

Doha Conference Resolutions

On the occasion of the Second Asian Conference on Women and Sport, under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser Al Misnad, consort of His Highness the Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Supreme Council for Family Affairs, held in Doha, Qatar on December 18 - 20, 2003,



Wishing to take advantage of opportunities to promote women in sport in Asia over the next five years, in particular the Asian Games in Qatar in 2006, and also the next World Conference on Women and Sport to be held in Kumamoto, Japan in 2006, the first Indoor Asian Games in Bangkok in 2006, the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Beijing China in 2008 and the next Asian Women and Sport Conference to be held in 2005,

Participants from 38 countries and regions in Asia:

1- CONGRATULATED the Qatar National Olympic Committee, the Olympic Council of Asia(OCA), the Qatar Women's Sport Committee, the Doha Asian Games Organizing Committee (DAGOC), and the Asian Working Group on Women and Sport (AWG) - for a successful Conference which demonstrated the benefits of working collaboratively in a positive way and thereby strengthening the network of men and women in Asia committed to advancing women and sport:

2- WELCOMED and SUPPORTED the recommendations of the OCA "to:

a) Encourage all the NOCs of the OCA to comply with the IOC's target to have at least 20% of women in their governance of sport by the year 2005;

b) Encourage the NOCs of Asia to ensure that all delegations at the Asian Games as well as the Olympics and other regional, national and local competitions include female athletes and officials;

c) Encourage the NOCs of Asia to further develop and implement special programs favouring the promotion and participation of women in and through sports, including facilitating the setting up of committees on women and sports and of regional and national workshops on this subject;

d) Request the NOCs of Asia through their governments to implement reinforce, and co-ordinate policies for the promotion and the development of the role of women in physical education and sport;



e) Urge the NOCs through their governments to include or reinforce physical education in school curricula and to develop training and improve the status of physical educations teachers and sport educators;”

3- ENCOURAGED the OCA to monitor progress with respect to its recommendations.

4- WELCOMED AND SUPPORTED the targets set by DAGOC for the 2006 Asian Games that:

10% of the full time organizers for the Asian Games and 40% of the volunteers will be women.

That female athletes will make up approximately 32% of the Games participants

5- ENCOURAGED all NOCs in Asia, Asian Sport Federations, and National Sport Associations in Asia to play their part in achieving these targets.

And further, the participants:

6- ENCOURAGED GOVERNMENTS, NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES AND SPORT AUTHORITIES of Asia who have not yet endorsed the Brighton Declaration on Women and Sport to do so and develop appropriate actions plans to implement its principles;

7- ENCOURAGED GOVERNMENTS AND SPORT AUTHORITIES to:

Launch awareness programs directed to men and women that sport is a natural human right, a part of culture and is beneficial for women's health and in turn, the health of their families;

Ensure that the media is informed and participates in raising awareness of the importance of sport and physical activity for women and girls - physically, psychologically and socially;

Encourage women to work in the media, especially former athletes and coaches and provide them with the necessary training in order to get better coverage for women in sport media;

Encourage athletes to voice their opinions and help with promotion campaigns for women in sport;

Conduct training courses for women in all aspects of sport including coaching, officiating, administration and decision-making so that they may contribute fully to sport;

Encourage junior competitions between women and girls from Asia in order to learn from each other and improve their performance;



Capitalize on the 2005 UN Year of Physical Education and Sport to promote opportunities for girls and women;

8- ENCOURAGED ASIAN SPORT AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING WOMEN AND SPORT GROUPS to:



Monitor the development of countries' sport policies in Asia; ensure that sport policies take account of both men and women including women with disabilities; ensure that sport policies are linked to health and education and other mainstream priorities of government;

Collaborate with International Sport Federations to review rules in order to encourage women's participation in sport while respecting the culture and traditions of all countries;

Work directly with individuals in the media on an ongoing basis to provide newsworthy information and human interest stories

Facilitate inter-cultural exchanges and share best practices for different ways of developing and promoting sport for women and girls,

9- ENCOURAGED THE MEDIA to:

Accept responsibility to play an effective role in raising awareness of the importance of sport and physical activity for women as one of life's necessities and a right for women and also of women's capabilities to work successfully in all aspects of sport;

Provide additional coverage in print media and electronic media to cover women in sport and physical activity;

10- ENCOURAGED RESEARCHERS to:

Work with women and sport institutions and foundations to join research working groups to study the ways and approach of helping women to overcome the difficulties of women and sport.

Undertake research relating to women's leadership in sport;

11- CALLED UPON ALL DELEGATES FROM THIS CONFERENCE to:

Report back to relevant parties and work with them and help them to ensure successful implementation;

Inform themselves on decision-making processes and structures within their own countries and take an active part



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Take advantage of existing resources and attend conferences, workshops and sport events to learn about women in sport issues and possible solutions, and sport in general.

Take action in their own sphere of influence.

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