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– Coventry, England**

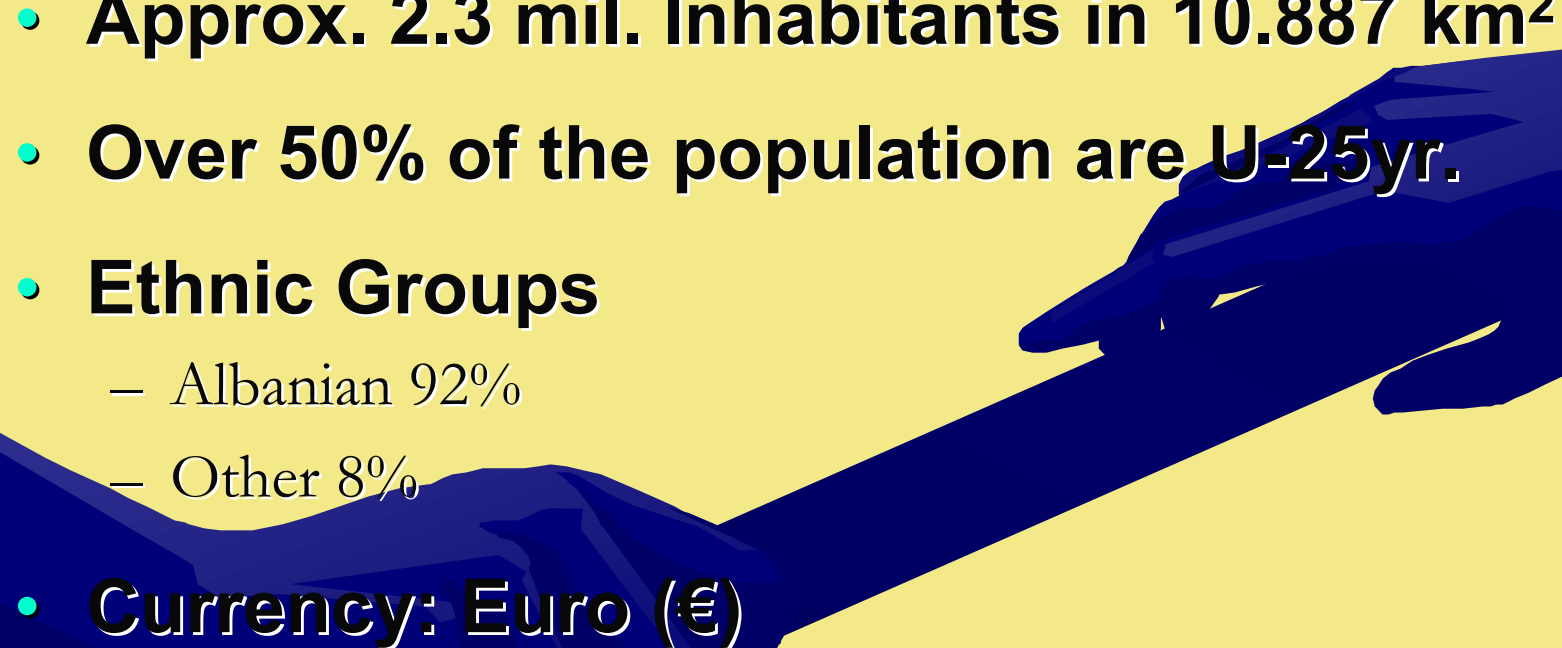
Kosova, the final hurdle of sports identity

