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Dear Secretary General,

This year's Homeless World Cup will take place in Glasgow from 10th to 16th July. The 14th edition of the Homeless World Cup will see 64 teams from across the globe, representing 52 countries competing for the winning title of the Homeless World Cup and the Women's Homeless World Cup. 512 players will arrive in Glasgow each with their own story to tell, their own point on a journey to create a better life for themselves. It will involve 48 countries in the men's event and 16 in the women's event. The Homeless World Cup uses sport to make significant changes in the lives of the most marginalised people in the world.

We would be delighted if you could send a message of support to be read out at the opening of the event on 10th July. This will be the equivalent to the opening of the Olympic Games except that instead of the symbolic flame being lit, your message would be read out. It would be very poignant and would be a wonderful way to open the tournament. It would provide a great source of motivation and inspiration to everybody involved; the government here in Scotland, the spectators watching and the homeless players in particular.

We have been in touch with Mr Lemke's office about this. Mr Lemke plans to travel to Glasgow for the opening ceremony and will be very happy to read your message out.

We would be incredibly grateful to receive this. We believe deeply in the values of peace and sport and in our way we have proved just how powerful sport can be in changing the lives of the most marginalised people in the world.

Please do come back to me if you need any more information.

Many thanks.
Yours sincerely
Mel Young
President

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