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Institute for International Sport and United Nations Launch Partnership *Countdown to 2006 World Scholar Athlete Games*

United Nation, New York, 23 May 2006: The United Nations and the Institute for International Sport will launch a partnership at a festive ceremony at the United Nations in New York tomorrow to use sport as a means to promote peace and conflict resolution around the world. The United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace is the Institute's partner in the initiative.

The ceremony on Wednesday, 24 May, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the United Nations ECOSOC Chamber, will feature performances by scholar athletes and artists from around the world. A reception will follow.

The unique collaboration comes as the Institute, based at the University of Rhode Island, celebrates its 20th anniversary. The launch begins the one month countdown to the 2006 World Scholar Athlete Games, organized by the Institute, which will take place at the university campus in June.

"The UN is well known for recognizing that sport can be an important vehicle for promoting peace and conflict resolution." — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan

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