QUESTION OF

ENCOURAGING PARTNERSHIP TO ESTABLISH WHEELCHAIR SPORT AS A THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE TO FOSTER INCLUSION

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the fact that despite continuous efforts towards better facilities for people with disabilities, lack of infrastructure and resources is still a big problem,

Grieved that people with disabilities, either due to conflict or injuries sustained during attacks, are still living in harsh conditions in the internal displacement camps so on people with disabilities requiring special treatment get the current food distribution,

Taking into account that there are multiple factors that affect participation like abilities, skills, interest as well as general barriers including inaccessibility to equipment facilities, recreational areas, lack of trained staff to deal with people with disabilities,

Keeping in mind that nowadays people have a negative attitude towards the disabled, the latter are stereotyped and are seen as a personal tragedy that needs to be cured,
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Deeply concerned that there are policy barriers that deny qualified or talented handicapped individuals the opportunity to participate in or benefit from federally funded programs or services and that there are also social barriers that contribute to the decreased functioning of people with disabilities as these individuals are far less likely to be employed and therefore live in poverty,

Emphasizing that people faced violent attacks, forced displacement, and are left behind to die,

1. Draws the attention that the government could provide facilities like stadiums, skilled coaches to motivate disabled people to join groups to practice therapeutic exercises;

2. Calls upon sponsors to buy wheelchairs and equipment necessary for Para sports so as to encourage disabled people to practice sports;

3. Applauds the International Paralympic Committee for developing sports opportunities for all persons with a disability, from beginner to elite, at local and national levels, and to bring about the recruitment of elite athletes with disabilities at an international level.

4. Recommends that investors invest in sports in poor countries as sport is an alternative against war and pave the way to peace;

5. Notes that sport is a natural partnership for the United Nations system: sports and play are human rights that must be respected and enforced worldwide;
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6. **Invites** NGOs to help disabled people in Para sport which is vital for socio-cultural integration and equity;

7. **Further recommends** partnerships to invest in establishing wheelchair sports which will help the disabled persons to overcome the policy barriers that restrict them from participating in programs;

8. **Requests** that Olympic athletes can be called to carry out voluntary works to aid those people by helping financially or by training them;

9. **Urges** Governments to include disability as a priority in their Sport for Development policies and programs and to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sport and recreational venues;

10. **Taking into consideration** that the government could make therapeutic exercise in wheelchair an obligatory exercise in all schools accommodating children with disabilities;

11. **Solemnly** affirms that improving the inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities in sports can help to advance the Millennium Development Goals.