

Address of the FIVB President

To the General Assembly of NORCECA

Dear Mr. Cristobal Marte Hoffiz President of NORCECA
Dear Colleagues, attending this 2005 NORCECA Congress.
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the FIVB Executive Committee and myself, I am very honoured to address this message with my most sincere greetings to the delegates attending this General Assembly of the North Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Federations affiliated to FIVB in R. Dominicana, the land of sky, sun and sand.

I am very proud of NORCECA achievements of the last years under the Presidency of my friend Mr. Marte Hoffiz who is not only a driving force of the NORCECA Volleyball family but also of the world family making a great contribution to our unity, strengthening and consolidating the success of Volleyball institutions, officials and players.

We have witnessed how the National Federations of your Confederation have overcome geographical, economical and political obstacles to make possible the holding of a series of successful Continental Rounds leading to the 2006 World Championship. I must pay homage to those countries that have been successful actors of the World Championships Continental Rounds and whose efforts will be rewarded with a commemorative Diploma celebrating their performance.

This time five women's teams and four men's teams succeeded in their bid for a place in the 2006 World Championships final Round in Japan. All these teams are the living proof of the successful efforts made by National Federations in this part of the world under the wise and dynamic leadership of Mr. Cristobal Marte.

I wish all the Federations here present or represented that all your dreams come true in a short time and that this General Assembly constitute a Congress full of decisions leading toward new achievements in the world of Volleyball.

I hope to see you all in our World Congress in October 2006 in Tokyo

Dr Rubén Acosta Hernandez FIVB President