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UNA-Canada to Honour Richard Pound at a Reception in Vancouver

Ottawa: 2005 September 20. The United Nations Association in Canada is pleased to have the opportunity to honour Richard Pound at an important reception in Vancouver on Wednesday, September 21. It is utterly appropriate to recognize the contributions made over many years by Mr. Pound in this, the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005 - and on a date the UN marks as International Day of Peace.

Richard Pound has exemplified the very best that sport can bring to the world community – from his own participation as an elite athlete, through his stellar efforts to promote and enhance the Olympic movement, to his current leadership, as Chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency, in efforts to ensure that sport is pursued in ways that enshrine fair play and ethical standards at all levels of these universal endeavours. We are proud to acknowledge this outstanding work on the part of a fellow Canadian on behalf of the global community as a whole.

To quote Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, “Sport is a universal language that can bring people together, no matter what their origin, background, religious beliefs or economic status”. It is surely significant that leaders at the 2005 World Summit just last week included a strong endorsement of sport’s contribution to the international development agenda and peace-building. “We underline that sports can foster peace and development and can contribute to an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding, and we encourage discussions in the General Assembly for proposals leading to a Sport and Development Plan of Action.” Sport plays a significant role in initiatives to promote health and education, build tolerance among social groups, assist refugees and at-risk youth, and outreach for HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

Also speaking at this event will be the Honourable Stephen Owen, Minister of Sport and Minister of Western Economic Diversification at the reception.

DATE: Wednesday, 21 September

TIME: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Pacific Palisades Hotel, (The Mambo Ballroom)
1277 Robson Street

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