



## **2022 HOPE REPORT**

Five Years Of Keeping Faith With The Mandate Of Empowering Young People Through Tennis



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# Acknowledgement

It has been five good years since we began this journey to empower young people through tennis, this is worth celebrating from all points of view and for the many successes, we have chalked as a foundation.

A very big thanks and cheers to all of you who made it possible.





## **Executive Summary**

It offers me unsurpassed joy that the Hope Performance Tennis Foundation has kept faith with its mandate for the past five years, touching the lives of young people in ways we never imagined at our inception and we continue to introduce new programs each year to reach out to more young people to scale up the impact of our work.

I am happy to report that we have achieved enormous success in the 2022 calendar year with lots of memories to be proud of and now happy to share with all our stakeholders and those to come after us for many years to come. In this report, I have captured the honour and award conferred on the foundation by the Ghana Tennis Federation (GTF), Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) and the International Tennis Federation (ITF) for our contribution to the development of Junior Tennis.

As the devastating impact of the climate crisis continues to disrupt play, the foundation has responded swiftly with a sport for climate change education and advocacy to mobilize young people, fandom and stardom to confront their shared responsibility of addressing the climate crisis.

As we grow in impact and influence, so does our drive for partnership, I am happy to announce our new partnership with the Osu Manste HRM Teteete Nii Nortey Owuo IV Who is deeply committed to supporting our work and believes deeply in our mandate of using sports to empower young people.

You will be watching lots of pictures and reading from lots of people in this report as compared to our previous last four reports, it is appropriately designed to give you a closer appreciation of the year under review, provide you with an enjoyable read and assert that we are truly making a great impact.

I wish you an enjoyable read and please do well to share the joy of reading with others and I welcome your feedback and partnership.

Yours in Sports Cedric Dzelu Executive Director Hope Performance Tennis Inc



## Mission

To empower young people through the game of tennis

## Objectives Of The Hope Performance Tennis Foundation

- To introduce young people to the game of tennis for the very first time
- To save young people from economic and social challenges that impact negatively on their lives
- To inspire and motivate kids to believe in themselves and their abilities to succeed
- To help build the character of young people through sports values such as honesty, fairness, teamwork, etc.
- To promote an atmosphere of diversity in a safe space for kids to triumph
- Through constant interaction we create a culture of positive behaviours among the kids such as going to school, being punctual and time-conscious and fair play
- Teach tactical tennis on which technical skills are developed.
- Distribute tennis equipment to young players to support their growth and development in the game.



## Message From The Founder And President

## Enock Godi Founder and President

This year was an amazing year for the organization as we celebrate our 5th anniversary. Also, we had an awesome program and I am very grateful to my team and the volunteers who make every year successful. I am equally humbled and grateful to all those who have opened their doors to me when I called on them for support in terms of donations and guidance. I am deeply convinced that the work of the foundation is anchored on their generosity and humanity.

It feels my heart with great joy that our effort and contribution to the development of tennis in my home country Ghana has been overwhelmingly endorsed, appreciated and honoured by the tripartite force of the International Tennis Federation, the Confederation of African Tennis and the Ghana Tennis Federation. I will like to dedicate the award to everyone who has supported my vision to empower young people through tennis, there is nothing more rewarding than to know that there is an army ready to support a clarion call.







## HOPE TENNIS CLINIC AT 37

It was soooooo colourful at the AMTEC Club at 37 where we hosted another tennis clinic. We are truly inspired by what we saw, the enthusiasm and drive demonstrated by these young people are admirable and a demonstration that the resources we invest in them are worthwhile.















### CLIMATE EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

Climate Change is disrupting play and kids are no longer enjoying the playful outdoor games that their parents and grandparents use to enjoy. Floods, extreme heat and extreme weather conditions, and melting glaciers are all threatening the future of sports and the development of the talent of kids.

We at the Hope Performance Tennis Foundation are inspired and pleased to include climate change education in our program to raise awareness among kids towards a consciousness that will make them grow up caring about the environment and finding solutions. Thanks to the Chairman and members of AMTEC for giving us the space to host this inspiring Tennis Clinic.



