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About us

The United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace

The United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP), based in Geneva and supported by a Liaison Office in New York, is the entry point to the United Nations system with regard to the use of sport as a tool in the pursuit of development cooperation, humanitarian aid and peace-building efforts. The mandate of the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-

General on Sport for Development and Peace was established in 2001 by Kofi Annan, who was Secretary-General at that time and who appointed the former Swiss President Adolf Ogi to the position. In April 2008, the current Special Adviser, Wilfried Lemke, was appointed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as Adolf Ogi's successor.

UNOSDP assists the Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) in the fulfillment of his mandate as an:

ADVOCATE: leading and coordinating the efforts of the United Nations system to promote the understanding and support amongst UN Member States and sport as a tool to attain the Sustainable Development Goals in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, with a special focus on sport's contribution to poverty alleviation, universal education, gender equality, prevention of HIV and AIDS and other diseases, environmental sustainability, as well as peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

FACILITATOR: encouraging dialogue, collaboration and partnerships around Sport for Development and Peace between the United Nations and Member States, international sports organizations, civil society, the private sector and the media.

REPRESENTATIVE: representing the Secretary-General and the United Nations system at important global sporting events and other strategically important forums.

On the policy level, UNOSDP supports governments and other stakeholders in the adoption of Sport for Development and Peace policies, and observes and facilitates sport-related policy developments in connection with global frameworks, notably the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 2015 developments in the policy arena included the hosting of the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group (SDP IWG) Secretariat by UNOSDP until December 2015, and UNOSDP's contributions to international frameworks and resources such as the revised International Charter for Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport and the study Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal and strengthen universal respect for them.

On the grassroots level, UNOSDP created

the Youth Leadership Programme (YLP), with several camps a year around the world. The camps bring together youth aged 18-25 involved in sport for development projects to receive training on the best practices in the field of sport for development and peace from leading organizations working in this sector. The youth return home with an action plan to enhance and improve the outreach of their projects; becoming role models within their communities and inspiring change using the power of sport. The role of the YLP is to spearhead the UN efforts in contributing to the reinforcement and advancement of the 'Sport for Development and Peace' movement, by providing relevant actors with the support they need to further mobilize resources and properly engage in this field. In order to effectively implement its mandate, UNOSDP actively engages with an extensive network of stakeholders, including governments, UN system entities, civil society organizations, sport federations, academia, private companies and the media.

The Special Adviser and UNOSDP fully rely on voluntary contributions for fulfilling their mandate. In the year 2015 the following made a financial contribution to the Trust Fund for the operations of UNOSDP: Government of Germany; Government of the Russian Federation; Government of the Republic of Korea, International Olympic Committee and Korean Air. The Special Adviser is very grateful for these contributions.

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Message from the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, **Mr. Wilfried Lemke**

Dear friends,

2015 was a year of historic milestones. It was a year which saw the 15-year quest to achieve the Millennium Development Goals conclude and embark upon a new era of global development, launched with the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals. Sport has consistently proven to be a cost-effective and flexible tool in promoting peace and development in recent years and has uniquely played a vital role in tackling each of the eight goals. The General Assembly has therefore acknowledged the contribution of sport in numerous resolutions.

I am proud to have witnessed significant policy changes in Sport for Development and Peace which has assisted further consolidation in this field, providing policymakers and practitioners with strengthened frameworks for sustainable advancements. Main policy developments in this context included the adoption and recognition of sport's role as an important enabler of sustainable development in the unprecedented 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Olympic Truce Resolution for the 2016 Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace in April. Also my office, the UNOSDP, concluded eight years of secretariat service to the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group (SDP IWG) at the end of the year.

The UNOSDP Youth Leadership Programme (YLP) entered into its fourth year and expanded to an extra continent in 2015 (South America). In total six Youth Leadership Camps (YLC) were held in 2015, making it the most successful thus far. The office continued to recruit participants from all over the world: with over 500 alum-

ni from more than 70 different countries, the YLP continues to create a multiplier effect with a wider outreach to disadvantaged communities.

In 2015, we continued efforts to promote sport as an efficient tool for peaceful dialogue and to initiate positive social change. Sporting events are not just competitions; they are platforms for social interaction and the promotion of many ideals such as respect, fair play, integrity, and solidarity. We have been developing several peace projects in the Korean Peninsula in line with significant sport events such as the Gwangju Univerade 2015 and Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games 2018. This cooperation has resulted in the establishment of a number of youth-oriented programs and provided a solid platform for inter-Korean and international exchange. I am also particularly proud of the Table Tennis for NepALL project which is a great example of collaboration between the Republic of Korea and the International Table Tennis Federation. It demonstrates how sport can be used to facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities in a Nepalese society that is still suffering the recent earthquake.

Finally, I would like to extend special thanks to the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, for the support of my activities, my Office, and of the Sport for Development and Peace field in general. I thank all our partners for their donations, support and day to day collaboration. I hope that this report provides an interesting insight of my mandates and the undertakings of UNOSDP. I encourage you to join us in the field of Sport for Development and Peace to make the world more sustainable, safer and healthier with the help of sport.



General Assembly appeals for the observance of the Olympic Truce, 2010 © UN Photo/Paulo Filgueiras

Chapter One

Driving Policy Change

2015 witnessed significant policy developments in Sport for Development and Peace which contributed to further consolidation in this field and to strengthen frameworks for continuing advancements towards development and peace goals through sport. Along with key partners and stakeholders, UNOSDP drove and tracked those changes in its core role of bringing the worlds of sport and development closer

together.

Main policy developments in this context included the recognition of the role of sport as an important enabler of sustainable development in the unprecedented Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, the Olympic Truce Resolution, and the work of the Group of Friends and the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group.

UN Policy Frameworks on Sport

General Assembly Resolutions

Resolution A/RES/70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, was not only a global milestone for all dimensions of development and spheres of society, but also in particular for the field of Sport for Development and Peace. The adoption of this Agenda during the Plenary Session of the 70th UN General Assembly established the goals that will drive policies and actions towards the achievement of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) over the next 15 years. Particularly, this universal policy framework recognizes the power of sport as an enabler of sustainable development and its growing contribution to the realization of development and peace. Tolerance, respect, empowerment of women, youth and communities, health, education and social inclusion are the benefits of sport highlighted in the resolution. The Agenda, with its call for action towards the achievement of the 17 SDGs, establishes a common roadmap for organizations and individuals devoted to development and peace, including those using sport as the facilitating mainstream tool.

