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Dear Olympic friends,

The idea that sport is universal and serves a higher purpose for all human beings was central to the thinking of Pierre de Coubertin. For him, the Olympic Games were always much more than just a sporting event. When he revived the Olympic Games and founded the International Olympic Committee in 1894, he saw it as a way to promote greater understanding among all nations and people of the world. He wanted to make the world a better place through sport and its values. This remains the overarching mission of the IOC and the entire Olympic Movement to this day.

This is why the launch of the Olympic Management course of the Giulio Onesti High Specialisation Olympic School represents a milestone for the Olympic community in Italy, spearheaded by CONI. The education of future professionals is crucial to ensure that sport organisations can benefit from highly-trained people who understand and promote the important role of sport in society. This programme therefore illustrates CONI's commitment to spread the Olympic values throughout Italian society in an excellent way.

My thanks and gratitude go to everyone at CONI, under the great leadership of its President Giovanni Malago, for everything you are doing to promote sport and its values. The Olympic Management course will also be an important contribution of CONI in ensuring the great success of the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 for Italy and the entire Olympic Movement.

Passion for sport runs deep in Italy and the country has always been an important member of the Olympic community. The launch of the Olympic Management course is therefore a timely contribution to promote the Olympic spirit in this great sporting nation and to inspire the Italian people with the timeless and truly universal ideas of Pierre de Coubertin.