

EDITORIAL

Some societies work according to business shapes public life. Other societies work according to State intervention is seen everywhere life. As yet, in no society are human collective history; in no society does enough weight to effectively mod-system. But there are societies in ations play an important part. To enough simply to define the type of has to take a close look at the civil society, where we find that the life of these societies is not controlled either by the state or by the economic structure.



to the logic of financial interests. Big and also tends to shape private life. the logic of state administration. and also tends to condition private beings really at the heart of their col-participation in democracy carry erate the power of the established which human beings and associ-understand these societies, it is not state or its economic model. One

The Catalans, like other Mediterranean peoples, belong to a society which can only be understood through a first-hand experience of its civil organization. For centuries, the Catalans' great achievement has lain in their ability to develop without a state organization of their own and even to resist a state which has often taken aggressive measures against their culture and identity. Although there is some debate amongst Catalans as to the advantages of rebuilding their own state structures, all agree that the energy and creativity that characterize them have their origins in the civil society. Antonio Marzal's article explains the Catalan people's conviction.

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years, Joan Antoni Samaranch has
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the International Olympic Committee,
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one of his fondest dreams. In today's
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problems of justice and freedom.



formation of fraternal links over and above ideological, religious, racial, political and social boundaries. It then becomes an act of international peace and understanding.

We at UNESCO cannot forget that sport is an essential component of a good overall education. In Catalonia, we are initiating a cultural mobilization to support the athletic mobilization which will be expressed during the 1992 Games. The various administrative authorities believe that sport and culture do effectively reinforce each other. Samaranch's ideas and experiences will help us to turn the world of sport against aggression, in favour of peace, against ignorance, in favour of understanding, against alienation, in favour of responsibility.

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al olympic movement. For many
been a representative figure of the
sport. For Samaranch, president of
the choice of his home town, Barcelo-
Olympic Games was the realization of
world, sport is at once a source of
because sporting events can be ma-
the public's attention from the real
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