UNOSDP closely followed negotiations concerning the inclusion of sport in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, where Member States in the Group of Friends for Sport for Development and Peace in New York played a crucial role. During the Sustainable Development Summit 2015 where the Agenda was approved, Monaco, Qatar and the International Olympic Committee referred to sport as an important tool for development and peace.

Following this successful inclusion of sport in the most universal and ambitious development agenda ever, UNOSDP calls upon organizations and individuals in the field of Sport for Development and Peace to contribute to its implementation.

In the run-up to the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Resolution A/RES/ 70/4 “Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal”(annex 1) was adopted by consensus by the UN General Assembly in October 2015 and Member States. The resolution called upon Member States, organizations, and individuals to observe and implement the truce over the period of the Games, for its successful celebration free from conflicts. UNOSDP provided assistance and expert advice to Member States during consultations, drafting and submission of the Resolutions.

3rd Plenary Session of the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group (SPD IWG), 2012 © UNOSDP





Human Rights Council studies and statements

In support of the Human Rights Council's Advisory Committee study Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal and strengthen universal respect for them, UNOSDP participated in the drafting and review process of this report.

Main contributions by the office included references to the role the Special Adviser and the Youth Leadership Programme as an example of best practice in the field of Sport for Development and Peace. The study was presented at the 29th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council in September 2015.

In that same session, relevant statements concerning sport were also presented to the Human Rights Council by UN Member States. China led the Joint Statement on human rights and sport, sponsored by 129 countries, whilst Germany led the cross regional statement on mega events and sport, sponsored by 30 countries.

Following the request by the Human Rights Council to the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health of a study on "Sport and healthy lifestyles as contributing factors to the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health", UNOSDP also supported this work.

During consultations with Member States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international and regional organizations and civil society, UNOSDP provided inputs to consultations in this context. The study is to be presented at the 32nd session of the Human Rights Council in June 2016.

UNESCO's International Charter

2015 was also a milestone year for one of the key international policy frameworks in the sport context, UNESCO's International Charter for Physical Education and Sport, which was revised and adopted in November 2015 by UNESCO's General Conference as the International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport. As part of the Permanent Consultative Council of the Intergovernmental Committee of Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), whose Secretariat is hosted by UNESCO, UNOSDP was involved in the review of the original Charter (adopted in 1978), participating in dedicated meetings and providing inputs on SDP.

The revised Charter takes a wider perspective, with the inclusion of physical activity as one of the three areas, alongside physical education and sport, for human development. It also introduces new elements such as Sport for Development and Peace initiatives, the gender perspective, persons with disabilities, and the integration of physical education, physical activity and sport. The revised Charter urges everyone, especially governments and international organizations, to commit to its implementation with a view of applying its principles.

UN Secretary-General's Report on Sport for Development and Peace

After the publication of the latest SG report in 2014, ongoing developments in the Sport for Development and Peace field over 2015 and 2016 will be reported in the next Secretary-General's report on Sport for Development and Peace (SDP), which is to be presented to the UN General Assembly at its 71st session. As reflected in other sections of this report, UNOSDP is continuously witnessing achievements by policymakers and practitioners towards development and peace objectives through sport, and will be proudly supporting the Secretary-General's biannual reporting exercise of these advancements as the author office for the report.

The Groups of Friends of Sport for Development and Peace

The Group of Friends in New York

The New York based Group of Friends of Sport for Development and Peace (GoF), established in 2005, composed by 48 Member States and co-chaired by Monaco and Tunisia, continued its contributions to sport related policy developments throughout 2015.

The Group played a crucial role in the post-2015 process, particularly regarding negotiations for the inclusion of sport as an enabler of sustainable development in the 2030 Agenda. This milestone in SDP owes a significant part of the unanimous approval of the Agenda 2030 with a standalone paragraph on sport to the GoF in New York. The adoption of the Olympic Truce Resolution A/RES/70/4 was another major achievement of the year which relied on significant contributions from the Group

to the drafting of the resolution, as well as its adoption and co-sponsorship by 180 Members States.

The Special Adviser and his Office supported developments in this context, including personal meetings with the Group during his missions to New York. Two of those encounters took place in 2015, on the occasion of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace in April and at the margins of the General Assembly session where the Olympic Truce Resolution was adopted in October. The Special Adviser reported his and UNOSDP's recent activities, addressed policy developments, and shared possibilities of further collaboration in the SDP field. Joint efforts concerning sport and the SDGs will remain as one of the main focuses in the UNOSDP-GoF cooperation.

The Group of Friends in Geneva

The Geneva GoF was established in December 2012 as an informal platform of representatives mainly from UN Member States with the purpose of exchanging knowledge, policy developments and best practices on Sport for Development and Peace. The Group is co-chaired by the Permanent Representatives of the Costa Rica and Qatar and includes representatives from 30 UN Member States.

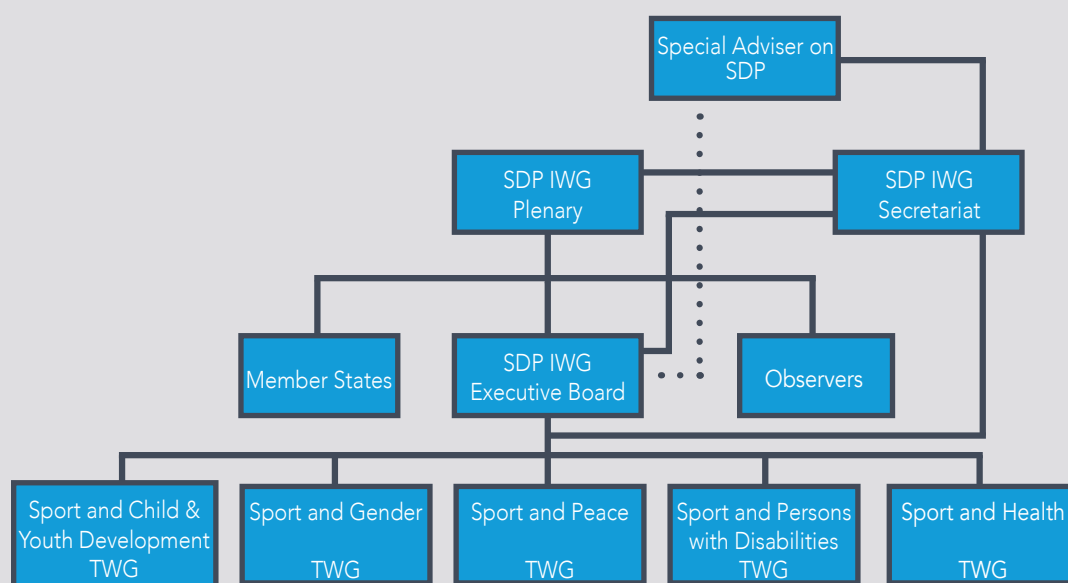
Over the year, both the Geneva and New York GoF supported the observance of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, which included high-level and interactive discussion on the theme "United Action Towards Sustainable Development for All Through Sport " in UN Headquarters in New York in April.

Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group

In 2015, the Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group (SDP IWG) continued its activity as a global platform for the promotion and support of SDP policy and programme developments by national governments. The group held a mission of harnessing the potential of sport to contribute to the achievement of development objectives, specifically the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). UNOSDP hosted the secretariat of

the SDP IWG, providing technical support and coordination to the different activities of the group.

Structurally, since its inception, the SDP IWG has been composed by an Executive Board (EB) of Member States, a Plenary Session of Member States and Observers, and Thematic Working Groups chaired by EB Members.



Organigram of the SDP IWG's structure

In 2015, the SDP IWG and its Executive Board was chaired by the Republic of South Africa, with Norway serving as co-chair of the Executive Board. The rest of the Executive Board was composed by Members such as Ghana, The People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom, who in turn chaired and

co-chaired Thematic Working Groups (TWGs). Sport and Child and Youth Development, Sport and Gender, Sport and Peace, Sport and Persons with Disabilities, and Sport and Health have been maintained as the five working groups through which the SDP IWG has articulated its activity, with the following countries chairing and co-chairing them:

Body	Positions
SDP IWG	Chair: South Africa
SDP IWG Executive Board	Chair: South Africa Vice-Chair: Norway
Sport and Child and Youth Development TWG	Chair: United Kingdom (UK) Vice-Chair: Ghana
Sport and Gender TWG	Chair: Norway
Sport and Peace TWG	Co-Chairs: Russian Federation and South Africa
Sport and Persons with Disabilities TWG	Co-Chairs: Republic of Korea and China
Sport and Health TWG	-

SDP IWG bodies and positions

In its role as Secretariat, UNOSDP shared regular updates on relevant policy developments with the SDP IWG, as well as invitations and information regarding SDP events. In *The Accra Call for Action*¹, the SDP IWG “recognized the need for the work of the SDP IWG to continue in the long-term within the UN system up to 2015 (MDGs)”. In line with that framework, UNOSDP hosted the SDP IWG Secretariat from 2008 until 2015.

One of the main priorities of the Group in 2015 concerned its future structure and activity. This was the focus of the Executive Board meeting that took place in the United Nations Office at Geneva in early August, with the participation of representatives from Norway, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

This EB meeting was an occasion for Thematic Working Groups to share their updates, among which developments of the Sport and Persons with Disabilities TWG were presented by the Republic of Korea, including the Table Tennis for NepALL project.

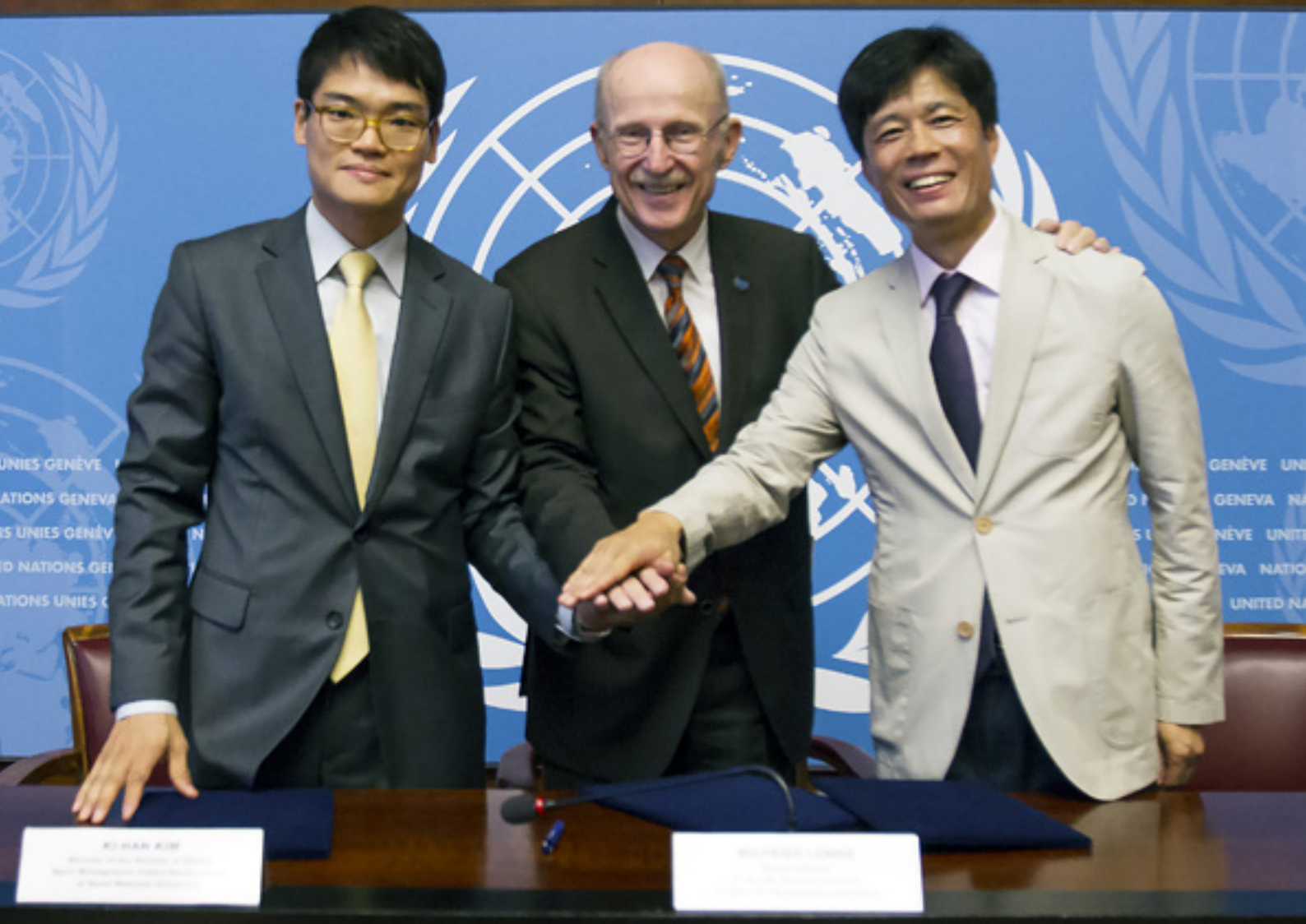
As part of the ongoing collaboration between the Republic of Korea and UNOSDP on the theme of sport and persons with disabilities, UNOSDP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea signed an agreement for joint support of policy and programme developments in this context over 2016. Likewise, the Russian Federation ratified its commitment for collaboration with UNOSDP with a financial contribution in support of developments in the field of Sport for Development and Peace in the year 2016.

