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Global Forum for Sport and Environment

The Global Forum for Sport and Environment (G-ForSE) is organized every two years by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Japan-based Global Sports Alliance (GSA). G-ForSE brings together international sports organizations and federations, sports clubs, sporting goods manufacturers, civil society organizations, the media and sport personalities.

G-ForSE provides a platform for sport and the environment stakeholders to review sports impact on and contribution to the environment. Specifically, the Forum provides a platform to discuss the integration of environmental issues in the development of sports facilities and equipment as well as the staging of sports events. It also provides a platform to discuss the role of sport in promoting environmental awareness and best practices. Each G-ForSE focuses on a specific environmental issue and provides participants with an opportunity to review the contribution of sport towards this issue.

G-ForSE online - www.g-forse.com - provides an extensive database of environmental activities by sport stakeholders. It enables them and the general public to share and view information on the link between sport and the environment.

2008 Global Forum for Sport and the Environment (G-ForSE 2008)

Theme: Climate Change: Changing Our Carbon Footprint

G-ForSE 2008 will be held in Alicante, Spain from 4 to 6 October to coincide with the launch of the Volvo Ocean Race. The Forum which is sponsored by Volvo will bring together 150 to 200 participants to address the connections between sports and climate change and to inspire sport stakeholders to take action to reduce their carbon footprint. The Forum will showcase best practices on sport and the environment and encourage sport organizations, events organizers and the sporting goods industry to integrate environmental issues into their activities and events. An exhibition on

environmental initiatives will be hosted for participating organizations, focusing specifically on climate change.

The Forum aims to encourage sport stakeholders to find ways of reducing their carbon footprints. It will also publish a book on environmental best practices in sport with a special focus on climate change.

The Forum will start on 4 October with the launch of the In-Port Race for the Volvo Ocean Race. The official opening of the Forum will take place in the morning of 5 October with speeches from the executive heads of UNEP, Volvo Cars, AB Volvo and other senior political figures. This will be followed by panel discussions on the integration of climate change issues into sports, workshops on greening of sports events, exhibition, and a closing session.