## ABA LIMAN, Representative of Art Untold

Art Untold was hired to facilitate the young people of Hope Foundation on their ideas on climate change through art painting. Engaging the young people from the Hope foundation was fun and engaging for us as a team. With the theme of the day being "climate change" we learnt through their paintings their awareness of the various climate crisis happening around the world. The painting session was fun and educative for all.





## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TENNIS AT THE ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB

# Jeff Chandley

Director of Tennis
Atlanta Athletic Club

The membership and staff of the Atlanta Athletic Club continue to support the ongoing dedication to the goals of Hope Performance Tennis and its founder Enock Godi. The leadership of HPT continues to remain focused on its objectives and beliefs in that the game of tennis can bring together youth from all social and economic backgrounds to promote fun through competition.

The five-year success of the foundation can rest on the shoulders of the HPT leadership, its dedicated volunteers, and the support from organizations like the Atlanta Athletic Club. The ability of the organization to adjust its planned programming to meet all the restrictions of the world, and still meet its goals in numbers of participation and donations were a feat in itself. Again, HPT's dedication to seeing each event through no matter what obstacles they encounter highlights the strength of its leadership. The cornerstone of HPT is its Founding Partner, Enock Godi, and his understanding of just doing something to give back to the youth of Ghana and show that they have a chance to become more than they ever dreamed. One person's belief in Enoch saved him from what so many of the youth of Ghana experience today. Through HPT, he wants to make that same impact on as many Ghana youth as he can.

The Atlanta Athletic Club will continue to provide avenues through fundraising, product donation, and prayer to see that HPT continues to meet its goals for 2023 and beyond. We believe that what HPT is accomplishing in its efforts to bring all of Ghana's youth together transcends the game of tennis. The youth and leadership of Ghana will understand the importance of competition, but more importantly, the pride of one organization bringing the country together to foster love and cooperation through their efforts in this project. I am proud that we can be a small part of the success of Hope Performance Tennis as it strives to make a difference in Ghana.



## ITF/CAT/GTF Award

The Ghana Tennis Federation (GTF) for the first time in history hosted the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) Annual General Meeting, dinner and awards at the Accra city hotel from the 14th to 15th of October 2022 which turned out to be a historic event as well as a historic achievement to the credit of Ghana Tennis.

Present at this all-important GTF/CAT/ITF dinner and awards were the International Tennis Federation (ITF) President David Haggerty, ITF Executive Director Luca Santilli, President of CAT Mr Tarak Cherif, CAT Vice President Mr Issa Mboup, General Manager of CAT Mr Hicheam Riani, GTF President Isaac Abe Duah,

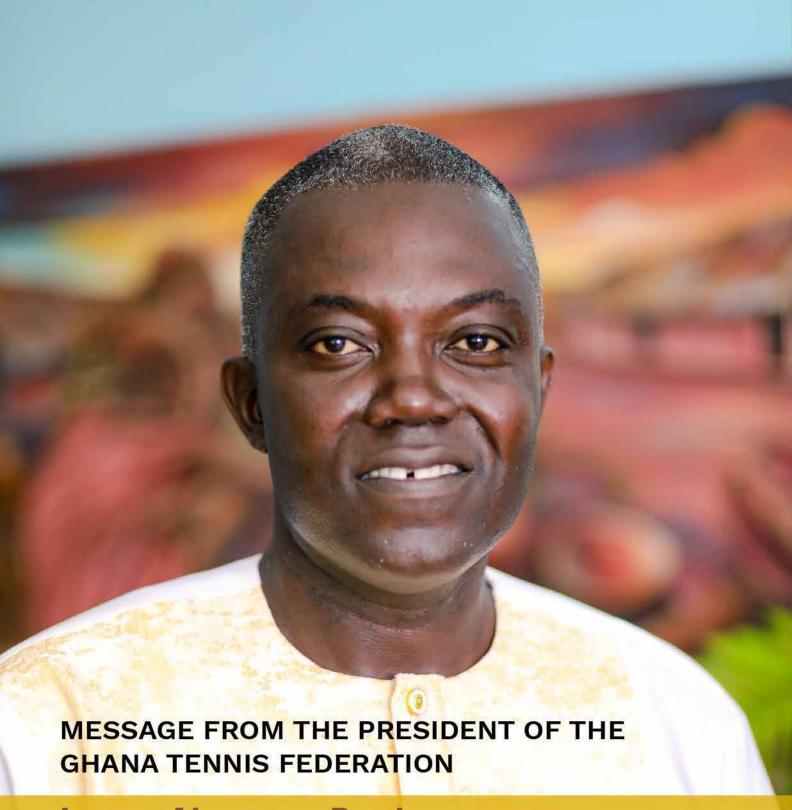
President of All Africa Games Organizing Committee, Dr Kwaku Ofosu Asare, President of Ghana Olympic Committee Mr Ben Nunoo Mensah, Board members of Ghana Tennis Federation and other important guests who graced the night.