¹ See un.org/sport, under Member States - Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group - Meetings (2007).

Look ahead

After the highly remarkable year that 2015 has been for the field of Sport for Development and Peace at the policy level, UNOSDP envisages significant potential for further developments in the era ahead. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development offers an unmissable opportunity for advocacy and policy change towards further advancements in development and peace

goals through the unique and powerful tool of sport. Global partnerships for policy and implementation in this context will be crucial for the successful accomplishment of sustainable developments in key areas towards which sport can significantly contribute to, such as education, health, gender equality, social inclusion, and peace.



Chapter Two

Building bridges

The Special Adviser and UNOSDP have continued to promote sport as an innovative and efficient tool in advancing the United Nations' goals, missions and values. Through advocacy, partnership facilitation, policy work, project support and diplomacy, UNOSDP strives to maximize the contribution of sport and physical activity to help create a safer, more secure, sustainable and equitable future.

Both programmatic and advocacy efforts were undertaken in cooperation and partnership with many different partners from the world of sport, such as national, regional and international sports federations, the private sport sector and member states.

Sport Diplomacy in the Korean Peninsula

The Special Adviser believes that sport is an efficient tool to promote dialogue and understanding in the Korean Peninsula. UNOSDP has developed several peace projects in the Korean Peninsula around mega sports events such as the Gwangju Universiade 2015.

The cooperation resulted in a number of youth-oriented projects and provided a solid platform for inter-Korean and international exchange. For three years in a row, the city of Gwangju hosted UNOSDP Youth Leadership Camps (YLC) and staged three editions of highly successful EPICS Forum, which have formed a significant part of the Universiade's legacy and outreach programme. In 2013, participants attended both the YLC and the Forum from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

With the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic Games approaching, these reconciliation and development efforts can be taken even further. In their future cooperation with PyeongChang, the Special Adviser and UNOSDP will be closely working together for promoting inter-Korean harmony through sports by hosting the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic

and Paralympic Games and operating UNOSDP Youth Leadership Programme Camps from 2016 to 2018. The Special Adviser and UNOSDP participated in the Dream Programme hosted by Gangwon Province, of which the main topic is the use a sport as an educational tool for development and peace. The Dream Programme is the main legacy outcome of the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games hosted by Gangwon Province. The aim of this programme is to introduce winter sports to youths who otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience snow and winter sports. Since 2004, more than a thousand youths, including those with disabilities from more than fifty countries have participated in this programme, which is usually organized for 10 days. The Special Adviser was invited to the Dream Programme as a main lecturer to share his experiences and knowledge on how to use sport for development and peace.

The Special Adviser and UNOSDP will continue to play a facilitation role between the two Koreas using upcoming sport events as tools to strengthen diplomatic ties.



Using Sport for Positive Change in Qatar

Sport serves as a very powerful tool to bring about positive social change. Sport events are not just competitions; they are platforms for social interaction and the promotion of many ideals such as respect, fair play, integrity, tolerance and solidarity. Major sport events allow host nations to display these values to the world and provide an opportunity for positive action.

As such, the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar can play an important role in generating public awareness of the power of sport and triggering positive social changes, not only in Qatar, but also extending to other countries in the region. The Special Adviser and UNOSDP have been communicating with the ILO, OHCHR, Qatari partners and FIFA to explore solutions to further improve rights of migrant workers in Qatar. On the leadership level, the Special Adviser met with the High Commissioner for Human Rights in July 2015, whereby it was agreed to propel coordinated efforts in bringing about positive

change with respect to the human rights situation in Qatar before the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

The Special Adviser encourages the Qatar 2022 Supreme Committee (SC) and Qatari Government officials to advance social progress and respect the human rights of migrant workers in line with the International Labour Organization's "Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work", as laid out in the relevant Conventions that Qatar has signed and/or ratified. He emphasizes that the rapid and gradual improvement of working conditions and the protection of migrant workers in Qatar spurred by the hosting of the World Cup provides a unique opportunity to showcase Qatar's progress and modernity.

Partnerships with Sport Actors

Partnership with CAMP BECKENBAUER

CAMP BECKENBAUER, invented and launched in 2013 by Marcus Höfl and Franz Beckenbauer, is hosted by Camp Beckenbauer Management GmbH. It is an "interbranch think tank" which offers a long-term platform for the development of new ideas for a successful future of sport, focusing on sustainability topics. Important elements of CAMP BECKENBAUER are the YOUNG LEADERS IN SPORTS summit, the international student idea competition franz. and - as annual highlight - the 3-day summit in Kitzbühel, Austria in autumn each year.

During this camp opinion-leaders and decision-makers in the fields of sport, business, politics and the media come together to discuss current and future challenges for sports and to develop strategic ideas and innovative approaches on the future of sport in an atmosphere detached

from day-to-day business operations.

UNOSDP and CAMP BECKENBAUER share the common vision to place a strong focus on the issues of youth development and education. Thus, both believe in the multiplier effect of this partnership.

