

Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document

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Distinguished Co-Facilitators,

Thank you for giving me the floor. The following Member States associate themselves with this statement: China, France, Italy, Jamaica, the Russian Federation, Tunisia and my own country, Monaco

At the outset, we would like to thank you for your very hard work during the last few months and your tireless efforts to make our negotiations go forward. We also welcome the timely distribution of the zero draft of the outcome document of the United Nations Summit to adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

We are very pleased to see that the contribution of sport as an “enabler of sustainable development” has been taken into consideration in the zero draft, in its paragraph 29.

The cross-cutting contribution of sport to our UN Agenda, has enjoyed a growing recognition since its introduction in 1993 and is especially highlighted in:

- the 2005 World Summit Outcome, which underlines that it can foster peace and development and can contribute to an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding;
- in the 2010 Resolution entitled “Keeping the promise: united to achieve Millennium Development Goals”, which recognized that sport, as a tool for education, development and peace, can promote cooperation, solidarity, tolerance, understanding, social inclusion and health at the local, national and international levels;
- in the 2011 Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases,
- and more recently when the General Assembly proclaimed in 2013 the “International Day of Sport for Development and Peace”.

Lately, on the occasion of the celebration of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, on 15 April 2015, the values and the power of sport for partnerships, the development of local communities and individual well-being were again reinforced and reminded.

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In that perspective, our delegations are convinced that sport can play an important role in our global action in favor of sustainable development and peace during the next fifteen years. We would thus like to propose to your attention and the attention of all delegations

the following language to be included:

We recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of our development and peace agendas. By promoting tolerance and respect among individuals and peoples as well as by enhancing health, education, social inclusion and the empowerment of individuals or communities, sport can play an important role in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.