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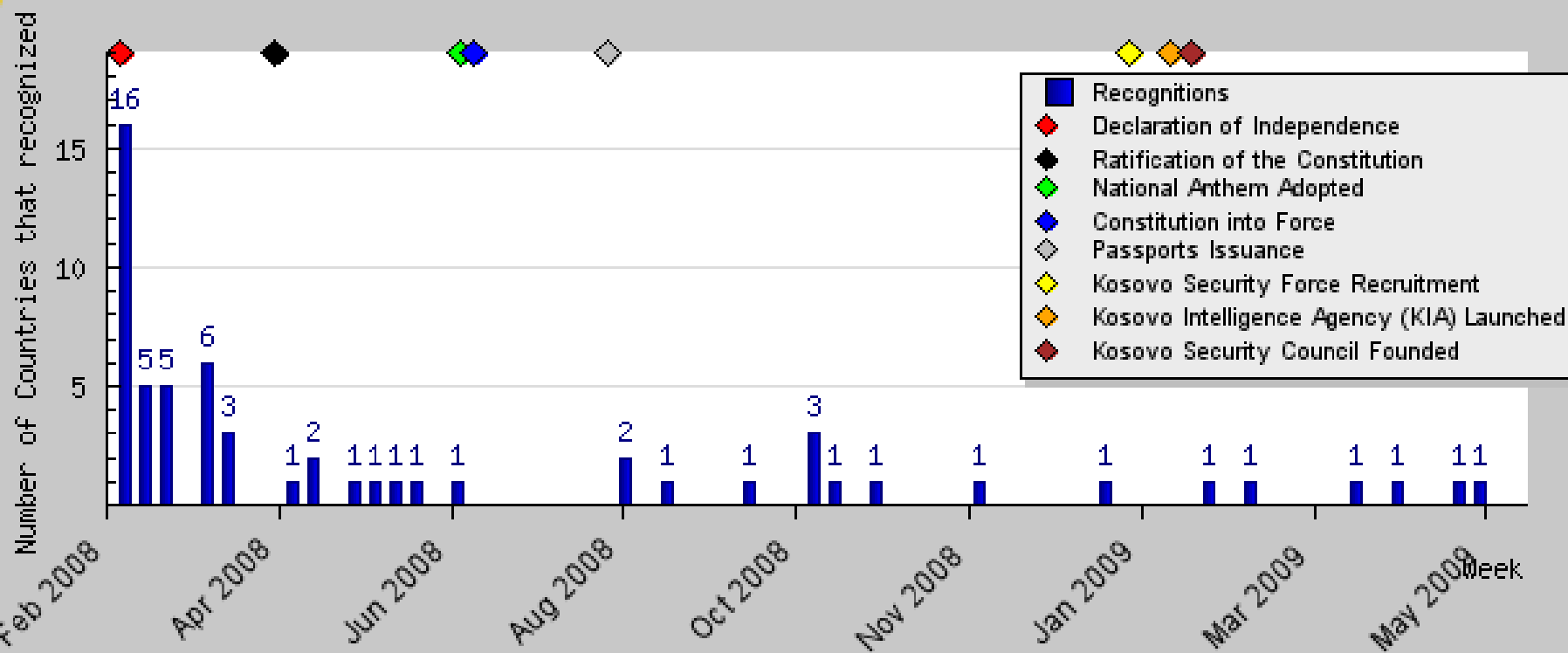


General Info

- **Kosova is a small country**
 - **Approx. 2.3 mil. Inhabitants in 10.887 km²**
 - **Over 50% of the population are U-25yr.**
 - **Ethnic Groups**
 - Albanian 92%
 - Other 8%
 - **Currency: Euro (€)**
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Kosova - Building State Institutions Timeline (Countries/Week)



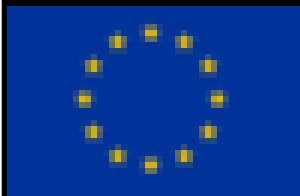
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**Independent State since
February 17th, 2008**

