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Excellencies,

The 3rd International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development met at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 5 and 6 June 2013. It was jointly organized by the UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace and the International Olympic Committee, with the support of the United States Olympic Committee.

The Forum recommended inter alia "the establishment of a United Nations International Day of Sport and Physical Activity to advocate and celebrate their contribution to education, human development, healthy lifestyles and a peaceful world".

The United Nations General Assembly has recognized the role of sport and physical education as a means to promote education, health, development and peace and I accord the highest priority to sport, as a universal language that has the potential to increase respect for diversity, tolerance and fairness and to inspire, especially children and youth.

The United Nations General Assembly could consider declaring a United Nations International Day of Sport and Physical Activity. In this regard, I have asked H.E. Mrs. Isabelle Picco, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Monaco to the United Nations and H.E. M. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations, to conduct informal consultations on my behalf.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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All Permanent Representative and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York