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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

15th meeting of the Statutory Committee Friday 7 September 2018, 11:00 – 12:30 Room of the Committee of Ministers Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg

Decisions

The Statutory Committee, under the terms of Article 5 of the Statute of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), composed of the representatives to the Committee of Ministers of the member states of the Agreement¹, held its 15th meeting in Strasbourg on 7 September 2018 under the chairmanship of Mr Rémi Mortier, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Monaco, Chair of the EPAS Statutory Committee.

The list of participants is featured in **Appendix I** of this document.

The Statutory Committee:

- I. Adopted the agenda as it appears in the **Appendix II** to this document;
- II. Approved the 2017 annual accounts of the Enlarged Partial Agreement for the period running until 31 December 2017 and consequently adopted Resolution EPAS/Res(2018)1 in relation to the financial statements of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) for the financial year ending 31 December 2017, as it appears in **Appendix III** to this document;
- III. Noted the verbal report presented by the Secretariat concerning accession and observer requests by new countries, international sports federations and sport NGOs to EPAS;

¹ Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”.

- IV. Noted the verbal report presented by Zoran Verovnik, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board, concerning the ongoing activities and future priorities of EPAS; a summary of his intervention appears in **Appendix V** to this document;
- V. Approved the scale of contributions to EPAS membership for 2019 and its budget for 2019; it approved Resolution EPAS/Res(2016)2 as it appears in **Appendix IV** to this document.
- VI. Agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Statutory Committee will take place in autumn 2019, the exact date being communicated in due course by the Secretariat.

Appendix I

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Appendix II

Annotated agenda

I. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened at 11.00 a.m. in the Committee of Ministers' meeting room (Palais de l'Europe) on Friday 7 September 2018, under the chairmanship of Mr Rémi Mortier, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Monaco, Chair of the EPAS Statutory Committee.

II. Adoption of the agenda

EPAS-SC(2018)2

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

III. Approval of 2017 EPAS accounts

EPAS-SC(2018)4
EPAS-SC(2018)INF1

The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to approve draft Resolution EPAS/Res(2018)1 as it appears in document EPAS-SC(2018)4 in relation to the financial statements of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) for the financial year ending 31 December 2017.

IV. Update on accessions and requests for observer status to the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

The Secretariat will inform the members of the Statutory Committee on the recent developments of the EPAS and on accessions by new countries, international sports federations and sports NGOs to the EPAS.

The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to take note of the oral presentation.

V. Ongoing work of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Chair of the Governing Board, Mr Zoran Verovnik (Slovenia), will report on the progress of the work of EPAS since the last meeting of the Statutory Committee and on its ongoing activities.

The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to take note of the oral presentation.

VI. Scale of contributions to the budget of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and draft Budget for 2019

EPAS-SC(2018)1

The Statutory Committee will be informed on the draft scale of contributions to the 2019 budget of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS).

The Secretariat will present the draft budget for the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to approve of the scale of contributions for 2019, approve of the budget for the period to 31 December 2019, and consequently to approve Resolution EPAS/Res(2018)2 as it appears in document EPAS-SC(2018)1.

VII. Draft decisions

EPAS-SC(2018)3

VIII. Miscellaneous

The next meeting of the Statutory Committee is foreseen in September 2019 to address the annual financial issues, according to the Statute.

The members of the Statutory Committee are invited to take note that the date of the next meeting will be communicated in due time by the Secretariat.

Appendix III

Resolution EPAS/Res(2018)1 concerning the budgetary management accounts of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) for the year ended 31 December 2017

(Adopted by the Statutory Committee on 7 September 2018)

The Statutory Committee under the terms of Article 5.4 of the Statute of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and in its composition restricted to the Representatives of the States members in 2017 of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport².

Having regard to Resolution CM/Res(2007)8 establishing the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport;

Having regard to Article 68 of the Financial Regulations;

Having regard to the budgetary management accounts of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the year ended 31 December 2017, as presented by the Secretary General;

Having regard to the opinion of the External Auditor;

Having regard to the report of the External Auditor;

Having regard to the report of the Budget Committee,

Resolves as follows:

1. The financial statements of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport for the year ended 31 December 2017 are approved (CM(2018)100 add, page 41).
2. The unexpended appropriations for the financial year 2017 amounting to €6 288.65 as shown in the budgetary management accounts (CM(2018)100 add, page 41) presented by the Secretary General, are cancelled.
3. Approval is hereby given to the apportionment of the 2017 financial year net surplus of €6 288.65 among the members of the Enlarged Partial Agreement, as indicated in the appendix to this resolution.
4. The share of the surplus of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport budget due to each state will be applied to meet any additional contributions for which states may become liable should supplementary appropriations be granted in the 2018 budget, any part of the share that remains being considered as an advance on its contributions for 2019.
5. The budgetary management accounts with the present resolution, as well as the report of the External Auditor, will be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers.

² States concerned: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and Belarus, Israel, Morocco as non-member States of the Council of Europe.