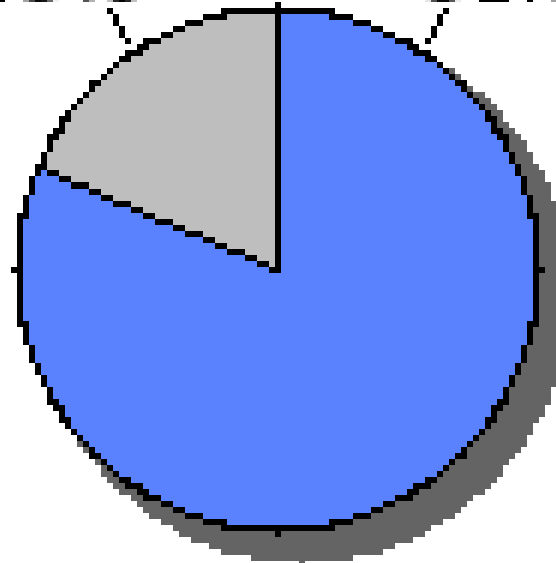
**To date, 60 countries
recognized Kosova**





European Union (EU)
Recognized by 22 out of 27 (81.5%) members

18.5% 81.5%



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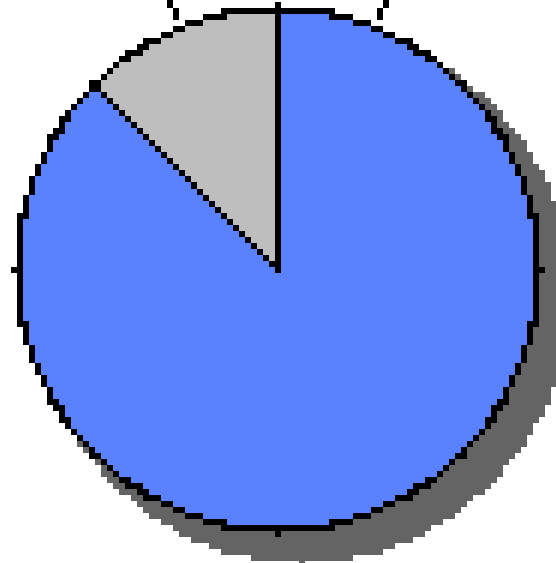


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Recognized by 7 out of 8 (87.5%) members

12.5%

87.5%

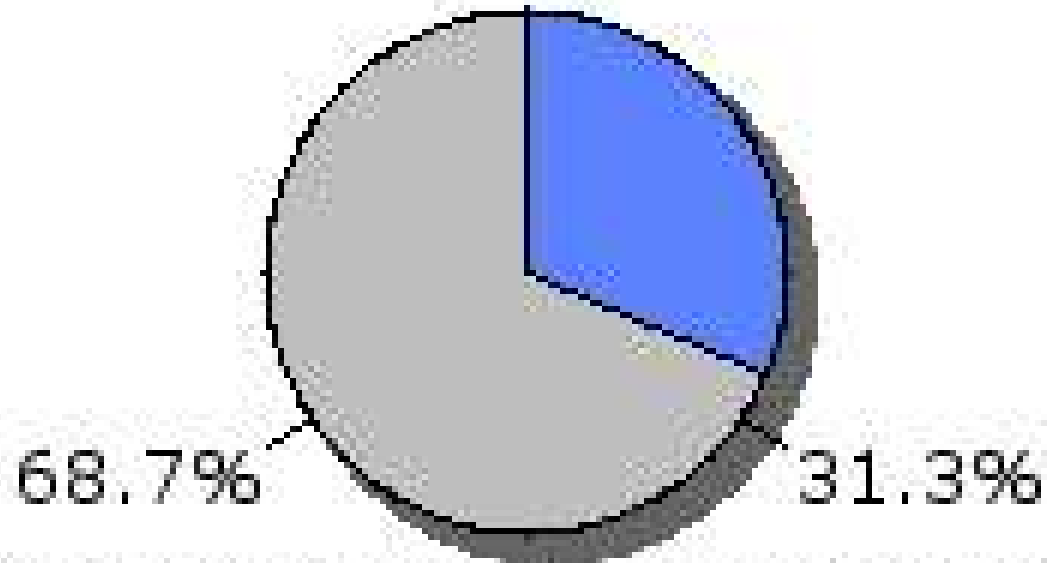


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United Nations (UN)
Recognized by 60 out of 192 (31.3%) members