As part of the agreement, CAMP BECKENBAUER intends to contribute to the curriculum of the UNOSDP Youth Leadership Programme by facilitating a one-day session for participants at a Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) in 2016. The workshop session will see CAMP BECKENBAUER experts teach the participants how to generate and promote visionary ideas, while showing them how these skills can be projected into Sport for Development and Peace initiatives and the issues faced in their communities back home.

In addition, CAMP BECKENBAUER will invite UNOSDP representatives to CAMP BECKENBAUER events to ensure the exchange of best Sport for Development practices.

Mr. Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace said:

“We are happy to add a strong partner to our network, who shares our vision placing a strong focus on the issues of youth development and education. I believe this agreement will lay a foundation for a long-term fruitful cooperation which will touch the lives of many young individuals around the world and inspire them to contribute to our effort of making the world a better place through sport.”

Partnership with Seoul National University (SNU) and the Korean Foundation for the Next Generation Sports Talent (NEST)

UNOSDP established a partnership with SNU and NEST, which targets Alumni of the UNOSDP Youth Leadership Programme. The flagship educational initiative of the Office is designed for young people working in grassroots sports projects in developing countries and participants will now get an opportunity to become full scholars of the Dream Together Master Programme in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and pursue a Master's degree in Sport Management. Run by the division of Global Sport Management Talent Development at Seoul

National University since 2013 and funded by NEST, the Dream Together Master Programme aspires to contribute to global development through sport by educating a generation of sport administrators and connecting them into a strong international network. Renowned experts of sport industry teach its two-year curriculum. It also features an impressive list of invited speakers, including the Special Adviser who joined the programme as a special lecturer in 2014 and 2015.

Mr. Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace said:

“We have seen with the example of the Youth Leadership Programme, how every investment made into youth and the development of their talent and skill pays off with tangible positive effects at the community level and beyond. Many of our alumni show great potential to one day become decision makers in the sport movement in their countries, and we are happy to offer them the necessary expertise and tools with the help of the Seoul National University and Korea Foundation for the Next Generation Sports Talent”.

Partnership with Inter Campus



Inter Futura has been running Inter Campus on behalf of Italian football club F.C. Internazionale Milano since 1997. With over 10,000 beneficiaries to date, this project aims to restore the right to play of underprivileged children around the world and to educate youth through the game of football.

The UNOSDP has been cooperating with Inter Campus since 2012, inviting its facilitators to share their expertise with talented youth from impoverished communities – participants of the Youth Leadership Programme (YLP). Football sessions organized by Inter Campus at the YLP camp in Berlin (Germany) in 2013 and the first ever Spanish-speaking camp in

Medellin (Colombia) in 2015 were a huge success and received a great feedback from the participants.

The agreement consolidates this collaboration and prepares the ground for future joint projects in the field of Sport for Development and Peace, with a special focus on children and youth empowerment. The cooperation will start with UNOSDP Youth Leadership Programme (YLP). Inter Campus will regularly be involved in at least one of the YLP camps organized by the UNOSDP every year and will be invited to nominate up to four candidates to participate in each camp, selecting them on the basis of personal competences and social commitment.

Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace:

“Inter Campus has been a valuable partner and we are excited to take our collaboration to a new level. The game of football, which is a common passion shared by people regardless of their social background, is a particularly effective tool in addressing many of the pressing issues our world faces today, and we are looking forward to making the best use of this tool together with Inter Campus to empower youth around the globe”.

Carlotta Moratti, President of Inter Futura:

“We are honoured to formalize our long lasting friendship between Inter Campus and UNOSDP. I remember the first visit of Mr. Lemke to our Campus in Angola: he had been positively impressed by our activity from the very beginning, and it was a pleasure for us to have him with our delegation”.

Online Presence and Social Media

UNOSDP continues expanding its global outreach and promoting the transformative power of sport through its various online platforms.

Over 2015, we have seen stable growth on audiences both on our Facebook and Twitter pages, which are now exceeding 12,000 and 6,000 followers respectively.

Both platforms provide a perfect stage for UNOSDP's interaction with SDP stakeholders and consolidation of the Office's links with other UN entities and NGOs. Along with the official website, they also continue acting as UNOSDP's primary channels for sharing information and building awareness about the office's and the Special Adviser's activities.

Flickr and Youtube also serve this purpose, hosting the Office's multi-media content. All images distributed through UNOSDP's photostream on Flickr can be used free of charge for editorial purposes.





Chapter Three

Taking Action

In 2015, the Special Adviser and UNOSDP continued to place strong focus on actively using the power of sport to bring people together and supporting sport for development and peace initiatives on the grassroots level.

The UNOSDP Youth Leadership Programme (YLP) entered into its fourth year since its successful emergence in 2012, and with the addition of South America, expanded to one more continent in 2015. In total six Youth Leadership Camps (YLC) were held throughout the year, making it the most prosperous thus far. The YLCs 13 to 18 took place in Berlin (Germany), Bradenton (USA), Gwangju (Republic of Korea), Medellín (Colombia), Stockholm (Sweden) and Tokyo (Japan). UNOSDP recruited participants from all over the world, with Europeans encouraged to apply for the first time. With over 500 alumni from more than 70 different countries and growing, the YLP continues to create a multiplier effect with a wider

outreach to disadvantaged communities. The YLP further enables UNOSDP to strengthen the network of Sport for Development and Peace grassroots organizations.

With the declaration of the 6th of April as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) at the UN General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/67/296) from 23 August 2013, the IDSDP was celebrated for the second time in 2015 all over the world by a diversity of actors involved in using the benefits of sport to connect people to a wide range of development and reconciliation efforts.

As part of its implementation-orientated approach, UNOSDP further continued to support non-governmental organizations through the extension of Messages of Support. The allocation of the remaining funds raised from the UEFA Monaco Charity Award and the Dubai "Sport for a Better World" Charity Dinner were put towards sport for development and peace projects

Youth Leadership Programme

The UN Special Adviser Mr Lemke in 2012 piloted an innovative programme that aimed at educating highly committed volunteer coaches in the field of sport for development and peace. The Youth Leadership Programme (YLP) is an international platform that brings together UN entities, non-governmental organizations and international sport federations demonstrating their respective sports and expertise as effective tools to address a variety of social issues. Each individual camp (YLC) aims to enhance the capacity and improve leadership skills of the participating leaders. On their return to their communities, the youth are encouraged to elevate the understanding of SDP and to achieve global development objectives through sport.



