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Dear Site and CODP Directors,

Since 1996, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has organized a World Conference on Women and Sport every four years with the primary objective of analyzing the progress made in this field within the Olympic Movement. Reviewing this work on the quadrennial basis provides the opportunity to define a plan of action so that the goal of equality of opportunity can be reached.

For the first time, this prestigious conference will be held in the United States. The 5th IOC World Conference on Women and Sport will take place in Los Angeles, California from February 16-18, 2012. Hosted by the United States Olympic Committee in coordination with the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games, the program will feature internationally renowned speakers and panelists as well as interactive discussions and forums.

Approximately 600 participants from 125 countries are expected to participate, representing National Olympic Committees, International Federations, Non-Government Organizations (NGO), universities and other organizations. The event's multi-stakeholder character is intended to stimulate discussions and outcomes.

As a leader of women in sport in the United States, I am pleased to extend to you an invitation to attend the IOC 5th World Conference on Women and Sport.

The registration form along with other important information about the conference is available at: www.womenandsport2012.com.

Please note that all attendance costs will be the delegate's responsibility. However, there is no registration fee for the conference.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the United States Olympic Committee at international@usoc.org.

We look forward to welcoming you in Los Angeles.

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