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How can the UN more effectively use sport and music to advance developing societies, improve knowledge of other cultures, and reduce the potential for conflict between countries?

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Background Information:

Sports and music connect cultures across the world, creating a universal bond. Sporting events such as the Olympics connect over 200 countries uniting the public, influencing a global camaraderie. Similarly, music unites people without the need to learn another language. Events such as Benicàssim, Dekmantel, and Coachella bring people from around the world together to enjoy a form of art that anyone can understand.

Large sporting and musical events create great opportunities for work and help power the economy from the revenue generated, these events also boost tourism. These events can generate up to \$452.5 billion in revenue. This money can then be supplied to the community to create better housing structures, health clinics, or anything else that the community might need. These events also stimulate the economy, and recurring events create new jobs.

In some cultures, music is passed down from generation to generation. Sharing this music allows others to take a look into another culture's lifestyle and unite those who may not have the chance to experience it in person. Music brings inspiration and promotes creativity which often leads to people bringing a new light to a community.

What has been done/past UN action:

In 2013, Secretary-General António Guterres created The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace emphasizing the importance of community through sport. During the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, the day was held online in hopes of keeping the tradition alive after the pandemic subsided.

International Jazz Day was created on April 30, 2011. This was made to celebrate jazz music, and to show all cultures about the history of jazz. Herbie Hancock, the Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, made sure that this day would build positivity and create music to bring everyone together. Over 120 countries have celebrated International Jazz Day each year.

Possible Solutions:

- Create centers for young people to go to learn the importance of sport and music.
- Give developing countries more professional sports teams and more sports facilities.
- Make more international holidays to celebrate multiple sports and music throughout all Member States.

- Increase the number of locations

Questions to Consider:

- How could the UN distribute money to developing countries to help spread the idea of sports and music?
- How can the United Nations provide sports and music opportunities in low-income communities?
- What countries get the least sporting and music events? How would these events influence their economy?

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