Following an impressive year of five camps, 2015 followed up with six locations including Colombia, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, Sweden, and the United States of America.

The year started in Gwangju, Republic of Korea (RoK), where for the third time, the Youth Leadership Camp operated as part of the legacy programme of the 2015 Gwangju Universiade. Participants continued to be recruited from Asia and the Oceanic and Pacific region. The UNOSDP is grateful to the organizing committee of the Universiade in having the opportunity to host the YLP in such a prominent sporting region of the RoK.

March 2015 saw the Japanese Programme being held in a new location in one of the areas affected by the 2011 Tsunami and Earthquake, Tohoku in the Miyagi Prefecture in Northern Japan. As our lead programme in promoting the use of sport as

a tool to rehabilitate communities destroyed by natural disasters, the YLC Japan brought together partners focused on uniting communities and creating community role models. Hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology, this second outing in Japan allowed the programme to strengthen this particular thematic topic.

The YLP made a return to Germany in April 2015, to the Olympic training facility Kienbaum, 50km East of Berlin. This setting allowed for an extremely productive camp, which included a High Level Dinner in the Berlin city centre, and inspirational facilitation at national partner Alba Berlin's facility. Funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, this camp was a shining example to all stakeholders on how sport can address a range of social issues across the world.

Also funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, the YLP was taken for the first time to the South American continent. The historic city of Medellin, Colombia was the location for the first ever Spanish-speaking programme. In continuing with the UN Special Adviser's the UNOSDP harnessed their partners' global reach in bringing together local coaches from a range of sports.

The 11-day programme allowed participants from all over South America to come together and share their experiences in using sport as a tool for development. The 17th camp was held in Bradenton, Florida at the IMG Academy in June. This YLP had a two track format, one programme for new participants to the YLP and an enhanced programme for YLP Alumni, which was developed by UNOSDP alongside hosts Global Action Initiatives. It was very exciting to have the opportunity to invite participants from previous camps to the IMG Academy,

and in total 52 participants were welcomed to Florida, the largest YLC so far.

With a real focus on the inclusivity of sport, the host partner devised a timetable that brought together the local and international community, providing a truly memorable experience and learning opportunity for both groups of participants.

Long-term partners, The Power of Sport Foundation, hosted the third Swedish YLP at the world-renowned Böson Training facility. With a change in focus, the Swedish based host looked to harness their partners strengths in promoting gender equality, specifically focused on methods to include young women in the sport and development field. With a focus on empowering youth from Africa and the Middle East, the 18th YLP welcomed 25 participants to the Swedish Training facility for 10 days, and will look to implement a similar programme in 2016.



The 2nd International Day on Sport for Development and Peace

In 2013, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 6 April as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, to celebrate the contribution of sports and physical activity to education, human development, healthy lifestyles and a peaceful world.



To celebrate the 2nd International day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP), the UNOSDP organized the high level event hosted at UN Headquarters in cooperation with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the International Olympic Committee.

The high level event which was entitled 'United Action Towards Sustainable Development for All Through Sport' celebrated and raised awareness on sport's role as a tool for social change and peace. It commemorated IDSDP by examining how sport has been utilized as a means to foster the development and well-being of persons and communities, such as children and youth, women and girls, and persons with disabilities through various local and global initiatives. It was an opportunity for a brief summation of the progress achieved thus far in line with the Millennium Development Goals and to cast light on sport's role and presence in the attainment of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

H.E. Mr. Sam Kutesa, President of the 69th Session of the General Assembly emphasized that sports can teach young children about teamwork, leadership, fair-play,

and resilience, stating that "sports have the power to unite people in a way that little else does."

Dr. Thomas Bach, President of International Olympic Committee, remarked that sport could play a greater role as a force for positive change around the world.

Also the high level event was joined by Sir Philip Craven, President of the International Paralympic Committee; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the UN, Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of Sport for Development and Peace; H.E. Mr. David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN, co-facilitator of the intergovernmental negotiations on the post 2015 development agenda; Ms. Angela Ruggiero, Olympic gold medalist, Member of the International Olympic Committee; Dr. Cheri Blauwet, Paralympic gold medalist, Chairperson of the Medical Committee of the International Paralympic Committee; Ms. Billie Jean King, Former no. 1 tennis player and advocate for gender equality; Ms. Asha Farrell, youth coach, A Ganar, Barbados, UNOSDP Youth Leadership Programme Alumni.

"Sport plays an important role in society. It encourages individuals to take on challenges, build strong relationships and strive with others towards shared goals. It can help keep kids in school, promote leadership skills and healthy lifestyles, and empower marginalized people."

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Funds and Grants Management

On 26 August 2010, UNOSDP was selected by the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) to receive the 2010 Monaco Charity Award. The funds from the award were given to projects around the world which mobilize the power of sport to achieve positive change in the field of development and peace-building. Through a competitive selection and evaluation process with established criteria, UEFA and UNOSDP jointly selected the projects that address at least one thematic issues within the realm of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) or one of the priorities of the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace. The projects have completed their fourth year with the notable outcomes of 2015 summarized below.

Young Football Volunteers

The rate of new cases of HIV infection in Ukraine is high with the majority of HIV positive people being under the age of 30 and with 25 % of those affected still in their teens. Ukraine is also undergoing a problem of youth exclusion, where there is little opportunity for young people to meaningfully participate in decision-making process at local level. Organized by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) in

Ukraine, "Young Football Volunteers" has responded to these issues and needs with primary focus on HIV/AIDS prevention using volunteering and sport to promote social cohesion, to strengthen civil society and to improve youth physical and social health. This project has successfully finished with the following main achievements:

- The comprehensive guidelines using football as a tool were developed, making them fit to the Ukrainian context, which had been actively used and distributed among teachers, instructors, coaches, school psychologists and social workers.
- Throughout the project 512 instructors, teachers and coaches; and 6,383 young people (3,670 males and 2,713 females) had been trained on "Fair Play" methodology, which exceeded the planned and expected numbers.
- UNV also offered diverse ways in which youth were engaged in this project through Volunteer Camps, Youth Forums and Football Tournaments, providing participants with practical experience to deepen their learning.