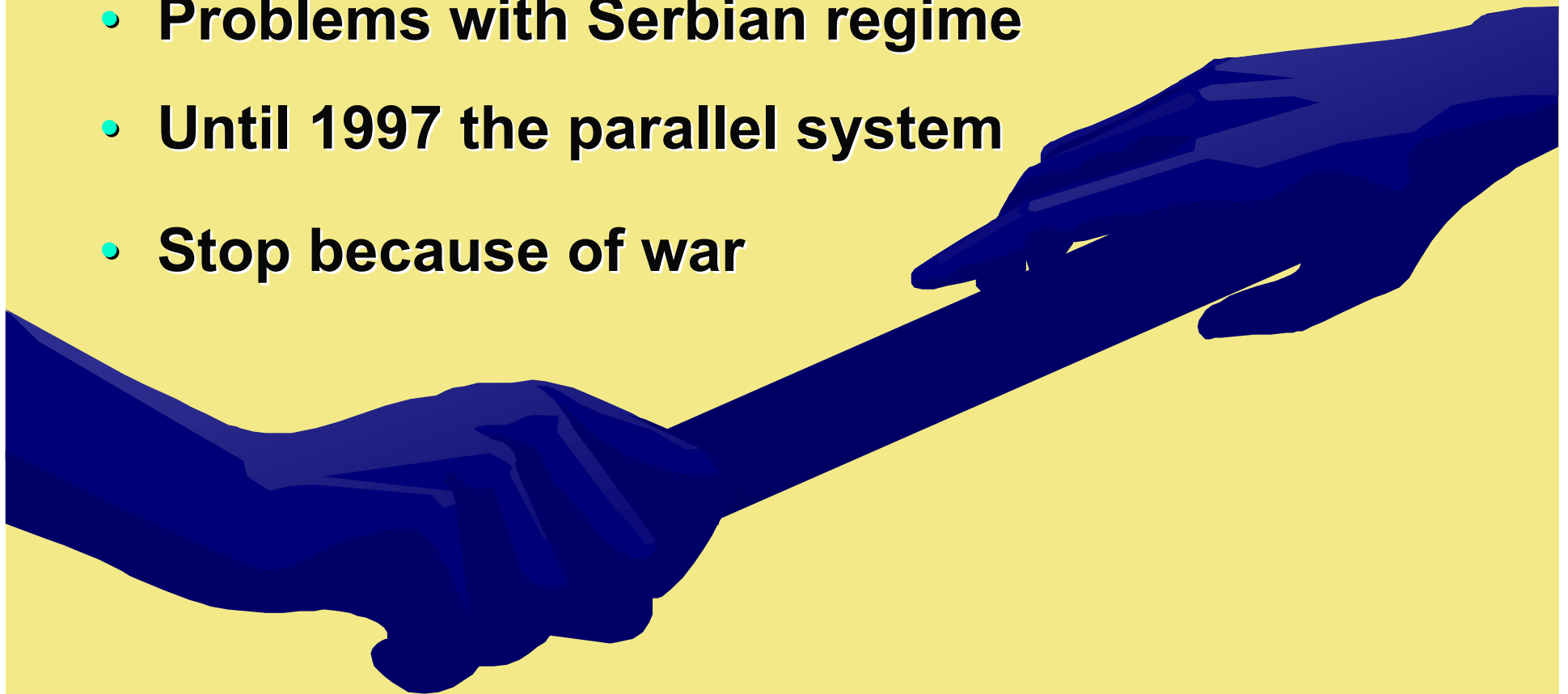


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From 1991-1997

- From 1991 the independent sport
- Problems with Serbian regime
- Until 1997 the parallel system
- Stop because of war



