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## **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

### **14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau** Gdansk, 13-14 December 2011

#### **List of decisions**

The Bureau of the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) met in Gdansk on 13 and 14 December 2011. The meeting was chaired by the Chairperson, Mrs Ewa Markowicz. Mr. Alexey Morosov and Mrs Amila Karačić apologized as they could not attend the meeting.

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

- welcomed the delegates from EPAS member states (the list of participants can be found in Appendix 2);
- welcomed Mr. Julien Zylberstein as the second representative of the Consultative Committee to the Bureau;
- thanked the Polish authorities for hosting the meeting.

#### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

- adopted the agenda for this meeting as it appears in Appendix 1 to this report. Mr. Julien Zylberstein suggested to address the issue of interaction between sport justice (arbitration) and state judicial justice. The Bureau accepted this proposal;
- the Bureau expressed its surprise that Mr. Alexey Morosov, as the Vice-Chair of the Governing Board, was prevented for the second time to attend a Bureau meeting for administrative reasons.

#### **3. Recent news of interest**

- Took note of the information provided by the Secretariat :
  - meeting of the Statutory Committee and discussion on the scale of contribution of member states ;
  - legal advice to clarify the autonomy of EPAS as the organiser of ministerial conferences ;
  - contact with Mrs Amila Karajic, member of the Bureau, who left the Ministry in charge of sport of Bosnia and Herzegovina ;

- update on staff developments, in particular the retirement of Mrs Odile Bruyelle and the arrival of Mrs Jackie Renaudin-Siddall and Mrs Alla Heitz to prepare the Ministerial Conference;
  - the on-going activities related to the promotion of diversity, notably on women and sport;
  - the recent application of EAS to the Consultative Committee of EPAS.
- Noted the presentation made by the Secretariat of the Sport conventions (plenary meeting of two Committees of the anti-doping Convention and the Convention against spectators violence) :
- Doping : attendance to WADA statutory bodies; adoption of a zero-growth budget 2012 for WADA, at the request of European public authorities; contribution of CAHAMA to the current revision of the world anti-doping code; international conference end 2012 in Paris with the pharmaceutical industry;
  - Spectators violence: accession of Brazil as an observer; adoption of a recommendation on dialogue and interaction between police forces and supporters; consultative visit report on Ukraine, which followed the report on Poland; agreement with UEFA to launch a joint programme of cooperation and technical assistance in Poland and Ukraine to set-up mechanisms to ensure the safety of spectators;
- considering the publishing efforts of EPAS since 2007, invited the Secretariat to make visible the set of publications edited since 2007, including free publications, through the publication of a sheet along the lines of the existing sheet on the sport policy and practice collection, and to make it available on the website;
- as regards the participation of Mrs Amila Karajic to EPAS meetings, invited the Secretariat to liaise with her and clarify whether she will continue to represent Bosnia and Herzegovina until the end of her two-year mandate.

#### **4. Reports on recent meetings of statutory bodies**

- thanked the secretariat for the efforts made to produce qualitative documents in a short deadline;
- invited the secretariat to update the document (EPAS (2011) 64), in particular to complete it with the appendixes.

#### **5. Preparation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport in Belgrade, Serbia, 15 March 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> part)**

- Thanked Mr. Dragan Atanasov for his presentation related to the practical arrangement;
- Clarified that :
  - participants who need a visa will receive both an invitation letter from the Serbian authorities and a Note Verbale from the Protocole Department of the Council of Europe;
  - visas are not delivered at the airport, but by diplomatic missions (to be updated in MSL12(2012)02);
  - the Commissioner was invited to represent the EC;
  - the representative of the EU should be (in the following order of preference, but taking into account the level of representation) :

- the Presidency,
  - the Commission
  - the Parliament
- it would have been desirable to allow the Serbian authorities to invite a third country to seat at the table but, considering the previous decisions on criteria and the information already notified to the Committee of Ministers, it would be difficult to change the list of invited states;

*Concerning Resolution 1*

- thanked the secretariat for its presentation (to be published on the EPAS restricted website);
- stressed that the challenge is to find an agreement between public authorities, betting operators and the sports movement, to further discuss and implement measures against match fixing;
- agreed to take the initiative, as EPAS Bureau, to set up a network of betting regulators;
- discussed the prospects of an agency, but agreed that the political issue on the agenda was the decision to develop a convention (or any other non binding instrument);
- noted that some countries have reserved the right to express possible options as long as the feasibility study is not published;
- agreed that the resolution should point out a link between the development of online betting and the increasing threat of match fixing;
- agreed in principle with the content of Resolution 1, provided the feasibility study demonstrates that a convention could be an effective way to address the issue;

