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'GLOBAL PEACE GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH'



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As the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP), I am honored to have the opportunity to welcome you to the 2014 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth and to reach you through this special message.

Your participation in this year's Global Peace Games demonstrates your willingness to come together with many others from around the world to work together to use sport to promote peace, health, and education, regardless of ethnic, cultural, religious, or other differences.

The United Nations considers sport to be an innovative and efficient tool to promote education, health, development, and peace. Sport has the power to attract, unite, and inspire people. It can teach important life lessons such as respect, teamwork and fair-play.

Participating in these Global Peace Games gives you a unique opportunity to play an active role in UN and worldwide efforts to improve the world through sport. It is an opportunity for you to demonstrate to your family, friends, and communities the value that sport has in creating a better world.

I hope that you enjoy the fun and activities the Games will bring, but I also would like you to take time to reflect on how you as an individual can use sport to create a positive future for the world. I encourage you to use the lessons learned through today's games as a foundation to becoming a leader in your community and to work hard to find ways to harness the power of sport to promote peace, health, and education.

I look forward to reading about your activities and congratulate each of you on your participation in the 2014 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth. I wish you all a joyful sport event.

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