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INTERVENTION 7: AGENDA ITEM 4(a) - ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I indicated on Tuesday, Mr. Adolf Ogi, former President of Switzerland, was named Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations on Sport for Development and Peace. At the opening of the first International Conference on Sport and Development in Magglingen, Switzerland on February 17th, 2003, he stated: *"... we will discuss, argue and I am convinced, agree that development through sport is one of the most promising channels in human development today... As you know, essential sport values are very similar to the core values of the United Nations... Sport is about humanity and together, through sport, we can create a better world ... Together, we have a common responsibility and a shared interest in fighting the global threats to human development."*

The International Conference on Sport and Development adopted on February 18th, 2003, the Magglingen Declaration which I would recommend this Second Session of the U.N.P.F. support and adopt. It declares as follows:

"This Declaration represents our commitment to sport and development. While accepting the diversity of sports, we believe it is a human right and an ideal learning ground for life's essential skills. We acknowledge the possibilities and values sport offers, and declare that:

- *Sporting activity can improve people's physical and mental health at a low cost and is essential for development.*
- *Making physical education and sports a part of the schooling system helps kids perform better and improves their quality of life.*
- *Play and recreation can help to heal emotional scars and overcome trauma for people in situations of conflict, crisis or social tension.*
- *Local sports is the ideal place for bringing people from all walks of life together and help to build societies.*
- *Sport can help to overcome barriers of race, religion, gender, disability and social background.*
- *Sport is effective when practiced free of drugs or doping, in a fair way, with respect and including everyone.*
- *By committing to ethical practices, the sports goods industry adds value to its products and helps to build society in a positive way.*
- *Partnership between the sports world, media and development workers will boost understanding of the contribution sport can make to sustainable development.*

All this can be achieved by making sport an important part of national and international development work. Therefore, we call upon governments, United Nations agencies, sports federations, the sports goods industry, media, businesses, N.G.O.'s and ordinary people, to contribute to sport for development.

Magglingen is a first step in our commitment to create a better world through sport."

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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INTERVENTION 8: Agenda Item 4(a) Economic and Social Development

Mr. Chairman, finally on the Agenda Item on Development. We must ensure there is a statement on the importance of free, prior and informed consent prior to any large corporation activities in/on Indigenous Territories or those that impact on Indigenous Peoples, nor should governments be allowing such development without Indigenous consent. Further, I support our colleague, Ms. Millilani Trask, in particular, on the matters of the World Trade Organization. Thank you.



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