United Nations A/76/L.13

General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
24 November 2021

Original: English

Seventy-sixth session
Agenda item 12
Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 74/16 of 9 December 2019, in which it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session the sub-item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal", and recalling also its prior decision to consider the sub-item every two years, in advance of the Summer and Winter Olympic Games,

Recalling also its resolution 48/11 of 25 October 1993, which, inter alia, revived the ancient Greek tradition of *ekecheiria* ("Olympic Truce") calling for a truce during the Olympic Games to encourage a peaceful environment and ensure safe passage, access and participation for athletes and relevant persons at the Games, thereby mobilizing the youth of the world to the cause of peace,

Please recycle

Recalling further that the core concept of *ekecheiria*, historically, has been the cessation of hostilities from seven days before until seven days after the Olympic Games, which, according to the legendary oracle of Delphi, was to replace the cycle of conflict with a friendly athletic competition every four years,

Recognizing 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,[1] sports can contribute to an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding among peoples and nations,

Recognizing also the role that sports can play to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, and its contributions to building resilience against radicalization to violence and terrorist recruitment,

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

Recalling the inclusion in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[2] of an appeal for the observance of the Olympic Truce now and in the future and for support for the International Olympic Committee in its efforts to promote peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic ideal,

Recalling also that, in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[3] 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 of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives,

Acknowledging the valuable contribution that the appeal launched by the International Olympic Committee on 21 July 1992 for an Olympic Truce could make towards advancing the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 75/18 of 1 December 2020 on sport as an enabler of sustainable development, in which it called upon future hosts of the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games and other Member States to include sport, as appropriate, in conflict prevention activities and to ensure the effective implementation of the Olympic Truce during the Games,

Noting that the XXIV Olympic Winter Games will be held from 4 to 20 February 2022 and that the XIII Paralympic Winter Games will be held from 4 to 13 March 2022, in Beijing,

Noting also that the vision of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, “Joyful rendezvous upon pure ice and snow uniting the passion of hundreds of millions for winter sports”, is to inspire youth with the Olympic spirit, encourage millions to embrace winter sports, promote social progress and create a harmonious, peaceful and better world,

Expressing the expectation that the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 will be a meaningful opportunity to harness the power of sport to advance the world by fostering an atmosphere of peace, development, resilience, tolerance and understanding, and welcoming all the delegations of National Olympic and Paralympic Committees to participate in the Games,

[1] Resolution 60/1.
[2] Resolution 55/2.
[3] Resolution 70/1.

Recalling that Beijing 2022 is the third of three consecutive Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in Asia, following Pyeongchang 2018 and Tokyo 2020, thereby enhancing trilateral partnership in sports and beyond,

Recognizing that Beijing 2022 aims to ensure the delivery of Olympic Games that are green, inclusive, open and clean, thereby contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals,

Recognizing also the imperative need to engage women and girls in the practice of sport for development and peace, and welcoming activities that aim to foster and encourage initiatives in this regard at the global level,

Recalling article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[4] which outlines the right of the child to engage in play and recreational activities, and the outcome document of the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children, entitled "A world fit for children",[5] which stresses the promotion of physical, mental and emotional health through play and sports,

Welcoming the significant impetus that the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games and the Youth Olympic Games give to the volunteer movement around the world, acknowledging the contributions of volunteers to the success of the Games, and in this regard calling upon host countries to promote social inclusion without discrimination of any kind,

Noting the successful conclusion of the XXXII Olympiad and the XVI Paralympic Games, held in Tokyo from 23 July to 8 August and from 24 August and 5 September 2021, respectively, and welcoming the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad and the XVII Paralympic Games, to be held in Paris from 26 July to 11 August and from 28 August to 8 September 2024, respectively, and the XXV Olympic Winter Games and the XIV Paralympic Winter Games, to be held in Milano Cortina, Italy, from 6 to 22 February and from 6 to 15 March 2026, respectively,

Acknowledging the joint endeavours of the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee and relevant United Nations entities in such fields as the promotion of human rights, human development, poverty alleviation, humanitarian assistance, health promotion, HIV and AIDS prevention, child and youth education, gender equality, peacebuilding and sustainable development,

Acknowledging also the importance of the Youth Olympic Games in inspiring youth through integrated sports and cultural and educational experiences, noting in this regard the successful conclusion of the third Youth Olympic Winter Games, held in Lausanne, Switzerland, from 9 to 22 January 2020, and welcoming the fourth Winter Youth Olympic Games, to be held in Gangwon, Republic of Korea, in 2024 and the Summer Youth Olympic Games to be held in Dakar in 2026,

