

**Secretariat**IC/Geneva/2004/58  
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1. On 23 November 2004, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue a definitive stamp in the denomination of CHF 1,80 on the theme «Sport 2005».
2. On 3 November 2003, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 58/5, "Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace". It proclaimed 2005 as the International Year for Sport and Physical Education and invited Governments, the United Nations, and its funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, where appropriate, and sport related institutions to promote the role of sport and physical education for all when furthering their development programmes and policies, to advance health awareness, the spirit of achievement and the bridging of cultures and to entrench collective values.
3. In resolution 58/6 of 3 November 2003, "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal", the General Assembly urges Member States to observe, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, during the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad, to be held in Athens, Greece, from 13 to 29 August 2004. It also called for Member States to cooperate with the International Olympic Committee in its efforts to use the Olympic Truce as an instrument to promote peace, dialogue and reconciliation in areas of conflict during and beyond the Olympic Games period.
4. In response to these important resolutions, the United Nations Postal Administration, the Swiss Post and the International Olympic Committee have decided collectively to issue a stamp which will be released on 23 November 2004.



5. The stamps were designed by Roland Hirter (Switzerland). Six more stamp designs by the same artist with the same design theme will be issued by the United Nations Postal Administration in April 2005 to commemorate the International Year of Sport, which complete a set of seven stamps for this topic.

#### 6. FIRST DAY COVERS

The first day covers for the Sport 2005 issue will be available in "single" and "block" versions.



#### 7. SPECIAL JOINT FIRST DAY COVER SPORT 2005



A special first day cover for the Sport 2005 stamp issue has been prepared jointly by the United Nations, the Swiss Post and the International Olympic Committee. The cover, which was designed by the artist Roland Hirter contains the Sport 2005 stamps cancelled respectively by the United Nations, the Swiss Post and the International Olympic Committee. This product is extremely unusual, having postmarks of all three participants to this stamp issue. The covers will be available in limited quantities.

8. Staff members and mission personnel wishing to procure these stamps and first day covers can obtain them from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. on 23 November 2004 at the UNPA sales counter at door 6 of the Palais des Nations.
9. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.

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