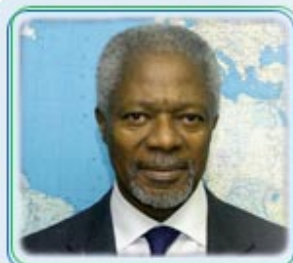




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"Sport is a universal language that can bring people together, no matter what their origin, background, religious beliefs or economic status."

-- Kofi Annan
UN Secretary-General

The potential of sport to effectively convey messages and influence behaviour on one hand, while improving the quality of people's lives and promoting peace on the other has been increasingly recognized in recent years. This is why the United Nations has decided to incorporate sport into its programmes and policies across the globe. For their part, some governments have begun introducing sport into their development and foreign assistance policies.

The International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly aims to raise awareness among the general public and encourage communities, organizations and individuals to share their knowledge about the value of sport. It also seeks to create the right conditions for more sport-based development programmes and projects.

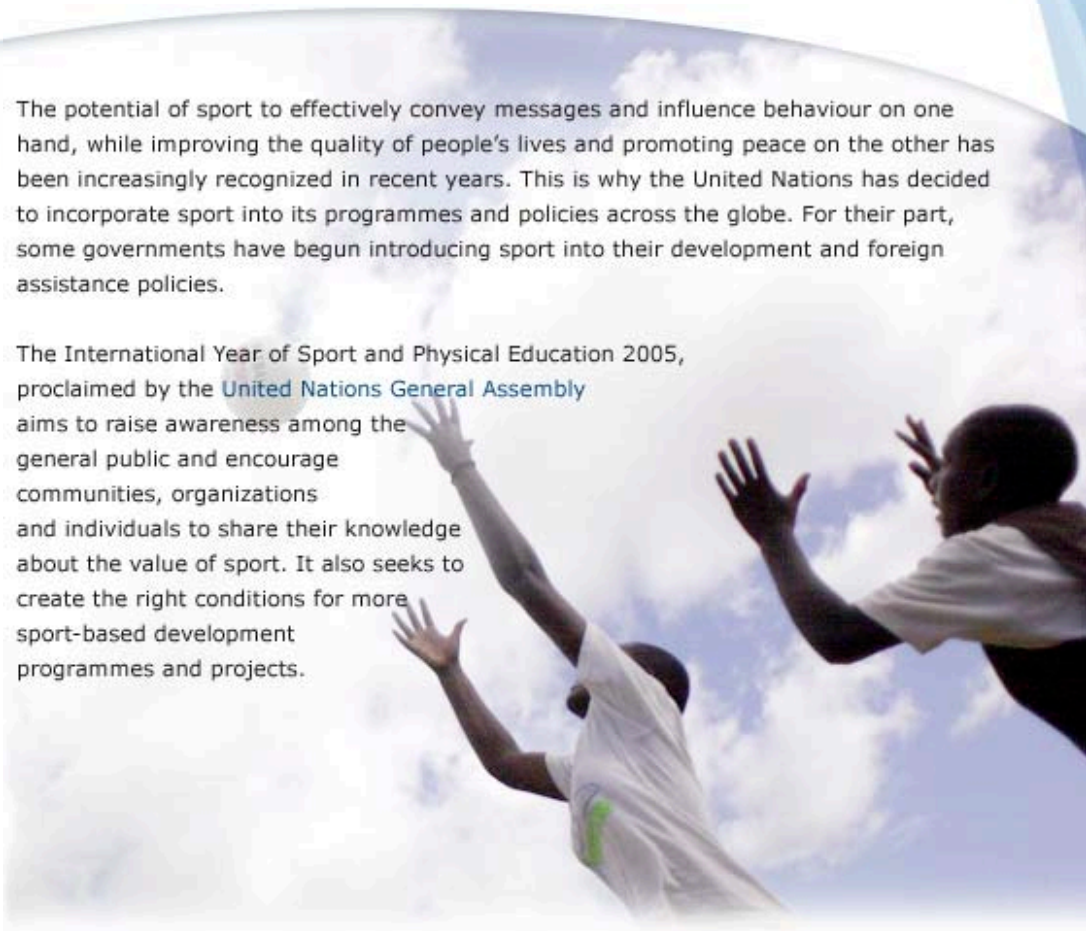


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