



PANATHLON CLUB DELICIAS DISTRICT MEXICO



Declaration of the 16th Pan American Congress Chihuahua, Mexico 2025

The 16th Pan American Congress, entitled "The Importance of Sport in Childhood", reaffirms its commitment to promoting **sports ethics** and its transformative power. The delegates, gathered in Chihuahua, Capital, agree on the following points:

1. We express our deep gratitude to **the Panathlon Club Delicias** for its **organisation and cordiality** in hosting this congress. Its dedication and commitment have been fundamental to the success and fruitful atmosphere of work and camaraderie that has prevailed. Similarly, we sincerely thank all the **participants from the American Continent and Europe** for honouring us with their presence and for sharing their valuable perspectives and experiences. Their commitment to the ideals of sport and Panathlon enriches our movement and strengthens the bonds of international friendship.
2. Declaring **sport a strategic and indispensable tool** for the prevention of **violence** and **bullying** at all levels of education.
3. Urge governments and institutions to promote a **broad and comprehensive vision of school sport**, recognising its value beyond competition and emphasising its educational impact.
4. Recognise and enhance the **fundamental role of physical education in the growth and integral development of children**, including physical, cognitive and socio-emotional aspects.
5. Emphasise **the importance of sport in childhood** and the need to **recover and protect the value of play** as a driver of learning and healthy development.
6. Highlight the importance of analysing and **replicating experiences with a positive social impact**, such as "Basquetbol for Good in Ciudad Bolívar, Bogotá", adapting them to other communities.
7. Defend access to sport and physical activity as a **right of children**, fundamental to their dignity and well-being.
8. Promote **synergistic collaboration** between sports, education and public safety authorities to create safe and violence-free school environments.
9. At the Panathlon International Board of Directors meeting on 17 October this year, as part of the XVI Pan American Congress Chihuahua Mexico 2025 and at the request of the District Brazil, all representatives of the American Continent and Panathlon International **are urged to approve the Charter of Women's Rights**, adapting it to the specific characteristics of their own country.

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