Message of Support by Mr. Wilfried Lemke

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“The Scort Foundation”

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, and religions in a positive and educational way.

As the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, it is with great pleasure that I offer my support to the Scort Foundation and its initiative Football Clubs for Development and Peace (FCDP) for the period of one year.

The Scort Foundation specifically supports underprivileged youth in five countries involving partnering professional football clubs in the implementation of its projects. It is thereby contributing intelligently to the promotion of sport as a vehicle for positive social change and making good use of sport in a development context. FCDP focuses on the education of youth as coaches and role models strengthening local communities and consciously fostering social development in an exceptional way. Linking football clubs, governmental and non-governmental organisations the initiative is a great example of multi-stakeholder partnership providing for concrete action towards development and peace.

With the support of young role models being one of the priorities in my work, I eagerly await the project’s evolution and results. I wish you every success in this endeavour and all the best in your continuous efforts throughout the coming year.

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