

## **Number one tennis star Roger Federer reviews the International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE 2005) together with Adolf Ogi**

***For immediate release: United Nations Office at Geneva, 21 September 2005*** -- Roger Federer of Switzerland, the world's top-ranked tennis player and Spokesperson for the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005 (IYSPE 2005) reviewed the commemoration of the IYSPE 2005 together with Mr. Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace and former President of Switzerland.

The objective of the Year is clear," said Mr. Ogi, thanking the Swiss tennis star for his support. "Sport can help us achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Sport is a universal language and teaches positive values and necessary lessons for life. The power of sport for development and peace must be recognized."

Mr. Federer said that he had joined forces with the sports marketing agency IMG for reasons including a strengthening of his philanthropic activities. Mr. Federer presently supports the organization IMBEWU in Port Elizabeth, in South Africa, where children are provided education and a hot meal daily.

Mr. Federer and Mr. Ogi, also viewed a photo exhibit for the IYSPE 2005 that opened this week at the UN's Palais des Nations.

Mr. Federer and Mr. Ogi, also recorded an announcement in support of the upcoming UN 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert "Youssou N'Dour & Friends: United Against Malaria". Their public service announcements supporting the global campaign against malaria will be shown at the concert and aired on Swiss and international television stations broadcasting the event worldwide. "One million deaths a year from malaria is unacceptable," said Mr. Ogi in his public service announcement. "That is why the sports world is mobilizing against malaria."

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