*Concerning Resolution 2.1*

- stressed that a formal invitation to the conference should be sent to the Presidency of EU;
- agreed that the Resolution should not repeat the Resolution adopted in Baku;
- agreed in principle with the content of the Resolution 2.1;

*Concerning Resolution 2.2*

- thanked Pierre Masson for his presentation based on document T-RV(2011)26;
- noted that the UEFA was ready to support co-operation with the Council of Europe;
- stressed that the Spectator violence convention, while focusing mostly on football, should not solely address violence in this sport;
- agreed in principle with the content of Resolution 2.2, provided the introductory document based on T-RV(2011)26 reflects the discussions ;
- decided to update the resolutions based on the comments expressed by the Bureau;
- agreed that Bureau members should send additional comments and proposals on the Resolution before Christmas, and that the secretariat will circulate the updated draft resolution at the very beginning of January 2012;
- considered that, following the information on consultation foreseen in January 2012 (Information meeting on 17 and GR-C on 31), further amendments may be submitted to the Bureau before the inclusion of the final draft resolution in the Conference documents.

**6. Draft programme of activity 2012-2013**

- invite the secretariat to update the document (EPAS (2011) 33rev), in particular regarding the meeting of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee.

**7. Miscellaneous**

- following comments from UEFA, agreed that the forthcoming Governing Board meeting will address the issue of the procedure for appointment and re-appointment of a member organisation of the Consultative Committee, with a view to increasing transparency, e.g. by promoting a stronger control role of the secretariat while confirming the application (e.g. not only gathering and disseminating the information, but also confirming the compliance of the applicant organisation or, in case of doubt, upholding the process until the next meeting);
- agreed to address the issue of sport arbitration and possible undue interference between civil courts and the autonomous organisation of sport competition, and agreed to address this issue at the forthcoming Governing Board meeting.

**8. Date and place of the next ad hoc Bureau meeting**

- discussed the pros and the cons of organizing the Governing Board meeting in June, despite the Ministerial meeting in May, and decided to re-schedule the programme of activity, in order to organize it before summer time, knowing that it won't be possible to produce new documents between the Bureau and the Governing Board meeting.

## Appendix I

## AGENDA

<b><i>13 December 2011</i></b>	
<b>1. Opening of the meeting</b>	
<b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b> <i>The Bureau is invited to adopt the draft agenda.</i>	EPAS (2011) 65
<b>3. Recent news of interest</b> <i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.</i>	
<b>4. Reports on recent meetings of statutory bodies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft list of decisions of the Governing Board Bureau meeting held in Strasbourg on 20 October 2011. <i>The Bureau is invited to take note of this draft report and to approve its distribution for information at the Governing Board.</i></li> </ul>	EPAS (2011) 64
<b>5. Preparation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport in Belgrade, Serbia, 15 March 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> part)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisational issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elements on the calendar of the Ministerial Conference</li> <li>- Opinion given by the Legal Advice Department and Treaty Office</li> <li>- Schedule of the preparatory work of Conference documents</li> <li>- Presentation by the Serbian authorities</li> <li>- Practical information</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the updated schedule for the preparation of the Conference and the oral presentation; it is also invited to approve the practical information document.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the Conference documents (match-fixing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by the Secretariat</li> <li>- Match-fixing ongoing feasibility study</li> <li>- Match-fixing draft resolution 1</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>The Bureau is invited to discuss and to approve the contents of the conference document “feasibility study match-fixing legal instrument” and the draft resolution, in particular its structure.</i></p>	EPAS-SC(2011) 6 EPAS(2011) INF 28 EPAS (2011) 16rev2  MSL12(2012) 2  EPAS(2011) 66 EPAS(2011) 67

<p><b><i>14 December 2011</i></b></p>	
<p><b>6. Preparation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport in Belgrade, Serbia, 15 March 2012 (2<sup>nd</sup> part)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the Conference documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by the Secretariat of the issue on Spectator violence</li> <li>- Presentation by the Secretariat of the co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union</li> <li>- Draft resolution 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral information, to discuss and approve the contents of relevant documents.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thematical overview</li> <li>- Draft detailed programme</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>The Bureau is invited to hold an exchange of views on the contents and structure of the documents and to agree on the follow-up.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">T-RV(2011) 26</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EPAS(2011) 67</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EPAS(2011) 55rev MSL12(2012) 1</p>
<p><b>7. Draft programme of activity 2012-2013</b> <i>The Bureau is invited to take note of the revised version drafted by the Secretariat concerning the programme of activity and budget 2012-2013.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">EPAS (2011) 33rev</p>
<p><b>8. Miscellaneous</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Date and place of the next ad hoc Bureau meeting</b></p>	

Appendix II

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