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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

### **Written statement\* submitted by the Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## **Sports for Peace Promotion**

Although, in situations sport has been disparted from its constructive role in the marginalized society and has become a means of enrichment and ravenous capitalists and businesses, but in the opposite side, the Sport has always been the powerful means for providing unity and solidarity among people and with no doubt, nothing like sport can make humans closer together by shifting their emotions together, regardless of the mentality, customs, race and culture.

Providing a situation for sport competition and communication among athletes from different countries and races has always provided a step to bring convergence and correlation among human society and to avoid racial and ethnic violence and conflicts.

The spirit of the sport with an emphasis on heroic ethics and chivalry can be a way to make affection, friendship and strengthen the spirit of unity among human society so that the athletes ‘regardless of cultural and ethnical differences, and beyond any race, color or religious beliefs ‘presents the worthy model of peace, reconciliation and integration by attending at sport fields with chivalry and full of culture of friendship and kindness.

In this regard, Imam Ali's Popular Student Relief Society, has implemented the overall sport league for children settled in marginalized and impoverished areas, called Persian League. Children are rescued form addiction, labor, poverty and etc.

The Persian league providing a scene for showing integration , convergence, peace and friendship among different ethnicities and cultures, has present a worthy and unique model of peace to today's world of adults full of schism and tension by creating sport teams for children in different ethnics who practice together amicably and sincerely.

Hundreds of suffering children from disadvantaged districts of Iran Persian League gather each year with moral and technical treats. Athlete children dedicate the event to all children around world affected by the war and violence.

Sport in its significant social role can be a powerful means for spreading moral and human values and so by teaching these concepts relying on altruism and humanism culture, the sport structures in the world, should strive for social stability, reconciliation and dialogue between communities.

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