

Commission: Sports
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QUESTION OF: **PRIORITISING INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE AND SAFE SPACE FOR SPORT AND RECREATION**

The General Assembly,

Deeply disturbed by the fact that due to lack of inclusive accessible and safe space for sport and recreation, the youth has become easy victims of social evils, and later becomes addicts to drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, consequently having destructive effects on the organism,

Observing that minority groups such as the LGBTQ community and disabled people are often prejudiced, underestimated and discriminated,

Noting with regret that many aspiring athletes in less developing countries do not get the opportunity to access a proper environment to practise sport and recreation due to lack of facilities and specialised equipment,

Expressing deep concern about lower rates of female participation in sports and the sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination that they face,

Stressing that due to a hectic lifestyle, the health burden from preventable non-transmissible diseases such as obesity, cardiovascular diseases amongst others are alarmingly increasing worldwide,

1. Requests the International Monetary Fund with the association of World Bank to finance and improve sports equipment and indoor sports complexes in order to encourage sports among all citizens;
2. Invites NGOs such as Global Sports Foundations and National Disability Sports Organisations to offer opportunities like sports events to disabled people, thus achieving SDG10 (reducing inequalities);

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3. Recommends the creation of more sports clubs, provision of playground equipment to promote sports among the elderly, children and women, thus reducing non-transmissible diseases;
4. Appreciates United Nations Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the inclusion of physical education and team sports programmes in refugee schools;
5. Emphasises that sports and recreation must take place in a safe environment by tightening its security that protects the dignity, rights and health of the population;
6. Recommends the implementation of cycle routes and jogging tracks to encourage a healthier lifestyle and to promote safe recreational activities;
7. Directs private and public workplaces to offer opportunities for physical activities by providing appropriate facilities, incentives and organising regular sport activities for the well-being and productivity of the employees;
8. Applauds the Charter of Physical Education and Sports, adopted by the UNESCO, for stressing that every person is entitled to safe sports and recreation, including, women, young people, the elderly and the disabled;
9. Calls upon the presence of trained UN professionals as well as NGOs such like the Youth Education through Sports (YES) to give a helping hand in educating the children residing in conflicted and poverty struck areas;
10. Notes with approval that organisations such as IWG that work for a sustainable sporting culture based on gender equality enable and value the full involvement of females in every aspect of sports and recreation;

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11. Congratulates the new campaign, *Generation Equality-Realising women's rights and an equal future* to end sexual harassment and all forms of violence against the female gender;

12. Reminds member states to use sports as a powerful platform to reduce all forms of discrimination against the female gender.