Improving girls' capacity to equally participate in sports and social activities of Tajikistan and promote equal rights

Tajikistan experiences gender inequality and its sport field is no exception, where the stigma is still pervasive that girls should not participate in sport and physical activity. Implemented by the National Federation of Taekwondo and Kickboxing of Republic of Tajikistan (NFTK), the project, "Improving girls' capacity to

equally participate in sports and social activities of Tajikistan and promote equal rights" aims to address empowerment of women and gender equality by using football as the main vehicle. Some of the noteworthy outcomes can be seen at the final phase of the project:

- NFTK has organized training activities and workshops for female athletes, coaches, physical education teachers and judges, enhancing their organizational and technical skills required to run a sports club. One of the beneficiaries, a female football player, was able to establish a sport club for girls by applying the knowledge she had acquired
- The development of the "National Strategy on Women Sports Development in Tajikistan for 2014-2020" by via roundtables with 15 key national, international and regional experts was another notable milestone as none of the organizations nor sport federations had launched such an initiative to fill the gaps which existed between policy and practice. This strategy was a breakthrough to create and implement a seamless and integrated national strategy towards the development of women sports in Tajikistan.

BlazeSports America's Disability Sport Project in Haiti

The challenges that persons with disabilities in Haiti face concerning physical activities and sport have increased especially in the aftermath of earthquake on 12 January 2010. Implemented by BlazeSports, the project, "BlazeSports America's Disability Sport Project in Haiti" aims to promote inclusive disability sport and physical activity opportunities. For the past three years capacity building had been provided through workshops, seminars and technical assistance for coaches, physical education teachers, community leaders and volunteers. In the final phase, BlazeSports focuses efforts on developing and implementing programmes in collaboration with trained partners so that the capacity and skills they acquired can be put into practice, facilitating institutional change.

- The curriculum and toolkit addressing issues of inclusion and sport/ recreation participation for persons with disabilities were developed. The adapted physical education classes have been delivered at three partner schools, benefiting 94 students who had little or no experience of physical education in the past. The delivery of regular adapted physical education programmes provides a practical ground for teachers to apply the knowledge they have gained.
- The Inclusive Sport Festival was hosted by BlazeSports on 4 April 2015 in commemoration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP), facilitating the integration of 127 children and youth with and without disabilities. Eight physical education teachers who were trained through the programme engaged in the preparation of the festival and were responsible for implementing its activities and strategy.

Sport for a Better World Charity Dinner

A fundraising gala dinner, "Sport for a Better World Charity Dinner" was held in Dubai in 2009, hosted by United Nations Messenger of Peace and President of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, and the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace. The raised donations have been used to fund Sport for Development and Peace projects around the world. In 2015 the following two projects received funding:

Extension Building for the Indoor Sports Hall

The project "Extension Building for the Indoor Sports Hall" for the Dar-Al-Kalima Sports Hall in Bethlehem, Palestine, which is implemented by the Diyar Consortium, has contributed to the increase participation of female athletes as well as sporting activities in the region. The Indoor Sports Hall now accommodates multi-sports including football, volleyball, tennis, handball and gymnastics regardless of whether conditions, facilitating the stable provision of training sessions and physical education classes. By hosting community events it functions as a platform and meeting place where people gather and interact with each other through sport activities. It also serves as a place to raise awareness about social issues such as gender equality and healthy lifestyles.

Sport for Resilience

The "Sport for Resilience" project, implemented by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), empowers refugee children and youth in the West Bank and tries to secure safe environment for them physically and mentally. The extracurricular sport activities (football, basketball and volleyball) have been provided for 900 children on Saturdays in schools to reduce their stress level, which also improved their social skills and healthy lifestyle. UNRWA completed the construction of the first and only football pitch in Aida Camp in the South of Jerusalem. It has been welcomed and utilized very much by the community.

In November 2014 a call for project proposals was launched to search for qualified Sport for Development and Peace projects in Africa. A total of 23 project proposals were received and three projects were selected through our rigid evaluation and consideration process in March 2015. They finished refining project plans with our technical support and advice and started their implementation of the project.

- The “Make children in Tanzania winners in education, health and gender equality through sport & games” project implemented by Jambo Bukoba e. V. provides school teachers and students with life skill trainings through sport and gives them opportunity to be aware of gender equality, HIV/ AIDS and educational issues.
- The “Yoga for Recovery” project implemented by Project Air International, Inc. aims to ease the traumatic burden of HIV gender-based violence survivors, perpetrators, at risk-children and persons with disabilities by providing weekly yoga sessions and train-the trainer programme in Rwanda.
- The “Friendship, Unity and Reconciliation through Para Sports” project implemented by the Agitos Foundation tries to develop well trained and qualified personnel in the field of para-sport in Rwanda through training courses, workshops, monthly sport activities, talent identification camps and national para-athletics competitions.

Messages of Support

The Special Adviser offers Messages of Support to qualified organizations or initiatives in the field of Sport for Development and Peace which eagerly utilize the power of sport to deal with social issues. UNOSDP receives requests for support on a constant basis. The following 7 organizations and initiatives fulfilled the criteria and were endorsed in 2015.

- WAVES for Development International “Surf Tourism with Volunteering”
- KICK FOR TOLERANCE “A Pan-Punjab Peace & Youth Development Initiative”
- Spirit of the Game
- SIMAMA AFRICA YOUTH GROUP “Scoring for Safer Neighborhood”
- Zimbabwe Korfball Federation “Korfball for Hope” project
- EASTSIDE Football Invest’s support for “Tibetan National Sports Association (TNSA) activities”
- “Race for Peace at the Borély Park, Marseille in 2015” by Observatoire International Pour la Non Violence, Communes des Nations pour la Paix

The following three organizations were endorsed in the past and requested its renewal. Their activities so far were thoroughly reviewed and they were successfully re-endorsed in

- Fight for Peace
- Friends of the United Nations Asia-Pacific (FOUNAP)
- DISCOVER FOOTBALL/ Fußball und Begegnung e.V.

Through this endorsement programme UNOSDP also aims to recognize and encourage diversity of sports applied in the SDP field, which is clear from the fact that the aforementioned endorsed organizations use a variety of sport: running, korfball, surfing, baseball, boxing, martial arts or football as a tool.