Among the individuals and organizations that were recognized and awarded for their contribution to the development of Ghana Tennis was Enock Godi, the founding President of Hope Performance Tennis. The Hope Foundation has been at the forefront of empowering young people through tennis by organizing tennis clinics, and tournament and distributing tennis rackets, strings, balls, shoes, grips as well as other essential tennis equipment that is needed to support the dream of young people discover and promote their talents in tennis.

The Hope foundation continues to work to put young people at the front and centre of its initiatives and is constantly introducing innovations that create an atmosphere of fun, and promote education and important live values among young people whilst they learn they learn how to play tennis. This award is dedicated primarily to all the young people we serve and also to everyone who has supported the work of the foundation.







# Isaac Aboagye Duah

The Hope Performance Tennis Foundation has been a dependable partner in developing the game of tennis in Ghana. The focus of the current board is junior development and increasing the number of players in all regions. HPT shares in our vision and have contributed immensely to achieving the objectives of the federation it is for this reason and the accomplishment of the Hope Foundation that my administration together with the Confederation of African Tennis and the International Tennis Federation saw it fit to honour the work of the foundation this year. Congratulations to all who have contributed to the work of the foundation so far.



## Wheelchair Tennis Clinic And Distribution Of Tennis Equipment

At this point, we can confidently say that we have hosted a successful 2nd wheelchair tennis clinic in 2022 with the prime objective of creating equal opportunity for all in our quest to transform lives through tennis. Ayeekooo to everyone who contributed to achieving this milestone.

Breaking news: Team Hope captained by Enock won against the Ghana Wheelchair tennis clinic team in a friendly tournament as part of the Hope Performance Wheel Chair Tennis Clinic. This match afforded the Hope officials the difficulties wheelchair tennis players face in the game: faulty chairs, slower wheels, etc. Congratulations Team Hope



## HENRY KWAKU NYANTEH LARBI, National Coordinator - Ghana Wheelchair Tennis

Collaborating with Hope Tennis Performance Foundation for 2 years now has gingered the development of Wheelchair Tennis in Ghana. The 2022 Hope Foundation wheelchair tennis training camp in Cape Coast equipped our wheelchair tennis players with the required skills and techniques to develop as professional players. The donated tennis rackets and balls will add up to the equipment each player needs to train as a professional player. We anticipate that Hope Foundation will support Ghana Wheelchair Tennis in preparing Team Ghana Wheelchair Tennis to participate in the first-ever Africa Para Games to be held in Accra 2023 which is a qualifier for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.



# ACCTO Tennis Clinic at the accra sports stadium

We are reaching out to thank His Royal Highness Teteete Nii Nortey Owuo IV, the Osu Mantse for gracing our tennis clinic in Accra. Notwithstanding the early rains, the Traditional leader and the embodiment of authority and representative of the people of Osu made time to interact with young people and to inspire them for a better future.











































# Board Of Directors



**Enock Godi** 



Cedric Dzelu



Lynn Hughes Ganote



Bagerbaseh Bukari Noah



**Warren Phremus** 



Phillip Jude Mensh









## Management Team

### **CEDRIC DZELU, Executive Director**

It has been a humbling and rewarding experience for me to lead a dynamic team of young people to provide the kind of leadership that is needed in the modern age to drive a mandate that is very clear yet challenging as using tennis to empower young people for a better future. I sincerely owe all the success we have achieved as a foundation to all my team members and our donors who have voluntarily committed to coming on this journey with me. They all deserve to be celebrated uniquely

