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**WORLD OLYMPIANS ASSOCIATION TO WELCOME H.S.H. CROWN
PRINCE ALBERT OF MONACO TO MIAMI**
--Gala fundraiser at Biltmore Hotel for Olympian programs--

Coral Gables, Friday, October 11, 2002-- His Serene Highness, Crown Prince Albert of Monaco, will visit Miami October 24-26 as the guest of the World Olympians Association (WOA). An Olympian and avid supporter of the Olympic Movement, H.S.H. Prince Albert will take part in several activities to raise awareness and enhance the service of the WOA in South Florida.

H.S.H. Prince Albert's itinerary will include visits to a Miami-Dade County public school and a Seminole Indian Reservation. A black-tie fundraiser dinner hosted by the Cellar Club at the Biltmore Hotel on Friday, October 25 will cap off his stay.

The WOA, which opened its Office of The Americas in Coral Gables earlier this year, is an independent, international organization dedicated to uniting Olympians worldwide through the development of educational programs and social services, while promoting the values and virtues of the Olympic Movement. The WOA represents over 100,000 competing and retired athletes who have represented their countries at the Olympic Games.

"The World Olympians Association is honored to welcome His Serene Highness, Prince Albert, as a respected leader in sport and world affairs to Miami," said Liston Bochette, WOA Secretary General. "For almost two decades, Prince Albert has been involved in the Olympic Movement, through both his charitable patronage and personal participation in several sports most notably, the bobsleigh, where he competed in the 88, 92, 94, 98 and 2002 Games. He is a role model who embodies the Olympic ideals of true sportsmanship and goodwill."

The gala on October 25 will include a silent auction of Olympic sports memorabilia and special travel programs. Proceeds will benefit the WOA and Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department's support of the Junior Olympics. Tickets are \$1,000 per couple; a limited number of premier donor tickets, which include a private champagne reception with Prince Albert, are \$3,000 per couple.

For further information, about the WOA contact the World Olympians Association at 305-446-6440 or visit www.woa.org. For information concerning the fundraiser at the Biltmore Hotel, call 305-445-8066, ext. 2090.