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**Subject: First Day of Issue – 3 June 2005
“International Year of Sport”**

1. On 3 June 2005, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue six commemorative stamps on the theme “International Year of Sport”.



2. 2005, proclaimed “International Year of Sport and Physical Education” by the General Assembly in November 2003, is a unique opportunity to demonstrate the positive values of sport and the essential role it plays in society. Included in the definition of sport are all forms of physical activity that help to maintain physical fitness, mental health and social interaction. This includes play, recreation, occasional or competitive sport and traditional or indigenous sports and games.



3. Access to sport and physical activity is recognised as a fundamental right for all in clause 1 of the UNESCO International Charter of Physical Education and Sport of 1978.



4. The stamps and First Day Covers were designed by Roland Hirter of Switzerland and feature a range of sporting events using a design technique to accentuate movement.



5. Staff members and mission personnel wishing to procure these stamps and first day covers can obtain them from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 3 June 2005 at the UNPA sales counter at door 6 of the Palais des Nations.
6. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can inform thousands of unseen people of the activities and goals of the United Nations.

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