

**Mister Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**We have just lowered the flag of the twelfth Island Games.**

**The Municipality of Rhodes and the rest of the Municipalities of the island, are satisfied because you gave us the opportunity to be part of an association with a short but successful past, and at the same time with a bright future.**

**By being a member of this association we have gained important benefits and have learned a lot.**

**For the first time, Rhodes has undertaken to fulfill such a mission without having previous experience and without the necessary means.**

**We responded eagerly to this challenge and we tried to meet the confidence that you have shown in us.**

**We also tried to be up to the mark of rodian history  
and to the expectations of our fellow citizens.**

**We always try for the best, and every effort has to be  
Continued .**

**For one thing I am sure. The twelfth Nat West Island Games  
will remain with fondness in the hearts and mints of the  
Rhodian people, as I hope in yours.**

**The Rhodian people has welcomed with pleasure the Island  
Games and each one of you.**

**They attended the events with great interest and they were  
pleased to have the opportunity of being part of an  
association that includes sports as well as culture.**

**Dear Chairman,**

**After the curtain of the twelfth Nat West Island Games has come down, Rhodes will always be at your disposal.**

**I believe the Island Games can be further developed in order to be even more useful for our society.**

**I announce today the proposal of the Municipality of Rhodes to create space also for competition for the handicapped, like at the Olympic Games.**

**Rhodes is ready to contribute to this effort.**

**Dear friends ,**

**In closing, I ask you to convey to the follow citizens of your islands the true affection and sincere feelings of the Rhodian people.**

**Please accept our heartfelt thanks .**