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

## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 1 July 2024

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/78/L.85](#))]

### 78/310. 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,

*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](#),

*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,<sup>1</sup>

*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.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution [73/1](#).