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UIPM & PEACE AND SPORT CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE IN EGYPT

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To celebrate the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace at World Cup #2, the athletes, organisers and delegates all joined forces for the April 6 initiative and waved the Carton Blanc during the Mixed Relay competition in Cairo.

UIPM, as the world governing body for Modern Pentathlon, commemorated this jovial day of camaraderie, good will and friendship in the Egyptian capital, which has suffered from civil unrest in recent years, giving it a special meaning as the sporting world united for this outstanding cause.

UIPM President Dr h. c. Klaus Schormann declared, "This is a great day for sport. The UIPM family, the whole Egyptian people, our athletes, Joel Bouzou, as President of Peace and Sport and UIPM Vice-President, we are all here together to show the world that we promote development and most of all peace. Egypt has suffered in recent years and that is why we worked hard with the National Federation to get this international competition here. This day has great meaning for all of us and we are very happy that we are here, amongst friends, to celebrate this."

This wonderful occasion was also attended by various members of the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Youth and Sport, and several Ambassadors.

In 2013, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the 6th of April as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace to celebrate the contribution of sports and physical activity to education, human development, healthy lifestyles and a peaceful world. Spearheaded by the non-profit organisation Peace and Sport and on the recommendation of the International Olympic Committee, the date was inserted in the official UN calendar of international days and was being celebrated for the first time yesterday.

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