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Agenda item 11
Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful
and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

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Seychelles, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Türkiye, United States of America, Uzbekistan,
Viet Nam and Zambia:* draft resolution

World Fair Play Day

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming
our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a
comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative
Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for
the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating
poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest
global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its
commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions –
economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to
building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking
to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of
20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social
Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries,

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,

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Recalling also its resolution 78/10 of 21 November 2023 on building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal, and all its previous resolutions on this matter,

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,

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 that the spirit of fair play is deeply rooted in the Olympic ideal,

Welcoming the work carried out by the International Fair Play Committee, and noting its aim to preserve and promote respect for the spirit of fair play and the values it represents in elite sport and in sport for all, as well as in daily life, in particular the observance of rules, respect for the opponent and combating violence and doping,

1. Decides to proclaim 19 May as World Fair Play Day;

2. Invites all Member States, the United Nations system and, in particular, the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, relevant international organizations and international, regional and national sports organizations, civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, and all other relevant stakeholders to cooperate, observe and raise awareness of World Fair Play Day to promote the practice of sport with a spirit of friendship, solidarity, tolerance and inclusion and without discrimination;

3. Commends countries that have hosted and will host significant international sporting events, and encourages them to ensure that these events leave a lasting legacy for global peace, sportsmanship and fair play;

4. Stresses that sport, including sport for persons with disabilities, has an important role to play in the promotion of peace and development, community cohesion, respect for human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, given its universal popularity;

5. Reaffirms 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;

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

7. 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.

¹ Resolution 73/1.