



1.08.2016 – The [United Nations Postal Administration \(UNPA\)](#) has issued a set of [stamps](#) to promote the contribution of sport to peace and to highlight the Olympic Truce. The date of issue comes exactly a week ahead of the start of the Olympic Truce period for this year's 2016 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Based on the ancient Greek ideal of ekecheiria calling for a truce during the Olympic Games to encourage a peaceful environment and ensure safe passage, the United Nations revived this ideal in 1993 by passing General Assembly Resolutions in every Olympic year to urge Member States to respect [the Olympic Truce](#). Through its most recent resolution in October 2015, the General Assembly called on Member States to observe the Truce from the seventh day before the start of the XXXI Olympic Summer Games until the seventh day following the end of the XV Paralympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro.

New UN Stamps: Sport for Peace

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