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THE EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

*Mr. Tony Diamantidis  
Executive Director  
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*The World Union of Olympic Cities ("WUOC") is an international non-governmental and non profit organization, which has been granted recognition by the International Olympic Committee ("IOC") according to the Olympic Charter. The WUOC was created with the mission to promote novel ideas and proposals concerning the implementation of a wider cultural program associated with the functions of the Olympic Institutions. The WUOC is mandated to crystallize the role of modern Olympic Cities as international centers of sport, culture and education and the connection of their dimensions to the course of the Olympic Movement, strengthening the universal symbolism of the Olympic Principles. Underlying these objectives is the goal of peace, stability, and security around the world.*

*Given the mission of the WUOC, we are delighted to congratulate the Athens Environmental Foundation (AEF), a non profit organization, for its Olympian effort to protect and enhance our global environment, by facilitating dialogue and building understanding between people and citizens of the world.*

*The Olympic Movement encompasses three fundamental principles: Sports, Culture and the Environment. AEF has taken an active role to support programs that encompass the fundamental principles of Olympism and to mobilize Olympians worldwide, through its agreement with the World Olympians Association in order to support and participate in environmental initiatives in their regions and communities.*

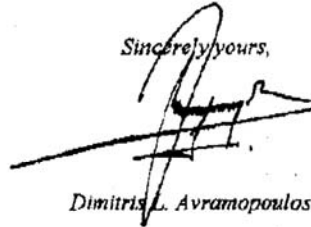
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*AEF has organized and promoted the first Olympic Earth Day and Week in April 2003, with events worldwide and with the support of Ocean Futures Society, the International Society of Arboriculture, the Earth Communication Office, the Northern California Olympians Association, US Olympians, the Hellenic Olympians Association, the Counsel of Hellenes Abroad, American Ground Water Trust, and cities and municipalities worldwide.*

*Our organization, hereby, honor and recognize Tony Diamantidis and the members of the Athens Environmental Foundation (AEF) for the outstanding efforts and accomplishments and encourage all those who share the Olympic spirit to actively participate and support their activities.*

*Wishing you every success with your endeavors.*

*Sincerely yours,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dimitris L. Avramopoulos', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

*Dimitris L. Avramopoulos*