NOCs** to formulate a national women and sport policy, by the 2006 Doha Asian Games, and to include therein a special chapter on women with disabilities.
6. **For all governments and sports organisations** to ensure that sport and physical education initiatives are established and implemented within the rebuilding process of tsunami affected countries and those affected by other natural disasters or war.
7. **For all governments and sports organisations** to reaffirm and continue to implement actively the resolutions of the 2003 Doha Asian Conference on Women and Sport.

All delegates congratulate and thank the President of Yemen H.E. Mr. Ali Abdallah Saleh and his government, the Yemen NOC and in particular the Yemen women and sports group for hosting the 3rd Asian Conference for women and sport and making it such a resounding success.