

IOC launch of Gender Equality Review Project, March 16, 2017
Joint Statement by International Women’s Sport, Physical Education and
Physical Activity Organizations

The co-signers of this statement--International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women, Women's Sports Foundation, WomenSport International, International Working Group Women in Sport--have worked diligently to promote and advance gender equality in sport, physical education, and physical activity for decades. Their work includes research, advocacy, education, awareness raising, as well as direct and indirect support to female athletes, teams, and organizations, among other activities. Some of their advocacy efforts have been directed towards the International Olympic Committee and other Olympic Movement organizations. We are delighted to learn of the new efforts and commitments announced by the IOC towards gender equality via the recently launched “Gender Equality Review Project”. Such initiatives gain ground in actualizing the commitments made by the IOC, the IPC and multiple International Sports Federations and National Olympic Committees upon signing the Brighton Plus Helsinki Declaration. The UN, with whom the IOC has also recently partnered in many human rights efforts, strongly urges governmental and other multi-national and sectoral groups to engage non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in all such human rights efforts. In keeping with that possibility, we stand ready and willing to utilize our collective knowledge, experience, and expertise in service of the IOC newly emerging efforts.

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