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Message of Support from Mr. Wilfried Lemke

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“National Paralympic Week in Iran”



The United Nations considers sport to be a powerful tool to promote education, health, development and peace. Sport unites people of all social classes, cultures, religions and backgrounds in a positive and educational way.

As the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Sport for Development and Peace, it is with great pleasure that I offer my support to the “National Paralympic Week in Iran”, to be held in December 2013.

The National Paralympic Week is an initiative organized by the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Iran. The event is meant to raise public awareness and understanding of para-sport, as well as fostering social inclusiveness and active participation in society by persons of all abilities.

With this initiative, Iran demonstrates a strong commitment to ensuring access to sport for all. In particular, the female role models nurtured through para-sports programs can serve to, not only alter public perceptions of disability, but also inspire increased sport interest and participation by girls and women. This exemplifies the power and the role of sport to create positive change and contribute to the third MDG (“Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women”).

It is my hope that this project will continue its outstanding efforts and I would like to encourage all potential sponsors and partners to consider their support for the initiative. I wish you every success in your endeavour and all the best in the continuation of your exceptional efforts throughout the coming year.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads “Wilfried Lemke”.

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