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Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

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78/325. United Nations Games

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [58/5](#) of 3 November 2003 and [59/10](#) of 27 October 2004, its decision to proclaim 2005 the International Year for Sport and Physical Education to strengthen sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace, and its resolutions [60/1](#) of 16 September 2005, [60/9](#) of 3 November 2005, [61/10](#) of 3 November 2006, [62/271](#) of 23 July 2008, [63/135](#) of 11 December 2008, [65/4](#) of 18 October 2010, [67/17](#) of 28 November 2012, [69/6](#) of 31 October 2014, [71/160](#) of 16 December 2016, [73/24](#) of 3 December 2018, [75/18](#) of 1 December 2020 and [77/27](#) of 1 December 2022,

Recognizing that sports, the arts and physical activity have the power to change perceptions, prejudices and behaviours, as well as to inspire people, break down racial and political barriers, combat discrimination and defuse conflict as reflected in the political declaration adopted at the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit in 2018,¹

Recognizing also the valuable contribution of sport in promoting education, sustainable development, peace, cooperation, solidarity, fairness, social inclusion and health at the local, regional and international levels, and noting that, as declared in the 2005 World Summit Outcome,² sports can contribute to an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding among peoples and nations,

Recognizing further that sport, including sport for persons with disabilities and persons living with rare diseases, has an important role to play in the promotion of peace and development, physical and mental health, gender equality, the

¹ Resolution [73/1](#).

² Resolution [60/1](#).



empowerment of women and girls, respect for human rights, and the fight against racism and racial discrimination,

Recognizing the importance of international, continental and regional sport events, such as the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, the Special Olympics World Games, the Deaflympics, the World Indigenous Games, the European Games, the Games of La Francophonie, the Pan American Games and the Parapan American Games, the All-Africa Games, the Asian Games, the Pacific Games, the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, the World Nomad Games, the Commonwealth Games and the World University Games, for promoting education, health, development, peace and solidarity among nations,

Welcoming the designation of 6 April as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace,

Acknowledging the success of the inaugural United Nations New York-based Missions Games (United Nations Games), held in New York from 11 April to 8 May 2024 at the initiative of Turkmenistan within the framework of the General Assembly Sustainability Week, and devoted to the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace,

Welcoming the positive impact of the United Nations Games on fostering camaraderie, collaboration and dialogue among the staff of the permanent missions accredited to the United Nations and the Secretariat of the United Nations,

1. *Commends* the efforts and contribution of Australia, El Salvador, India, Kazakhstan, Qatar and Turkmenistan in organizing the inaugural United Nations Games;

2. *Recognizes* the potential of the United Nations Games to serve as a sports diplomacy platform for cultivating sport culture and promoting sport as a tool for development and peace;

3. *Calls for* the convening of the United Nations Games annually, in venues accessible to representatives of all Member States of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly, and of the Second United Nations Games in New York in April 2025, and encourages all delegations to support the organization of these Games, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat;

4. *Invites* the five regional groups to nominate their candidates, one from each regional group, for the organizing committee of the Second United Nations Games in a timely fashion, so that they can participate in the first meeting of the committee on an informal basis in New York in January 2025;

5. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders to make voluntary contributions to a trust fund dedicated to the United Nations Games and to provide other forms of support for their observance;

6. *Stresses* that the costs of all the activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met through voluntary contributions to the trust fund of the United Nations Games, including from the private sector;

7. *Requests* the organizing committee of the Second United Nations Games, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, to collect feedback from all Member States of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly on the inaugural United Nations Games in the form of an informal summary to incorporate lessons learned into the planning of future Games;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders.

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