After the war

From beginning

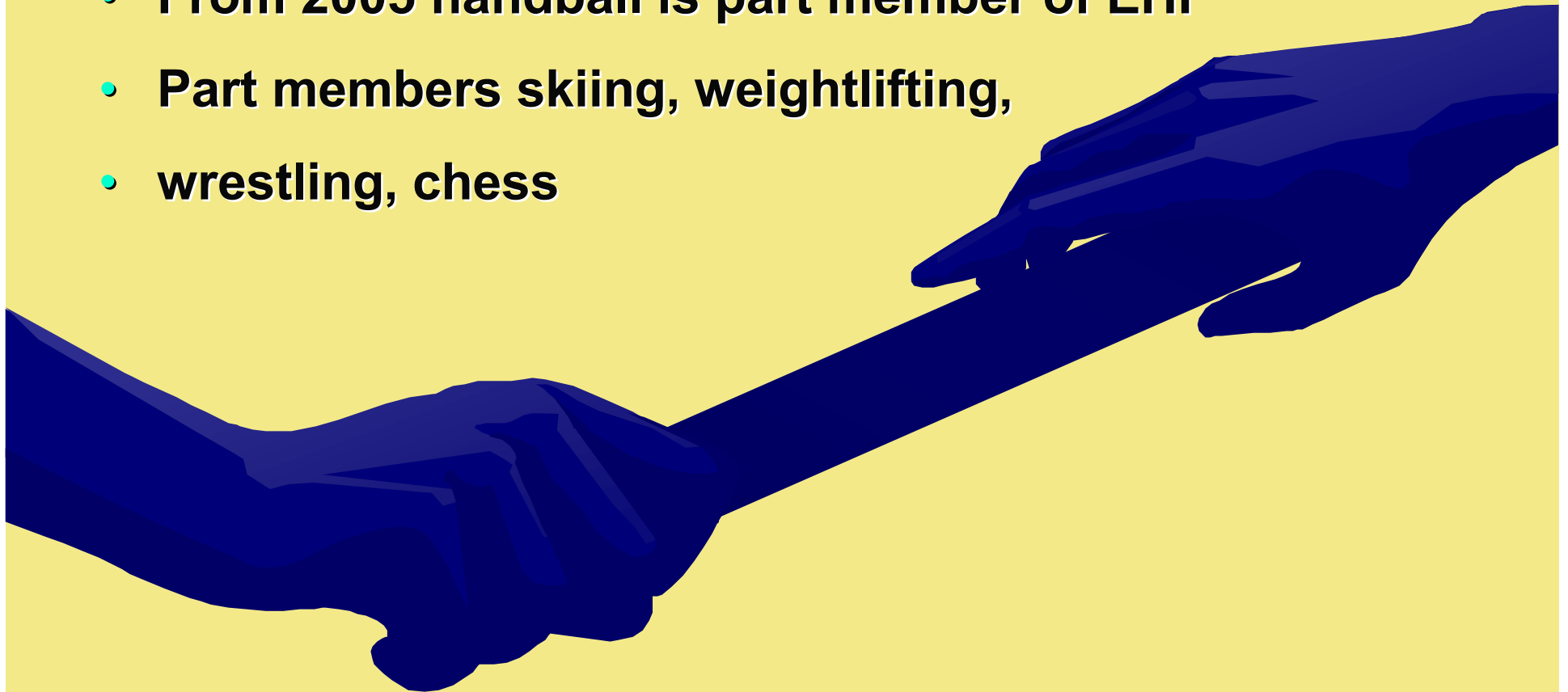
**Sports infrastructure, Federations,
KOC and Ministry**

