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Agenda item 11

Sport for development and peace**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 25 August 2023***[without reference to a Main Committee (A/77/L.95)]***77/324. World Basketball Day***The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution [77/27](#) of 1 December 2022, in which it reaffirmed that sport is an important enabler of sustainable development, and recognized the growing contribution of sport 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 and of young people, individuals and communities, and persons with disabilities, as well as to physical and mental health, education and social inclusion objectives,

Recalling also its resolutions on sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace, in particular resolution [58/5](#) of 3 November 2003, in which it proclaimed 2005 the International Year for Sport and Physical Education, and resolutions [59/10](#) of 27 October 2004, [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 and [75/18](#) of 1 December 2020,

Recalling further its resolution [67/296](#) of 23 August 2013, in which it proclaimed 6 April the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, and General Assembly resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

Recognizing that major international sport events should be organized in the spirit of peace, mutual understanding, international cooperation, friendship and tolerance, and without discrimination, and that the unifying and conciliative nature of such events should be respected,



Recognizing also 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 further that sport events, including sport for persons with disabilities, can provide a platform for community health messaging and empowerment, engaging a diverse range of people who might otherwise not be reached through conventional health delivery,

Noting that sport, including sport for persons with disabilities, has an important role to play in promoting peace, development and respect for human rights,

Noting also that sport is a potential tool for raising public awareness of climate change through high-profile events, athletes and teams,

Encouraging Member States involved in delivering mega sport events to respect applicable laws and international principles, including the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework,² as well as the fundamental values of Olympism and the International Olympic Movement and other international sport governing organizations,

Recalling that the goal of establishing international days is to create special time and space everywhere around the world to educate the general public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity, and recognizing the global impact of designated international days as springboards for awareness-raising actions,

Acknowledging the global presence of basketball and its impact in and across global spheres of commerce, peace and diplomacy, and that basketball creates a unique space of cooperation, physical movement and an interdependence that allows participants to see each other as human beings first and foremost,

1. *Emphasizes* that sport, including sport for persons with disabilities, has an important role to play in the promotion of peace and development, respect for human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, in particular basketball, given its universal popularity;

2. *Commends* Indonesia, Japan and the Philippines for hosting the International Basketball Federation Basketball World Cup 2023, and encourages the relevant authorities to exert every effort to ensure that the Basketball World Cup 2023 will leave a lasting legacy for peace and development around the world;

3. *Encourages* all Member States to support sport, including sport for persons with disabilities, and its use as a tool to promote peace and development, including through the continued contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals³ and dialogue among civilizations;

4. *Encourages* all relevant stakeholders to emphasize and advance the use of sport as a vehicle to foster sustainable development and, inter alia, strengthen education, including physical education, for children and young persons, including persons with disabilities, prevent disease, including non-communicable diseases, and drug abuse, promote physical and mental health, realize gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, realize the empowerment of young people, foster

¹ Resolution 73/1.

² A/HRC/17/31, annex.

³ See resolution 70/1.

inclusion and well-being, promote healthy and active ageing, help to ensure the participation of everyone without discrimination of any kind, promote tolerance, mutual understanding and respect and facilitate social inclusion, conflict prevention and peacebuilding;

5. *Encourages* Member States to adopt best practices and means to promote the practice of sport and physical activities among all members of society, and in this regard welcomes initiatives to adopt dedicated education, health, youth and sport days, including specialized sport days, at the national and local levels, as a means to promote physical and mental health and well-being and cultivate a sport culture in society;

6. *Decides* to proclaim 21 December as World Basketball Day;

7. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, other international and regional organizations, the private sector and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders to observe World Basketball Day in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities, and to disseminate the advantages of basketball for all, including through educational and public awareness-raising activities;

8. *Encourages* everyone everywhere to play, watch, read, discuss or otherwise connect to the game, which will be a connection to each other everywhere;

9. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions;

10. *Notes* that World Basketball Day follows one day after, and furthers the spirit of, International Human Solidarity Day;

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

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25 August 2023*