### GIOVANNI ADINYIRA, Head of Programs and Projects

2022 was a rewarding season for our Clinics and Regional tours. Winneba is always amazing, and the numbers and enthusiasm of the coaches and participants is always a joy. This year the President of the Foundation graced the Cape Coast Wheelchair Clinic and it was very impactful. One key addition to this year's program was the addition of the current issue of Global Climate Change to our Accra Clinic and it is in line with one of our pillars of empowering the younger generation with relevant information. The Stadium Clinic did not fail to crown our activities in terms of the numbers and we were honoured to have in our midst the presence of the Osu Mantse HRM Teteete Nii Nortey Owuo IV, and his message to the young ones was "Education and Sports should go hand in hand". Cheers

### ABUBAKARI YAKUBU-LEA, General Tennis Operations

The foundation program of taking the game of tennis to the grass-roots is undoubtedly changing lives.

#### REUBEN CURLLY-WOODE, Operations Manager

My experience for this year, the 2022 Hope foundation tennis clinic was great, the teamwork behind it from me and my colleagues. The skills, determination, dedication and sacrifices each and everyone is making for this foundation to make sure it goes higher and strong in the future are unimaginable.



## ILEANA JENNINGS, Administrative Assistant communication coordinator

Enock's story touched my heart. He is passionate about his home country Ghana. He is as equally passionate about the positive influence tennis had on him. Enock knows his tennis ability is a God-given talent and he uses this gift to reach out to the youth in Ghana. He combines his abilities and beliefs to help the youth in his country develop their God-given abilities. Tennis is the vehicle he used to better his situation and he believes tennis can also be the vehicle to help others. It is my high honour and privilege to be associated, however minor, with Enock and his tremendous Hope Performance Tennis program.



### **SAMUEL OKUADJO LARYEA, Logistics Officer**

It has been a great exercise and a great experience, especially this year and I'm always happy we're giving hope to young people through the game of tennis.



### **JACOB NII LOMOTE KWAO LOMOTEY, Creative Designer**

The experience was great, for me to see the smiles on the children's faces as excited and happy about the hope tennis clinic 2022 program.



### SAMUEL NARH, Photography and Videography

It was a very great experience being the photographer and the videographer for Hope Foundation to see how happy the kids engaged themselves in the game of tennis. Through my camera, I could say they wish to have more of this clinic every time.





There have been numerous achievements this year and I am happy to associate myself with especially our gains in the wheelchair tennis program and the ITF/CAT/GTF Awards.



#### **HELEN HABERSTROH, Volunteer**

Head Pro Enock Godi, my coach, my friend, and my mentor. Coach Enock has made a profound impact and positive outlook on my life to accompli<mark>sh goals I never believed would be possib</mark>le. From the first day I stepped on the tennis court, Coach Enock has encouraged me to reach higher than I thought I could and to be unafraid of failure. I truly don't believe it would have been possible without him, and as I look ahead into my world of tennis, I will cherish every moment of advice he has taught me. I had the opportunity to serve as a committee member for one of his many fundraisers. The event raised over forty-three thousand dollars to help fund numerous clinics in five regions of Africa that will inspire hundreds of children and adolescents to develop not only athletic skills but life skills that will affect them in every aspect of their life for the rest of their life. Coach Enock has been and continues to be an excellent role model to me, tennis players of all ages, and the people in West Africa. I will forever be grateful to Coach Enock as he has always gone above and beyond in every aspect of his life from his training, coaching, family, and his Christian faith. Atlanta Athletic Club is very fortunate to have Coach Enock, the recipient of the Continuous Contribution to Tennis Development in Ghana, an international professional tennis player, head coach, and compassionate humanitarian. Thank you, Coach Enock, for your God-given wisdom and patience as a saint.

## Foundation Coaches



NOAH BUKARI BAGERBASEH, Head Coach Hope Tennis foundation has brought Hope through tennis to a lot of school children.



### **HENRY QUANSAH**

This year's program was very fantastic, it has improved over last year's. This year more regions were covered which means more kids who have not seen or tasted the feel of tennis had the chance to do so through the help of the hope tennis foundation, kids were given tennis equipment like rackets, balls, shoes, grips, strings and water bottles.



JOSEPH KOJO DOE-ADJANI It was awesome, everyone who participated left the event grounds happy.