This immaterial means of endorsement has helped deserving SDP organizations to secure credibility, to raise necessary funds and to build networks in the respective field of activity.



Looking Ahead

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

2015 was a particularly remarkable year during my mandate as Special Adviser with the culmination of the Millennium Development Goals and the subsequent recognition of sport in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 2016 will also be an important year for our Office in laying the

foundations for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

A number of important events will take place throughout the coming year in this perspective.

This year will see the XXXI Summer Olympic Games and XV Summer Paralympic Games take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. These Games, the first ever in South America, present a distinguished opportunity for Brazil to showcase its culture, diversity, and stunning nature to the world, in the pinnacle of the sporting calendar.

Rio 2016 will celebrate values of fair play, respect and equality, while providing development opportunities and legacy for the host region. The ideals of peace and harmony will be brought to the Games through the Olympic Truce will be observed from the seventh day before the start of the Olympics and until the seventh day following the end of the Paralympics. The symbolic call for peace and cessation of armed conflicts was adopted by consensus by UN Member States and cosponsored by 180 nations.

The UNOSDP Youth Leadership Programme will embark on its 5th year of operation in 2016. Four camps are planned for the year and will continue to educate young leaders from underprivileged communities and teach them to use sport as a means to bring about positive change in their homelands. The first camp of the year will take place in Hamburg, Germany, and will welcome participants from around the world seek to explore methods of conflict resolution and social integration through sport. To this date, over 500 participants from disadvantaged communities have had valuable experiences through the YLP and learnt key leadership and integration skills during the camps. Many participants have returned to their

communities and have become even stronger leaders throughout their local environments by transferring the skills learnt into action. It is my sincere hope that the YLP will bring forth improved societies by working with current and new stakeholders to ensure long-term viability and impact.

2016 will also see the organization of major conferences in the field of Sport for Development and Peace, including the presence of the Olympic Flame at the Palais des Nations, the awarding of the Olympic Cup to the United Nations at the "Celebrating the Olympic Spirit" event and the commemoration of the IDSDP on the 29th April in Geneva, Switzerland. Later in autumn, the new Report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on Sport for Development and Peace will be published and the 71st Session of the General Assembly will again debate the topic, hopefully resulting in a Resolution that will promote the translation of words into action.

2016 presents a year of great opportunity to further harness the power of sport to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in the 2030 Agenda. We look forward to supporting and contributing to this important task.

Let us continue to inspire and improve the world for a more peaceful, prosperous and sustainable future through sport.

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70/4. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 68/9 of 6 November 2013, in which it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth 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,

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,

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

Recalling the inclusion in the United Nations Millennium Declaration² 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,

¹ Resolution 60/1.

² Resolution 55/2.

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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 69/6 of 31 October 2014 on sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace, 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 XXXI Olympic Summer Games will be held from 5 to 21 August 2016, and that the XV Paralympic Summer Games will be held from 7 to 18 September 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil,

Recalling that one of the main goals of the Olympic Summer Games and the Paralympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro is to foster an atmosphere of peace, development, tolerance and understanding among the countries united therein,

Welcoming the significant impetus that the Olympic Summer Games, Paralympic Summer Games, Youth Summer Olympic Games, Olympic Winter Games, Paralympic Winter Games and Youth Winter 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 XXII Olympic Winter Games and the XI Paralympic Winter Games, held in Sochi, Russian Federation, from 7 to 23 February and from 7 to 16 March 2014, respectively, and welcoming the XXIII Olympic Winter Games and the XII Paralympic Winter Games, to be held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, from 9 to 25 February and from 9 to 18 March 2018, respectively, the XXXII Olympic Summer Games and the XVI Paralympic Summer Games, to be held in Tokyo from 24 July to 9 August and from 25 August to 6 September 2020, respectively, and the XXIV Olympic Winter Games and the XIII Paralympic Winter Games, to be held in Beijing from 4 to 20 February and from 4 to 13 March 2022, respectively,

Acknowledging the joint endeavours of the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace 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,

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

Acknowledging 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 second Youth Summer Olympic Games, held

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

⁴ Resolution S-27/2, annex.

in Nanjing, China, from 16 to 28 August 2014, and welcoming the second Youth Winter Olympic Games, to be held in Lillehammer, Norway, from 12 to 21 February 2016, and the third Youth Summer Olympic Games, to be held in Buenos Aires from 1 to 12 October 2018,

Noting that the Special Olympics World Winter Games will be held in Graz, Austria, from 14 to 25 March 2017,

Recognizing that the active involvement of persons with disabilities in sports and the Olympics contributes to the full and equal realization of their human rights, as well as respect for their inherent dignity, recalling articles 1 and 30 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,⁵ 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 plans to stage integrated and inclusive Games,

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,

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 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 69/6, it supported the independence and autonomy of sport and recognized the unifying and conciliative nature of major international sport events and that such events should be organized in the spirit of peace, mutual understanding, friendship, tolerance and inadmissibility of discrimination of any kind,

Welcoming the decision of the International Olympic Committee to reinforce fundamental principle 6 of the Olympic Charter, 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 villages of the XXXI Olympic Summer Games and the XV Paralympic Summer 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 XXXI Olympic Summer Games until the seventh day following the end of the XV Paralympic Summer Games, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

2. *Underlines* the importance of cooperation among Member States to collectively implement the values of the Olympic Truce around the world, and 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 Foundation and the International Olympic Truce Centre, in mobilizing national and international sports federations and organizations, National Olympic and Paralympic Committees and associations of National Olympic Committees 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,⁶ 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-second 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 XXIII Olympic Winter Games and the XII Paralympic Winter Games, to be held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, in 2018.

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⁶ Resolution 70/1.

List of Acronyms

ASOP	Australian Sports Outreach Program
CABOS	Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport
CoE	Council of Europe
EB	SDP IWG Executive Board
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GIZ	German Agency for International Cooperation
ICSSPE	International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education
IDSDP	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MINEPS V	5th International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport
NIF	Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
PRC	People's Republic of China
SAD	Swiss Academy for Development
SDP	Sport for Development and Peace
SPD IWG	Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group
TWGs	Thematic Working Groups
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNOSDP	United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UK	United Kingdom
UN Women	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
WHO	World Health Organisation

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