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**DELTA AIR LINES TO DELIVER
OLYMPIC FLAME
FROM ATHENS TO LOS ANGELES**

ATLANTA, APRIL 8, 1996 -- Delta Air Lines today unveiled "The Centennial Spirit," a new, brilliantly-painted MD-11 jet that will transport the Olympic Flame from Athens, Greece to Los Angeles, California later this month. The aircraft was presented to the public where it was manufactured at Douglas Aircraft Company, Long Beach, California.

The new MD-11, specially painted for the historic flight in a spectacular Olympic design, features enormous vibrant red, blue, magenta and orange stars against a blue background on its 57-foot vertical stabilizer and engine.

"Delta is honored to have the privilege of delivering the world's most profound symbol of peace to the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games," said Ronald W. Allen, Delta chairman, president and CEO. The Olympic Flame will be carried by Delta in a safety lantern mounted in the main cabin for the 14-hour (almost 7,000 miles) flight from Athens to Los Angeles.

"We look forward to welcoming the Flame to our hometown on July 19 when it completes its 15,000-mile journey across the United States," said Allen. He added that Delta professionals from across the country will be among the 10,000 Torchbearers in the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay presented by Coca-Cola.

"The Centennial Spirit," one of more than 540 aircraft flown by Delta, is the second of two Delta aircraft to be named and receive Olympic colors.

Delta Air Lines carries more passengers worldwide than any other airline. With the Delta Connection carriers and Delta's Worldwide Partners, the airline operates more than 4,900 flights each day to over 300 cities in 32 countries. Delta is the official airline of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games and is the official sponsor of the Irish, Greek, Czech Republic and British Olympic teams.

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