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

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76/259. 2022 International Federation of Association Football World Cup in Qatar

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [75/18](#) of 1 December 2020, 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 as well as to physical and mental health, education and social inclusion objectives,

Taking note of the revised International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport, as proclaimed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its thirty-eighth session, in November 2015,¹ as well as the Declaration of Berlin and the Kazan Action Plan adopted at the fifth and sixth International Conferences of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport, held, respectively, in Berlin in May 2013 and in Kazan, Russian Federation, in July 2017,

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

¹ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Thirty-eighth Session, Paris, 3–18 November 2015*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, sect. IV, resolution 43.



Recognizing also that sport events 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 has an important role to play in promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing the valuable contribution of sport in promoting education, sustainable development, peace, gender equality, 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,² sports can contribute to an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding among peoples and nations,

Recalling article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,³ which recognizes 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”,⁴ which stresses the promotion of physical, mental and emotional health through play and sports,

Acknowledging the use of mass sports events to promote and support sport for development and peace initiatives,

Noting 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,⁵

1. *Emphasizes* that sport 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 football, given its universal popularity;

2. *Welcomes* the unique dimension of the 2022 International Federation of Association Football World Cup in Qatar, which marks the first time that the World Cup will be held in the Middle East;

3. *Also welcomes* Qatar for the hosting of the 2022 World Cup;

4. *Encourages* all Member States to support sport and its use as a tool to promote peace and development, including through the continued contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals⁶ and dialogue among civilizations;

5. *Supports* the launch of “Healthy 2022 World Cup – Creating Legacy for Sport and Health”, a multi-year collaboration among the International Federation of Association Football, the World Health Organization and Qatar, which aims to make the 2022 World Cup a beacon for the promotion of healthy lives, physical and mental health and psychosocial well-being;

6. *Encourages* the relevant authorities to exert every effort to ensure that the 2022 World Cup will leave a lasting legacy for peace and development in the Middle East;

² Resolution [60/1](#).

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

⁴ Resolution [S-27/2](#), annex.

⁵ [A/HRC/17/31](#), annex.

⁶ See resolution [70/1](#).

7. *Also encourages* the relevant authorities to ensure a sustainable legacy for the hosting communities, in particular with regard to financial cost, environmental and social impact, and post-event use of the infrastructure, as well as participation and engagement in sport and physical activity.

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