Recognizing the role that the Paralympic Movement plays in showcasing the achievements of athletes with disabilities to a global audience and in acting as a primary vehicle to promote positive perceptions and greater inclusion of persons with disabilities in sport and society,

Recognizing also the important role of supporters working alongside persons with disabilities to organize and develop disability-specific sports,

Recognizing further that the active involvement of persons with disabilities in sports and the Paralympic Games contributes to the full and equal realization of their human rights, as well as respect for their inherent dignity, recalling articles 1 and 30

[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

[5] Resolution S-27/2, annex.

of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[6] in which States parties recognized the right of persons with disabilities, including those with long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments, to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life, with a view to enabling persons with disabilities to participate on an equal basis with others in recreational, leisure and sporting activities, and noting in this regard the need for appropriate instruction, training and resources alongside accessibility of venues, and welcoming plans to stage integrated and inclusive Games,

Welcoming the commitment made by various States Members of the United Nations and other relevant stakeholders to developing national and international programmes that promote peace and conflict resolution, the Olympic and Paralympic values and the Olympic Truce ideals through sport and through culture, education, sustainable development and wider public engagement, and acknowledging the contribution of former hosts of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in this regard,

Recognizing the humanitarian opportunities presented by the Olympic Truce and by other initiatives supported by the United Nations to achieve the cessation of conflict,

Recalling that, in its resolution 75/18, it supported the independence and autonomy of sport as well as the mission of the International Olympic Committee in leading the Olympic Movement and of the International Paralympic Committee in leading the Paralympic Movement, and recognized the unifying and conciliative nature of Olympic Games and major international sport events and that such events are organized in the spirit of peace, mutual understanding, friendship, tolerance and inadmissibility of discrimination of any kind,

Recognizing the role of sport as a tool in building global resilience to address the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) impacts and the need to include sport and physical activity in recovery plans at the national level,

Recognizing also that the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected all aspects of life, including professional, amateur and grass-roots sports, as well as the management of sporting events and mass gatherings, and that the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 will therefore be an opportunity to show the value of unity, resilience and international cooperation in overcoming the pandemic,

Acknowledging the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, including principle 6, which states that the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in the Olympic Charter shall be secured for all, without discrimination of any kind,

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations flag will be flown at the Olympic stadium and in the Olympic and Paralympic villages of the XXIV Olympic Winter Games and the XIII Paralympic Winter Games,

1. *Urges* Member States to observe the Olympic Truce individually and collectively, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, throughout the period from the seventh day before the start of the XXIV Olympic Winter Games until the seventh day following the end of the XIII Paralympic Winter Games, to be held in Beijing in 2022, in particular, to ensure the safe passage, access and participation of athletes, officials and all other accredited persons taking part in the Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Winter Games, and to contribute through other appropriate measures to the safe organization of the Games;

2. *Underlines* the importance of cooperation among Member States to collectively implement the values of the Olympic Truce around the world, and

[6] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

emphasizes the important role of the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee and the United Nations in this regard;

3. *Welcomes* the work of the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee, as well as the International Olympic Truce Centre, in mobilizing national and international sports federations and organizations, National Olympic and Paralympic Committees and associations of these organizations to take concrete actions at the local, national, regional and international levels to promote and strengthen a culture of peace based on the spirit of the Olympic Truce, and invites those organizations and national committees to cooperate and share information and best practices, as appropriate;

4. *Also welcomes* the leadership of Olympic and Paralympic athletes in promoting peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic ideal;

5. *Calls upon* all Member States to cooperate with the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee in their efforts to use sport as a tool to promote peace, dialogue and reconciliation in areas of conflict during and beyond the period of the Olympic and Paralympic Games;

6. *Recognizes* that sport and the Olympic and Paralympic Games can be used to promote human rights and strengthen universal respect for such rights, thus contributing to their full realization;

7. *Welcomes* the cooperation among Member States, the United Nations and the specialized agencies, funds and programmes, and the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee, to maximize the potential of sport to make a meaningful and sustainable contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encourages the Olympic and Paralympic Movements to work closely with national and international sports organizations on the use of sport to this end;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly to promote the observance of the Olympic Truce among Member States and support for human development initiatives through sport and to continue to cooperate effectively with the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee and the sporting community in general in the realization of those objectives;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-eighth session the sub-item entitled “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal” of the item entitled “Sport for development and peace” and to consider the sub-item before the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad and the XVII Paralympic Games, to be held in Paris in 2024.