



7 July 2021

Excellency,

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 74/16 of 9 December 2019, in which the Assembly urged Member States to observe the Olympic Truce individually and collectively, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, throughout the period from the seventh day before the start of the Games of the XXXII Olympiad until the seventh day following the end of the XVI Paralympic Games, to be held in Tokyo, Japan, I have the honour to inform you that I intend to make a solemn appeal in connection to the observance of the Olympic Truce at the formal plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Thursday, 8 July 2021, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall.

The text of the solemn appeal is enclosed and would be issued as a General Assembly document A/75/956 under sub-item (b) of agenda item 11 entitled

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue and red ink, appearing to read 'Volkan BOZKIR', written over a white background with a grey shadow effect.

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Refugee Olympic Team will participate under the Olympic flag in the Olympic Games in Tokyo, acting as a powerful symbol of inclusion and our shared humanity.

) () International Olympic Committee has decided to fly the United Nations flag at Olympic Park. The United Nations system and the International Olympic Committee have strengthened their mutual cooperation and support through joint endeavours in such fields as human development, poverty alleviation, humanitarian assistance, health promotion, HIV and AIDS prevention, child and youth education, gender equality, peacebuilding and sustainable development.

) () in promoting peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic ideal, and the commitment made by various States Members of the United Nations to developing national and international programmes that promote peace and conflict resolution and the Olympic and Paralympic values through sport and through culture, education and sustainable development.

(-fifth session, I solemnly appeal to all Member States to demonstrate their commitment to the Olympic Truce for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 and to undertake concrete actions at the local, national, regional and world levels to promote and strengthen a culture of peace and harmony based on the spirit of the Truce. Referring to the original tradition of the Olympic Truce practised in ancient times, as described in resolution 74/16, I also call upon all warring parties of current armed conflicts around the world to boldly agree to true mutual ceasefires for the duration of the Olympic Truce, t