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Heading: From Successful Games to Lasting Legacy: The 2012 Olympics  
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The Union Believes:

1. The contribution that Universities will make to the London 2012 Olympics will be vast.
2. That university accommodation can be used to house groups ranging from security guards through to journalists and tourists. Accommodation built especially for the event could be used as halls of residence by universities afterwards.
3. Volunteers from Universities are well positioned to make a large contribution through their student and staff bodies, especially in relation to technically skilled tasks.
4. London Olympics would need roughly 100 venues for training purposes, and HEIs can contribute by offering the use of their sports facilities. Universities can also seek involvement through offering the use of specialist sporting (e.g. therapy and rehabilitation rooms) and technical facilities. Again, HEIs can provide a long-term use for amenities built specifically for the event.
5. Hosting an event that will draw people from almost 200 countries poses significant challenges in terms of translation and interpretation. HE departments or units with language skills are therefore in a position to make a significant contribution in this important area.
6. HEIs can develop courses and modules that relate to the Olympics. Universities can also contribute to the education and skills legacy of an event, by using the potential for planning agreements to develop new teaching facilities and lifelong learning initiatives.
7. *That for the Beijing 2008 Games over 50% of volunteers are from the Further and Higher Education Sectors.*

Conference Further Believes:

1. For these reasons the Olympic Games Organising committee should invest heavily in the Higher Education sector in preparation for the games.
2. That all Higher Education institutions have a significant role to play and contribution to make, not just the so-called elite institutions with more money to spend on facilities.
3. The more universities that are involved, the more enjoyable and successful it will be for NUS' membership.
4. *The 2012 Paralympics Games offers a huge opportunity to raise the profile of disability sport and to act as a catalyst for its development across the country.*

Union Resolves:

1. NUS to lobby the Olympic Games Organising Committee to consider seriously the contribution that ALL institutions can make to the Olympics and allocate funding in respective of this.

2. NUS to engage heavily with organisation PODIUM 2012 – the body with responsibility to communicate and work with Higher and Further education institutions with regards to the Olympic Games.
3. NUS to encourage CM's to approach their institution about opportunities to stage events and possible volunteering opportunities.
4. *To work with LOCOG and Podium to maximise the role played by students and Student Unions' in building for the 2012 Games.*