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QUESTION OF: **FOSTERING THE INCLUSION AND WELL BEING OF  
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN INTERNATIONAL  
SPORTING EVENTS**

The General Assembly,

Noting with regret that in various countries, people living with disabilities are considered to be dependent and are seen as incapable, causing them to experience restricted mobility beyond their disability,

Expressing deep concern about the lack of specialized equipment and step-free facilities to accommodate athletes and spectators with disabilities at venues hosting international sporting events,

Keeping in mind that there may be a lack of funds to finance expenses to improve the conditions to welcome people with disabilities in international sporting events,

Fully alarmed that finding a coach who understands the implications of a particular impairment and who is willing to train a disabled athlete is difficult, very costly and that probably only basic training is provided to people with disabilities who wish to take part in international sporting events,

Considering that there is limited access to information about specialized international sporting events held in certain parts of the world for people with disabilities,

1. Affirms that the simultaneous organisation of Paralympic and Athletic events will increase interaction between the abled and disabled community of athletes;
2. Demands that schools include young disabled students in school competitions or interschool championships as this will boost their self-esteem;
3. Calls for help from the World Health Organisation (WHO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the

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United Nations Office for Projects Services (UNOPs) to provide prosthetic arms and robotic limbs to disabled people so that they are more willing to participate in sporting events;

4. Appreciates that the International Sports Organisation for the Disabled (ISOD) nurtures technical and medical expertise resources, with the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust and the Caudwell Children also providing special materials and sport equipment;
5. Notes with satisfaction the initiative of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in providing step-free access to transport and venues, thereby enhancing mobility of people with disabilities;
6. Suggests the support of the IMF and the World Bank to finance the improvement of certain facilities which may encourage people with disabilities to participate in international sporting events;
7. Appeals to NGOs like GLL Sport Foundation, Sport Aid as well as DBA (Dream it Believe it Achieve it) to provide financial and training grants to people with disabilities;
8. Recommends that coaches inculcate leadership skills in paralympian athletes to motivate them;
9. Requests coaches to attend all sessions of appropriate Disability Awareness Training and to complete their governing body's disability specific coaching module or course to overcome their knowledge gap before engaging in the training of paralympian athletes;
10. Congratulates the Special Olympics for using the global reach of football to generate public awareness, acceptance and respect for people with intellectual disabilities;

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11. Encourages governments to call upon famous Paralympian sportsmen to voluntarily share their experience, to motivate disabled persons to participate in various sports disciplines.