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On the Occasion of the Awarding of the
**First Global Leader to receive the
Prince Albert of Monaco Leadership in Post Conflict Development Award**

To
President Thomas Bach, International Olympic Committee

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Your Highness, President Bach, Esteemed Guests,

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to Ambassador Isabelle Picco. In 2019, we awarded the first cohort of youth from Monaco and Timor-Leste with the inaugural **Prince Albert of Monaco Leadership in Post Conflict Development Award**— Your support then and today is appreciated.

Since 2005, the Foundation for Post Conflict Development has advocated for the Sustainable Development Goals in post conflict communities.

Unfortunately, the world faces immense challenges. Just two months ago, the President of the UN General Assembly highlighted a sobering fact: there are currently **55 active conflicts** across the globe. Last week, the UN Secretary-General, acknowledged that, although he rang the Peace Bell, the foundations for peace are fracturing.

In 2022, the FPCD formalized a partnership with the “little” g7+: an international entity composed of 20 fragile and post conflict countries. This collaboration inspired us **to expand the scope** of the Leadership Award to recognize global leaders whose influence and impact resonates internationally. Now, more than ever, we need brave leadership—leaders who stand for unity, inspire nations, and promote human solidarity.

President Bach, this describes you. You are the first Global Leader to receive the Prince Albert of Monaco Leadership in Post Conflict Development Award.

During your tenure as President of the International Olympic Committee, your leadership has been **transformative**. Your dedication to sustainable development, gender equality, and comprehensive reform within the Olympic Movement creates the conditions necessary for peace and **post-conflict development to begin**.

At the 2018 winter games in PyeongChang, the world witnessed the result of your intense diplomatic efforts which brought the two Koreas marching together at the opening ceremony. And for these reasons, among others you were awarded the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize.

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More recently, you played a critical role in the adoption of the Olympic Truce Resolution for the Paris 2024 Games—an accomplishment achieved amid immense challenges. Truce Resolution was important because it ensured that athletes from the territories of 206 NOCs and the refugee team to participate in Paris. Your speech at the United Nations, on the role of sport in “building a peaceful and better world,” reflected the shared vision of the UN and the IOC.

As we meet on the sidelines of the **UN Summit of the Future**, the Olympic Truce is more important than ever.

President Bach, you have worked tirelessly to promote peace and development through Olympic Solidarity, ensuring that there is no division nor mention of Global South and Global North—all are equal.

This brings us back to the essence of **human togetherness**.

You ensured that the Olympic Games do more than celebrate sport—they celebrate humanity. And President Bach, **YOU** have been the unifying force the world so desperately needs - giving peace the opportunity it deserves.

It is now my honor to invite His Serene Highness Prince Albert II to present the Leadership in Post Conflict Development Award to President Thomas Bach.



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