### ISMAILA NII LANTE LAMPTEY, Volunteer Coach

The hope foundation performance tennis clinic this year was such an eye opener for most of the kids and we the coaches as well, the introduction of the climate change session in particular. The kids were well educated on climate change topics and most importantly they became aware of how their activities impact the climate and the consequences associated with it.



#### DANIEL KWAKYE.

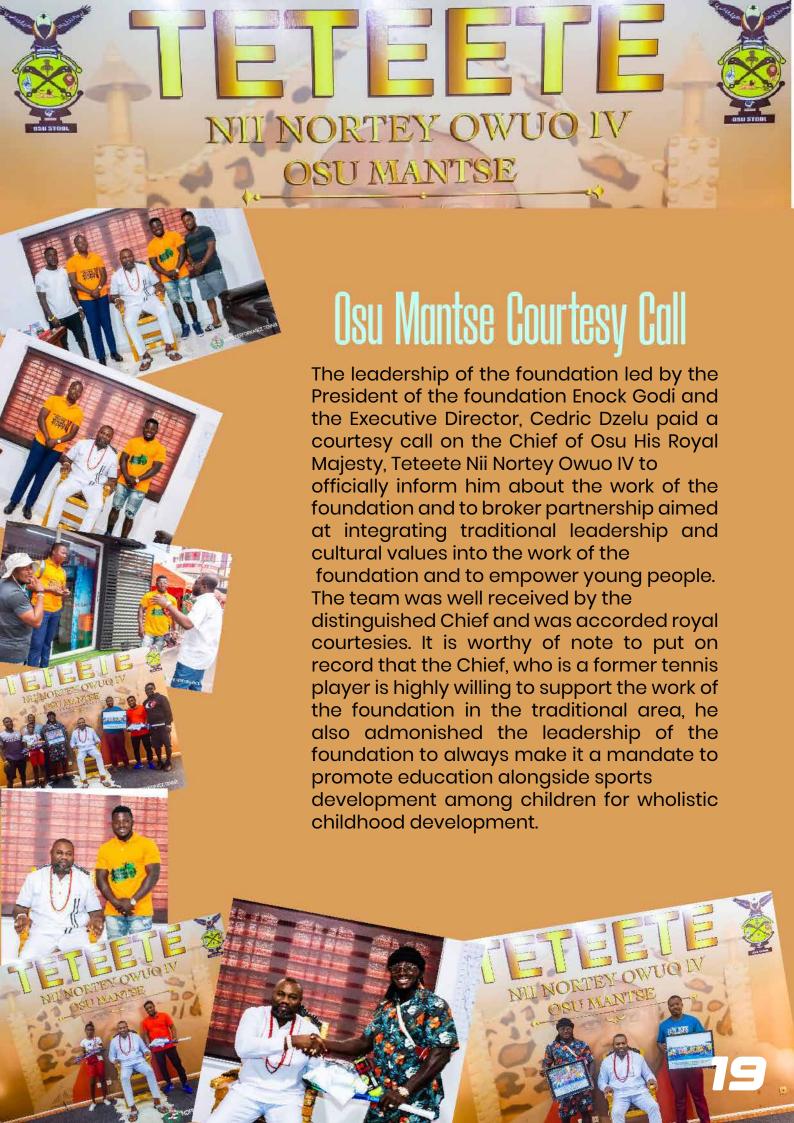
It was a very nice clinic to help children in Ghana to know more about Tennis. We appreciate what the foundation is doing to impact the lives of people in Ghana.



ROBERT INKOOM,

I am impressed by the variety of activities and well-organized programs that continue to impact the lives of young people.







# NII NORTEY OWUO IV OSU MANTSE



## One Ballpoint Tournament

Once again, we have kept faith in our promise of using the one-point tournament to bring everyone together without any form of discrimination to have fun and enjoy playing in a one-point tournament. With over 120 entries, Coach Albert Arthur once again proved himself as the King of one point tournament by winning the competition for the second time in a roll. Ron Kester Ako Annan placed second in a tournament where his mother placed second last year to Albert Arthur, Enock Godi won the third place but honoured his victory with Isaac Akuoko. Thanks to all who participated.





