



## INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC TRUCE CENTRE

**Salutation of Mr. George Papandreou, Vice – President of the International Olympic Truce Centre, former Prime Minister of Greece, to the “Any Bell. Anyone. Anywhere.” event (27/07/2012)**

### **Supporters of Truce, Supporters of Peace!**

It is a great honor for us all that you have gathered here today!

Congratulations to London Festival organizers for this wonderful event!

We celebrate today the Opening of the 30<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games!  
Together we celebrate the ancient Olympic ideals!  
We celebrate Peace!

Your commitment is proof that the Olympic Truce values can and will inspire people!  
These are the values of peace, tolerance, friendship and international understanding.  
These values underpin and give hope for a Culture of Peace in our countries and communities worldwide!

Today we call on all to respect the message of the Olympic Truce.  
Our minds and hearts go out to all suffering in conflicts, and in particular to the people of Syria, where hundreds of innocent citizens are dying in civil war. We call on all sides to respect the ecumenical tradition of the Olympic spirit.

Ring the bells and call out for peace.

Ring the bells loud so they may be heard!

Ring the bells for Olympic Truce!

Thank you!