

CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU SPORT MILITAIRE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY SPORTS COUNCIL CONSEJO INTERNACIONAL DEL DEPORTE MILITAR

المجلس الدولي للرياضة المسكرية

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Dear Chief of Delegation,

It is a pleasure to address you these words and I hope this letter meets you in a good health.

With the express purpose of marking the presence of CISM worldwide, the year 2006 saw the birth of CISM Day Run (for Peace). Since then, we organize this event, aiming to promote the practice of sports in the military context, trying to bring together all community of Sports, which includes Sports Federations, Olympic Committees, and other International Institutions in contact with the Armed Forces and Ministries of Defense, with the ideal of promoting peace through sport between the Armed Forces. Up to now, 83 member countries have already held at least once the CISM Day Run for Peace.

We can consider this project as a success, but we need more, we want more. We want to show the world in an even stronger and more comprehensive way the presence of CISM worldwide and the importance of sports for the military and for their activities. Our proposal is to transform the CISM Day Run for Peace, the 18th February, into the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MILITARY SPORTS, adopted and recognized by UN, IOC, relevant international sports federations, civil society, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and all other relevant stakeholders. This project was approved by our Board of Directors, who tasked us to develop it, taking the necessary actions to achieve the goal.

For this reason, we decided to rename the event and in 2019 it will be, for the first time, called INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MILITARY SPORTS. Our intention, once again, is to celebrate the occasion, organizing and promoting a remarkable event, with military and civilians together worldwide, jogging, walking, skiing, or any other sport activities of your choice, outside or even inside the barracks, carrying on together the flags of friendship, sport and peace, exactly as we have been doing since 2006.

So, I would like to make you a very special invitation to take part and support us in this new CISM project, organizing in your country the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MILITARY **SPORTS 2019.** We kindly suggest that all Member Nations participate and promote this special event, using banners and folders with a unique art provided by CISM General Secretariat on our website.

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Our intention is to follow the following schedule:

- December: Provide templates of the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MILITARY SPORTS 2019 art and report to download on our website http://www.milsport.one/downloads/).
- January/2019: Last preparatory coordination between CISM and Member Nations
- 18th February/2019: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MILITARY SPORTS 2019
- March/2019: Sending of the reports to CISM
- April/2019: Presentation of the results at the CISM General Assembly

I would like to request you to send your INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MILITARY SPORTS **2019** event reports, photos and short movies (10 - 20), to CISM General Secretariat no later than one month after your event takes place, in order to update our website and, specially, to present it at the UN HQ, in order to make our official proposal to have the date 18th February recognized by a UN resolution and included at their annual calendar.

Finally, I put our General Secretariat and myself at your disposal. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Commander Marcos Lúcio, Project Officer for CISM Day Run for Peace, by phone: +32 2 650 02 86 or e-mail marcos.lucio@milsport.one .

"Friendship through Sport"

Sincerely yours,

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CISM Secretary General



