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## Symposium Director Opening Address

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- Deputy Minister of Education Youth and Sport
- Commander of the Czech Air Force
- Mr. Vice-President of CISM
- Distinguished Guests of honour
- Ladies and Gentleman

It is a great pleasure and an honour to me to welcome you to this International Symposium on "Sport in the Armed Forces at the Dawn of the 21st Century", held under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee.

It is the last important event of celebrating CISM's 50th anniversary.

**50 years of CISM** - that means a story of unsurpassed success that began in 1948, when a small group of sportsmen from 5 European countries founded our organisation, and that has come to a temporary end now in 1998 when CISM with 117 member nations has become one of the major sport organisations of the world, recognised by the international sport movement. You cannot but be proud of this unique and magnificent development.

**50 years of CISM** - that means also much commitment and a challenge for all of us to contribute actively to a further prospering of our community taking into consideration the enormous political and economic changes in our societies and the considerable modifications in terms of goals and structures in the Armed Forces. All these alterations will have a decisive impact on the development of sport and physical education in the Armed Forces.

**50 years of CISM** - that means that perhaps just now is the right moment for a "pause for reflection". A "pause for reflection" - at the end of the century - to take stock of the activities we engaged in till now and to analyse CISM's policy.

A "pause for reflection" - at the beginning of a new century - to discuss the future development and the trends of the international sport movement as well as the future role of sport and physical education in the military in context to sport in society. In this respect we are starting from a solid basis provided by our official Mission Statement in force since the General Assembly in Baden/Vienna this year.

In this official Mission Statement CISM considers it an honour and duty, among others, to cooperate with all the other International institutions who have the same mission of bringing citizens of the world together according to their own spheres of influence and for their particular publics.

A visible sign of this already well-working cooperation is to have present here in Prague the representatives of a number of international organizations. It gives me great pleasure to welcome:

Mr Shaba Behnam from IOC  
The president of ICSSPE, Prof. Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepfer  
The representatives of WHO and TAFISA are just on the way to come.

Ladies and Gentleman  
we have some more guests of honour among us who I would like to welcome personally.

It is:

The President of the Czech NOC Dr. Milan Jirásek

The former Secretary General of CISM Col. Francios Pilot

2 famous Czech athletes of the fifties: Emil Zátopek a Dana Zátopková

I would like to point out a special European initiative, called EURATHLON, that was launched by the European Parliament and the European Sports Forum. The overall objective of EURATHLON is to contribute to a better understanding between citizens of Europe through sport and to promote the essential role of sport as a contributing factor to social integration, health education and human solidarity.

The European Commission has recognized our symposium as project in keeping with the objectives of EURATHLON and has granted a financial support. Thus, I take this opportunity to express our gratitude for this assistance.

Ladies and gentlemen, the prime objective of this symposium is the development of sport and physical education within the development of sport and physical education within the Armed Forces and in society and their interdependence.

All the presentations deal within 3 topics:

Sport and Physical Education in the Armed Forces

Top Level Sport, and

Sport for All.

I invite and encourage you to discuss your opinions and ideas about these topics in the coming hours and days. The International Military Sports Council is organising this International Symposium in close cooperation with the Czech Delegation to CISM.

My congratulations go to the Czech Armed Forces, who after having joined our world wide movement in 1991, have played a leading role in the promotion of sports within the military, and that by acting in a spirit of mutual understanding and according to our motto "Friendship through Sport". Consequently, I'm happy being able to say - right at the beginning of this symposium - that the local organising committee, that all personnel who has taken part in the preparation of this event has done an excellent job up to now - and I'm sure they will continue to do so till the end of this week.

Many thanks for your outstanding work. I'm absolutely convinced that this symposium will end with a great success.