Appendix to Resolution EPAS/Res(2018)1

Apportionment among member and non-member States of the surplus of the Budget of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) for the financial year 2017

MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE	Scale of contributions for the financial year 2017 (Resolution EPAS-Res(2016)2)	Amount of credit balance
ALBANIA	0.9031	56.79
ANDORRA	0.9031	56.79
ARMENIA	0.9031	56.79
AZERBAIJAN	0.9031	56.79
BELGIUM	4.1491	260.93
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	0.9031	56.79
BULGARIA	0.9031	56.79
CROATIA	0.9031	56.79
CYPRUS	0.9031	56.79
DENMARK	2.6348	165.70
ESTONIA	0.9031	56.79
FINLAND	2.1121	132.83
FRANCE	20.9539	1 317.72
GEORGIA	0.9031	56.79
GREECE	2.1532	135.41
HUNGARY	1.2977	81.61
ICELAND	0.9031	56.79
LATVIA	0.9031	56.79
LIECHTENSTEIN	0.9031	56.79
LITHUANIA	0.9031	56.79
LUXEMBOURG	0.9031	56.79
MALTA	0.9031	56.79
MONACO	0.9031	56.79
MONTENEGRO	0.9031	56.79
NETHERLANDS	6.7003	421.36
NORWAY	3.9027	245.43
POLAND	5.1161	321.74
PORTUGAL	1.9960	125.53
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	20.9539	1 317.72
SAN MARINO	0.9031	56.79
SERBIA	0.9031	56.79
SLOVENIA	0.9031	56.79
SWITZERLAND	5.2185	328.18
"THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA"	0.9031	56.79
NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE		
BELARUS	0.9031	56.79
ISRAEL	1.127	70.92
MOROCCO	0.9127	57.40
TOTAL	100,000	6 288.65

Appendix IV

Resolution EPAS-Res(2018)2 concerning the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport 2018-2019 Budgets

(Adopted by the Statutory Committee on 7 September 2018)

The Statutory Committee, under the terms of Article 5 of the Statute of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)³, composed of the representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the member states of the agreement.

Having regard to Resolution CM/Res(2007)8 of 11 May 2007 authorising the establishment of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport;

Having regard to Articles 19, 21 et 28 of the Financial Regulations;

Having noted the changes in the EPAS membership for 2019, compared to 2018;

Having regard to the Programme and Budget for 2018-2019 (CM(2018)1-rev);

Resolves as follows:

1. The budget of expenditure and the budget of receipts for 2019, totalling €814 100 according to Table A appended hereto are hereby approved on a provisional basis.
2. Approval is hereby given to the apportionment, among the states which are members of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the contributions for 2019 totalling €814 100 according to Table B appended hereto.
3. The total of the budget of receipts shall be a function of actual receipts. The budget of expenditure and receipts will be adjusted accordingly in the course of the financial year.
4. Took note that the salary adjustment will applied mutatis mutandis within the total of €814 100 on the basis of a general decision taken by the Committee of Ministers on the Ordinary budget.

³ States concerned: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”.

Appendix to the resolution

Table A - Sport - Budget 2019

	Budget Final 2019
Expenditure	814 100
Receipts	814 100
Member States' Contributions	814 100

Table B – Contribution of member states to the budget of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport for 2019

MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE	% contribution	Amounts
ALBANIA	0.8983	7 313.06
ANDORRA	0.8983	7 313.06
ARMENIA	0.8983	7 313.06
AUSTRIA	3.5390	28 811.00
AZERBAIJAN	0.8983	7 313.06
BELGIUM	4.3040	35 038.86
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	0.8983	7 313.06
BULGARIA	0.8983	7 313.06
CROATIA	0.8983	7 313.06
CYPRUS	0.8983	7 313.06
ESTONIA	0.8983	7 313.06
FINLAND	2.1884	17 815.76
FRANCE	19.8910	161 932.63
GEORGIA	0.8983	7 313.06
GREECE	2.0512	16 698.82
HUNGARY	1.3702	1 1154.8
ICELAND	0.8983	7 313.06
LATVIA	0.8983	7 313.06
LIECHTENSTEIN	0.8983	7 313.06
LITHUANIA	0.8983	7 313.06
LUXEMBOURG	0.8983	7 313.06
MALTA	0.8983	7 313.06
MONACO	0.8983	7 313.06
MONTENEGRO	0.8983	7 313.06
NETHERLANDS	7.0628	57 498.26
NORWAY	3.5702	29 065.00
POLAND	5.3173	43 288.14
PORTUGAL	2.0583	16 756.62
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	19.8910	161 932.63
SAN MARINO	0.8983	7 313.06
SERBIA	0.8983	7 313.06
SLOVENIA	0.8983	7 313.06
SWITZERLAND	5.7862	47 105.45
"THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA"	0.8983	7 313.06
NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE		
BELARUS	0.8983	7 313.06
ISRAEL	1.3389	10 899.99
MOROCCO	0.9706	7 901.66
TOTAL	100.0000	814 100.00

Appendix V

Summary of the intervention by Mr Zoran Verovnik, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board

Different to some other declared European institutions, the Council of Europe is a true house of democracy and human rights. EPAS is a proud part of it and following an evaluation within the framework of its 10th anniversary in 2017, EPAS focuses on and aims to promote a more ethical, more inclusive and safer sport in Europe. This work continues in 2018.

The flagship event on our programme of activity is the 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for sport, which will take place in Tbilisi, