

**Admiral P. Kikareas (Retired) appeals to all governments, peace organizations, the United Nations, and every group of diverse beliefs and interest to unite in creating a peaceful venue at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens.**

*The Admiral's lifelong commitment to peace and security after 37 years in the Hellenic Navy. Admiral Kikareas' retirement began with the creation of a C4I (command, control, communication, computers and intelligence) blueprint that was subsequently adopted by the Greek government and ATHOC. The Admiral subscribes to a holistic approach, one that calls on global leaders to commit all their resources to the security and safety of the Athens 2004 Games to illustrate what can be done in the name of humanity.*

Athens, Greece (PRWEB) June 17, 2004 -- Admiral P.Kikareas H.N. (ret) Ph.D, President and CEO appeals to all governments, peace organizations, the United Nations, and every group of diverse beliefs and interest to unite in creating a peaceful venue at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens.

Dear Sir or Madam:

We would like to take this pleasant opportunity to introduce ourselves. While it is not possible to do so in person, we have provided a personal history for your review on our website, [www.hellas.com](http://www.hellas.com). We are sending this letter to request your assistance in disseminating a statement in the interest of peace for all humanity.

I am a retired admiral in the Hellenic Navy where I served to deter conflict in Greece, Europe, and across the world. In addition to my responsibilities in Greece, I was selected to serve on various NATO committees. Since my retirement in 1999, I have worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week to achieve another mission - the security of the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens. Our website at [www.hellas.com](http://www.hellas.com) can provide further details about this massive effort. I also created Hellenic Aspis and Associates, Inc., which is cooperating with The World Foundation for Peace and Security, a nonprofit foundation and an organization registered in Athens, to ensure a safe and successful 2004 Olympics Games.

To date, I am confident we have done much to assist in planning the security of these summer games. The nation of Greece, an ancient republic of culture and peace, has already spent US\$1.2 billion to ensure the safety and security of both the athletics and the spectators at these games. I thank the Hellenic government, the many agencies, the Athens 2004 Olympic Organizing Committee, the numerous advisors, the worldwide corporations, and all the wonderful individuals who have donated expertise and equipment to this effort. I also thank the Allied governments who have generously assisted Greece and the many dedicated volunteers who are working tirelessly without compensation to make sure this Olympics is successful and secure.

Hellenic Aspis and Associates, the World Foundation for Peace and Security, and I have also volunteered our efforts. Our purpose has not been financial gain, but instead to make available our knowledge and experience to the Greek government to ensure the peaceful success of these 2004 Summer Games.

Despite this thorough preparation, I feel obligated now to take one more action to promote the security of these Games. This action is the sine qua non to assure security for these Games and the future of the Olympics, if not humankind. Your assistance in enabling the following message to be disseminated worldwide is indeed critical, and we will applaud your every effort to assist.

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THE WORLD FOUNDATION FOR PEACE AND SECURITY  
ADMIRAL PANAGIOTIS KIKAREAS H.N. (RET) PHD

To the people of the world,

The Olympic Games have throughout history symbolized peace and goodwill to both athletes and observers. In this time of international peril, these games can be a rallying event to advance world peace or a terrifying opportunity to advance the further demise of that peace.

For these reasons, I appeal to all governments, peace organizations, the United Nations, and every group of diverse beliefs and interest to unite in creating a peaceful venue at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens.

What kind of peace do I mean? Certainly not a peace that requires enforcement by weapons. Not the peace of the grave, nor the security of the slave. I speak of a peace that will make life on this earth well worth living, the kind of peace that enables all citizens to build a better life for themselves and their descendants—I hope for a peace, not just for this season of the Olympics, but rather for all the seasons that follows, so as to birth a truly enduring peace that will grow and flourish among all nations.

Because of the many serious conflicts around the world, many have come to believe that lasting peace is impossible. That is a defeatist attitude and can only lead to the conclusion that conflict is an evitable result of sectarian and religious tensions. There is no problem of world destiny that is beyond solution if the reason of the world's leaders and the strength of the world's citizens work together as one. Peace is a way of living that can solve problems in ethical and fair manner, and ethics is a vast reference for life.

Peace does not require that all citizens agree or even follow the admonition to love their neighbors but peace does require that individuals live in mutual tolerance for diversity and submit their disputes for a peaceful settlement. Among the many traits that the citizens of the world share, none is stronger than their joint abhorrence of conflict.

Peace is a human right, the right to live life without fear of devastation or death or oppression. Our generation has already experienced more than enough of hate, discrimination, and conflict. It is way past the right time to build a world of peace where the weak will remain safe and where the strong can be just. The world's leadership must remain diligent in working toward a strategy of peace that works for all. This strategy must be founded upon the principle that the citizens of the world are bound in a human kinship that renders us joined as one. The ancient Mayans offered an interesting concept for all to consider at this time: "I am another you."

Greece is a peaceful nation filled with peace loving citizens. These citizens must now protect the many visitors and participants in the Olympic Games, born in Greece thousands of years ago. The spirit of the Olympics is eternal, unique, and accepting of all beliefs. The Olympic spirit elevates human worth and fosters understanding among peoples and nations everywhere.

Throughout the world, people seem to believe that respect for power leads to greater results than does respect for one's fellow man. Since all humanity, regardless of their differences, is to be considered as equal, then all are entitled to benefit from and enjoy peace.

If Ruskin's philosophy that mankind is a balance of nobility in nature and in spirit is correct, then now is the time for all nations and peoples to support that one integrity of purpose and work to improve the conditions of mankind. It would be well for the nations and peoples of the world to realize that believing there is no virtue or truth other than one's own is both unwise and uncharitable and most dangerous to human kind. Martin Luther King Jr. stated the case well when he said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

Please send this message to all peoples of all nations, so that the Summer Olympics in Athens can serve a far greater purpose than determining the best athletes in the world. It is my hope that this 2004 Olympics in my homeland of Greece will serve as a mighty torch to light a better place for every nation and every individual around the world.

Everyone can and must make a contribution to this effort. I express here a profound gratitude on behalf of the Hellenic Aspis and Associates Inc., The World Foundation For Peace and Security, and for myself for every small effort you make to achieve a better peaceful world.

Sincerely,

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