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Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 7 October 2025

60/24. A world of sports free from racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and other relevant international instruments,

Recalling also its resolution 54/25 of 12 October 2023 and other relevant resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly,

Acknowledging that, in paragraph 218 of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance urged States, in cooperation with intergovernmental organizations, the International Olympic Committee and international and regional sports federations, to intensify the fight against racism in sport by, among other things, educating the youth of the world through sport practised without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires human understanding, tolerance, fair play and solidarity,

Acknowledging also that the Durban Review Conference, in paragraph 128 of its outcome document, urged all international sporting bodies to promote, through their national, regional and international federations, a world of sports free from racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Recalling the United Nations Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech, of 2019, as part of the efforts to address and counter the alarming trend of rising hate speech around the world,

Recognizing the potential of sport as a universal language that contributes to education on the values of respect, dignity, diversity, equality, tolerance and fairness and as a means to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and to promote social inclusion for all, and acknowledging the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, in particular principle 4, which states that every individual must have access to the



practice of sport, without discrimination of any kind in respect of internationally recognized human rights within the remit of the Olympic Movement, and principle 6, which states that the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in the Charter should be secured for all, without discrimination of any kind,

Stressing the importance of combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as discrimination based on religion or belief, in all circumstances, including in sports,

Recognizing that sporting events can be used to promote awareness, understanding and the application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to promote human rights and to strengthen universal respect for them, thus contributing to their full realization,

Recognizing also the very important role of the media in the promotion and popularization of sport and in raising public awareness of the positive role that they may play when reporting on how sport can translate into respect for human rights and promote social cohesion, equality and acceptance of diversity and the values of sport, including integrity, teamwork, excellence, respect, tolerance, fair play and friendship,

Recalling that, in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, sport is recognized as an important enabler of sustainable development, in particular for its growing contribution to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and girls, youth and persons with disabilities, as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives,

Welcoming the contribution of the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Group of Friends of Sport for Development and Peace to combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in sports,

Expressing deep concern at recurring incidents of racism and discrimination in sports and at sporting events, and in this context encouraging sports governing bodies to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including by pursuing anti-racism initiatives and by developing and applying disciplinary codes that impose sanctions for these acts,

Noting with concern that women and girls face multiple and aggravated forms of discrimination and gender-based violence in sport, and therefore recognizing the imperative need to engage women and girls in the practice of sport for development and peace, and in this regard welcoming activities that aim to foster and encourage such initiatives at the global level,

Noting with appreciation the initiatives taken by the United Nations system, as well as national, regional and international sports federations and organizations, to promote development and peace through sport and physical education, and in this respect acknowledging the importance of the work of grass-roots organizations,

1. *Reaffirms* the shared commitment to a world of sports free from racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as from discrimination based on religion or belief, and calls upon all States to take all necessary measures to that end;

2. *Reiterates* the importance of combating impunity and enhancing accountability for racially motivated crimes in sport and of combating and addressing acts of incitement to discrimination, hatred, hostility or violence at all phases of sporting events, and the need to intensify efforts at all levels, including policies, legislation, programmes and campaigns at the local and global levels;

3. *Welcomes* the holding of two regional consultations pursuant to Council resolution 54/25, in Brussels in March 2025 and in Mexico City in May 2025, as well as the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,¹ providing a summary of measures taken by States, sports associations and federations and other stakeholders in the

¹ A/HRC/60/69.

fight against racism in sports, and takes note with appreciation of the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

4. *Urges* States to take all appropriate measures, in accordance with domestic legislation and international obligations, to prevent, combat and address resolutely and effectively all manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the context of sporting events, and to ensure that racially motivated acts are sanctioned appropriately;

5. *Also urges* States, in partnership with national, regional and international sports federations and organizations, including grass-roots organizations, to develop and finance awareness-raising campaigns for preventing and combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in sport, and to address the significant underrepresentation of persons belonging to racial or ethnic groups, both in participation in sport and in governance structures within the sports ecosystem;

6. *Invites* States to consider including in their national reports, to be submitted to the Human Rights Council under the universal periodic review mechanism, information on measures to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in sports and to promote sports as a tool to combat all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

7. *Encourages* States to share experience and best practices in fighting all forms of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in sport and in promoting integration and intercultural dialogue in and through sport, and adopt zero-tolerance policies for racism and other forms of discrimination in the conduct of sports or in sports policies, from grass-roots to elite levels;

8. *Requests* the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to continue its discussions on sports and racism and to build on previous recommendations;

9. *Invites* host countries of major sporting events, including the biggest and most impactful mega events, in cooperation with the High Commissioner, relevant parts of the United Nations, the International Olympic Committee, the International Federation of Association Football and other relevant international sporting bodies to seize the opportunity offered by major sports events to develop concrete measures to prevent racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including through campaigns aimed at sensitizing a wide public on the eradication of these scourges;

10. *Invites* sports governing bodies and other relevant actors to consider allocating some of the resources generated from profitable sporting events to promote the inclusion and participation of persons who are excluded from sport, in particular due to racial discrimination;

11. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to support national efforts aimed at the development of guidance and tools, national action plans, policies and programmes and to raise awareness and strengthen capacity among States, national human rights institutions, media outlets, regulatory bodies, sports actors, athletes, and civil society and other actors to prevent and respond to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in sports;

12. *Invites* States and sports actors to promote human rights education across all sectors of society, with a particular focus on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, targeting a wide range of stakeholders, including school children and individuals engaged in both formal and informal sports settings;

13. *Encourages* States and sports actors to dedicate appropriate attention and resources to promoting accountability and supporting the effective implementation of relevant legislative, education and policy measures;

14. *Requests* the High Commissioner to prepare and submit to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-sixth session a report on progress made towards addressing the specific issues highlighted in, and the broader implementation of, the present resolution.

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[Adopted without a vote.]