Sport ghetto



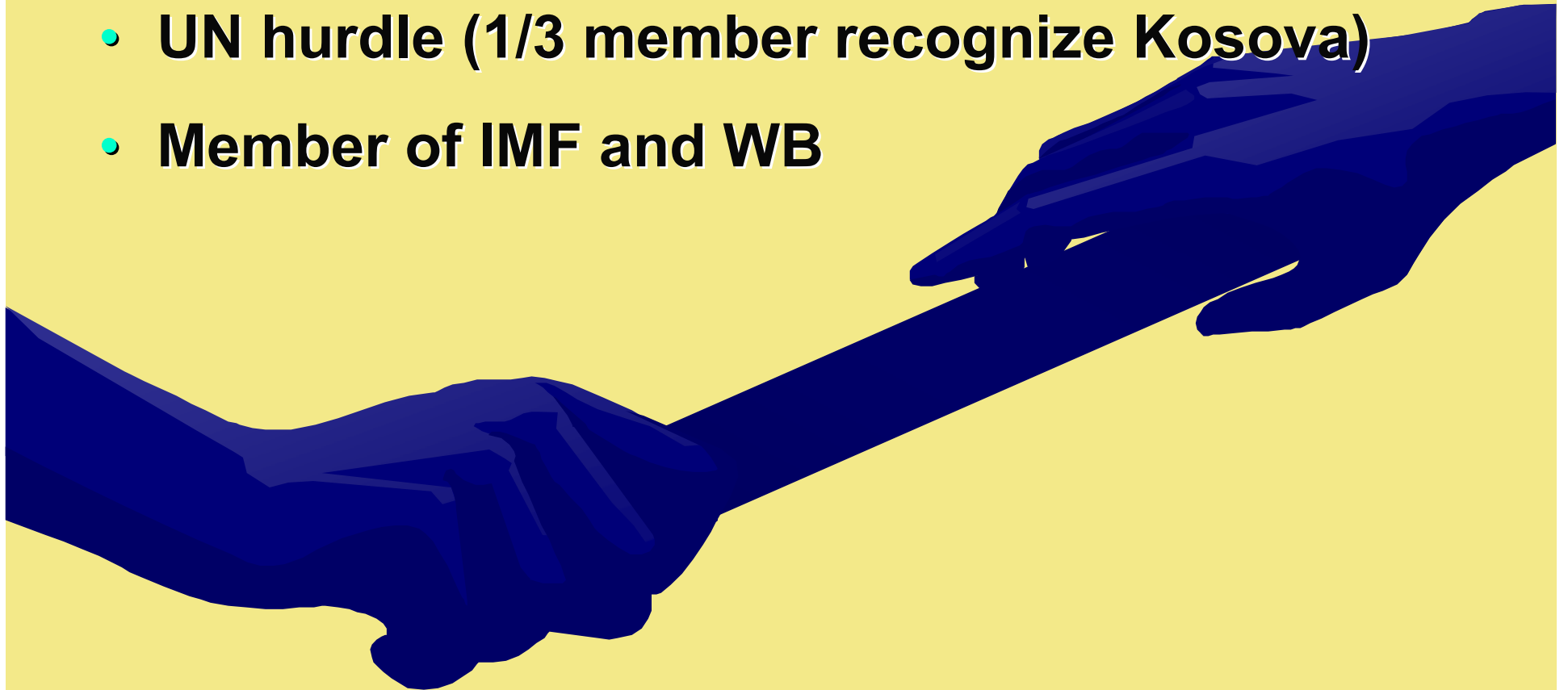
Table tennis and handball

- Since 2004 table tennis is full member of ITTF
- From 2005 handball is part member of EHF
- Part members skiing, weightlifting,
- wrestling, chess



Kosovar identity

- **International sport still don't recognize kosovar identity**
- **UN hurdle (1/3 member recognize Kosova)**
- **Member of IMF and WB**



Still waiting

- **Why Kosova sport identity is engaged with politics**
- **East Timor = Sydney 2000**
- **Talents for London Olympics**