# Hope Tennis Clinic At Winneba

Thanks to Coach Noah Bukari Bagerbaseh the foundation successfully hosted another historic tennis clinic at the Winneba Sports College tennis courts where hundreds of young people were introduced to tennis. We are happy to report that players who have previously benefited from past events are picking up the sports quickly with promising talents and demonstration of great virtues.



# Solidarity Messages

### BOB STRICKLAND, Financial Supporter

I could not be more pleased with the progress and good work that the Hope foundation is doing for the kids in Ghana. The dedication of Enock Godi and his associates humbles me. He and others are tireless workers for the program and it is heartwarming to see the smiles of hundreds of participants and learn first-hand how our funds are being used to help these deserving young children and make a difference. There are so many needs all over the world and Ghana is no exception. Tennis can change lives and I am glad to know that my small contribution is making a difference. I intend to support the Hope foundation for many years to come.





### SCOTT LEVY, Financial Advisor

I was fortunate to have come to know the Lord and love tennis both early on in life as I accepted Christ when I was 15 years old. My family loves the game and my wife Gretchen and our daughters Margaret Ann and Madelyn love the game and have grown up playing it too. We love what Enock and his team are doing with Hope Performance Tennis and how they are changing lives. When we first heard what Enock was doing and his testimony, it was a no-brainer for us to support him. Here is someone who loves the Lord, loves tennis and loves others and wants to change the environment all of these kids are in. It's a great organization and we are thrilled to partner with him.

### DAVE STRICKLAND, Supporter

I have been a supporter of Hope since its inception. Enock is an exceptional human being and his vitality, enthusiasm, and genuine servant-leader approach spoke to me initially and continue to do so. He approached me about supporting the Foundation to help bring kids together around tennis in Ghana and I was "all in" to help. I look forward to continuing to support this organization.





KERRY S WOODFIELD, Supporter

I wholeheartedly agree with the mission that Hope Performance Tennis is engaged in, bringing hope to young people in Ghana and beyond through the game of tennis.



#### LYNN LANIER

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is the work of childhood." Fred Rogers. Enock Godi, like Mr. Rogers, recognized the need for play in a child's development. He has been recognized for his continuous contribution to tennis development for the children of Ghana. Enock and his foundation have worked endlessly to offer the children from impoverished homes transportation, food, tennis lessons and playtime. This organized play has instilled discipline, developed their athletic and cognitive skills and helped improve their self-confidence. He has given them a chance for a better life through Hope Performance. As Mr. Rogers said, "Play is serious learning and the work of childhood." Lynn Lanier





MARGARET ALMAND, Executive Assistant - Atlanta Athletic Club Enock Godi is a perfect example of an American success story. I met Enock when he became one of the pros at my home club, Horseshoe Bend Country Club. He always wanted to give back to the sport of tennis because it changed his life. He wanted other less fortunate children in Ghana to be exposed to tennis and hopefully, change their lives too. Enock goes to Ghana once a year and teaches a week-long tennis camp to hundreds of children in Ghana. It is therefore not surprising to see Enock and the Foundation recognized by the International Tennis Federation for their charitable work in Ghana. We are very proud of Enock and all that he has accomplished.

#### KLAUDIA CANCINO

This has been my second year being a part of this amazing foundation. I have learned and appreciated all of the good works Hope Performance continues to thrive. It's incredible how much love and supports Hope receives from all over. I'm thankful for hearing such remarkable stories of how they have developed over the years. I give all the grace to God knowing he has an impact on this foundation.





## **Media Assets**















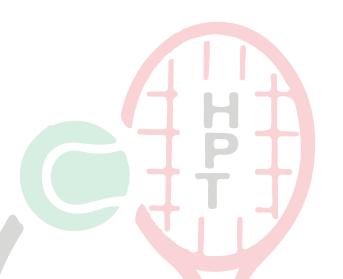




## **Volunteers**

The work of the foundation is primarily driven by volunteers and their unbending commitment to ensuring that the next generation gets a shot at success. We are happy to report that the number of volunteers who dedicated themselves to our work keeps on increasing and provides us with an enormous human resource to be able to handle the increasing numbers of young people at our event and to be able to provide a quality program to achieve our mandate. A Big Ayeekooooo to all the volunteers, from Atlanta to Ghana who have been the shoulders upon which our initiatives and impact are delivered. On behalf of all the young people, we say God Bless you all.







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