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

### **1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Statutory Committee**

Strasbourg, 18 June 2007

## **Conclusions**

### **Introduction**

The first meeting of the Statutory Committee of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) was held in Strasbourg on 18 June 2007.

The main subjects were as follows:

- the amount of contributions to the EPAS budget and the draft for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2007;
- accession to the EPAS.

The meeting was attended by:

- Mr Terry DAVIS, Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco;
- Mr Richard CABORN, Minister of Sport of the United Kingdom;
- the ambassadors of the eighteen member states: Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, San Marino, Slovenia, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and the United Kingdom ;
- Ms Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Director General of the Council of Europe’s Directorate General IV – Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, accompanied by a team from the Youth and Sport Directorate.

### **Addresses**

Mr Terry DAVIS, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants. Referring to the Council of Europe’s activities in the field of sport over the last 30 years, he said that the aim was still to make sport healthier, fairer and better governed. The Council of Europe has supported public authorities in their efforts to provide sports facilities at the local level, to fight against doping and spectator violence with determination, and to combat discrimination of all sorts, and has brought the authority of a human rights organisation to bear. The Secretary General was certain that the EPAS would be an innovative platform for intergovernmental co-operation in the field of sport and that it would change the way in which sport was dealt with at political level. It would also play a key role in setting and improving standards in the member states and serve as a framework for the negotiation of international legal instruments.

At the end of his speech, Mr Davis expressed his conviction that the number of member states of the EPAS would increase in the wake of the strong endorsement expressed at the Conference of European Ministers of Sport in Moscow in October 2006.

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco began his speech with a reminder that the Council of Europe had been born of a desire to restore peace on our continent, along with a concern to defend human rights and solidarity. It had been only natural that the action taken in pursuit of these goals should encompass culture and sport. The 1954 European Cultural Convention, to which Monaco has been a party since 1994, has been a useful platform for intergovernmental co-operation in the field of sport. The foundations provided by the convention have been gradually consolidated through the adoption of legal instruments and the establishment of bodies dealing directly with sport, designed to ensure its sound practice and to promote its values in terms of bringing people together and ensuring respect for other human beings (the Anti-Doping Convention, the European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches, the European Sports Charter and the Code of Sports Ethics).

In conclusion, His Serene Highness expressed his desire for the Council of Europe to support the action taken by individual states and use the EPAS to consolidate enriching, co-ordinated policies in this field and, above all, to ensure good governance in sport and establish co-operation with the major sports federations.

Mr Richard CABORN, Minister of Sport of the United Kingdom, welcomed the support and financial commitment of the EPAS member states. The Council of Europe plays a crucial role in the development of anti-doping programmes, measures to combat spectator violence and the development of sport at international level. The EPAS now provides a platform for this work and he hoped that it would be an active and productive one, which was the reason why the United Kingdom was supporting it.

The time to set up this body had indeed arrived and although the European Union's White Paper on sport set new objectives and assigned new importance to sport within the EU, the Council of Europe should not relax its efforts as it had a vital role to play.

### **Election of the Chair**

The Ambassador of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Ms Eleonora Petrova MITEVSKA, proposed that the Ambassador of Norway, Mr Torbjorn FROYSNES, be named as Chair of the Statutory Committee of the EPAS. Her proposal was adopted unanimously.

### **Adoption of the agenda**

The Chair of the Statutory Committee presented the agenda, as set out in Appendix 1, and submitted it for discussion. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

### **Amount of contributions to the EPAS budget and plan for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2007**

The Chair presented draft Resolution No. 1 setting the amount of contributions to the EPAS budget for 2007, and submitted it for discussion. Resolution No. 1 was adopted unanimously.

The Chair presented the draft budget of the EPAS up to 31 December 2007, showing the amount of the budget and the four posts to be created, and submitted the draft to the members for discussion. The EPAS budget up to 31 December 2007 was adopted unanimously.

The Ambassador of Luxembourg, Mr Ronald MAYER, asked for some explanation regarding the disparity between the extrapolated budget for 2008 and the 2007 budget, having noted that the difference was over 20%. In reply, the Secretariat explained that this anticipated increase in the 2008 budget was due to a growth in the activities and the staff costs of the EPAS, which would have reached cruising speed by this point. Furthermore, after the meeting of the EPAS Governing Board due to be held in September or October, it was planned to present a more detailed programme of activities, which would enable the Statutory Committee to adopt the 2008 budget on the basis of precise data.

### **Accession to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

The Secretariat presented an oral report on the EPAS Statute, its future members and the procedures and arrangements for accession to the agreement by new member countries, international sports federations and NGOs.

### **Future activities of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)**

The Chair announced the following meetings:

- a Statutory Committee meeting to be held in late November or early December 2007;
- a Governing Board meeting to be held in September or October 2007.

At the end of the meeting, the Chair thanked the participants and said that he hoped the platform would go from strength to strength.

## Appendix 1 Annotated agenda

### I. Opening of the meeting:

The meeting will be opened at 15:30 p.m., in the room of the Committee of Ministers, on Monday 18 June 2007.

- Opening address by Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe.
- Address by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco.
- Address by Richard Caborn, the UK Minister for Sport.

### II. Election of the Chair

The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to elect the Chair.

### III. Adoption of the agenda

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The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to adopt the draft agenda.

### IV. Scale of contributions to the budget of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and Draft budget for the period 1st July – 31 December 2007

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The Finance Directorate will inform the members of the Statutory Committee on the scale of contributions to the 2007 Budget of the Enlarged partial agreement on Sport (EPAS).

The Secretariat will present to the members of the Statutory Committee the draft budget for the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of € 269,400 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July – 31 December 2007.

This draft budget has been submitted to the Budget Committee for opinion. The Budget Committee's recommendation and any comments will be communicated to the Statutory Committee members.

- The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to adopt the scale of contributions to the 2007 Budget of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS).
- The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to adopt the draft budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July – 31 December 2007.

### V. Accessions to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Secretariat will inform the members of the Statutory Committee on the procedure and modalities of an accession by new countries, international sport federations and sport NGOs to the EPAS.

### VI. Future Work of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to agree upon the date of their next meeting.

### VII. Miscellaneous

## **Appendix 2**

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