**Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal**

**Questionnaire**

*This questionnaire forms part of consultations undertaken by the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee with* ***States Members of the United Nations****,* ***international*** *and* ***regional organizations****,* ***national human rights institutions****,* ***civil society organizations*** *and* ***other relevant stakeholders****, with a view to preparing a study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 24/1.*

**Background**

In its resolution 24/1 of 26 September 2013, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them, bearing in mind both the value of relevant principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter and the value of good sporting example, and to present a progress report thereon to the before its twenty-seventh session of the Council (September 2014).

In this context, the Advisory Committee decided, at its twelfth session held in February 2014, to designate a drafting group[[1]](#footnote-2) in charge of the preparation of this study. The drafting group will present a draft progress report to the Advisory Committee before its thirteenth session (August 2014), with a view to submit it to the Council in September 2014.

The resolution also requested the Committee, in its preparation of the study, to seek the views and inputs of States Members of the United Nations, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders in this regard. The drafting group therefore elaborated the hereunder questionnaire. Respondents are advised to reply only to questions that are applicable to them.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. How is sport used in your country to promote human rights? What are the best practices being applied?

2.What are the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to strengthen respect for human rights?

RESPONSE : Equality through cross generational activities

3. What are the sports practised in your country and how far are they all inclusive (for women, youth, vulnerable groups etc.)?

RESPONSE: There should be greater inclusion of individuals from vulnerable groups (Mental Ill health, older people) Sport is regarded as the domain of young, very fit individuals

4. In what way can sport and the Olympic ideal become a means to:

1. advance the cause of peace ?
2. promote development?
3. combat all forms of discrimination?

RESPONSE: By continuing the practice of sporting activity and achievement into older age. Sport should not be seen wholly as a younger person’s domain. Involvement of older people (+55) would seek to extend society’s perception of sport as an ‘‘all life’’ resource, whilst seeking to extend health and well being and ageing.

5. What kinds of challenges are faced in promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal?

6. How can the media help in the promotion of human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal?

RESPONSE: Extend accessibility to encourage greater inclusion and recognition of disadvantaged groups

**Deadline for submission of responses to the questionnaire:**

In order to give the Drafting Group the opportunity to take into account the different contributions, all parties are encouraged to submit their responses as soon as possible and at the latest by **11 April 2014**.

Answers can be submitted via email to the following address:

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Thank you for your contribution.

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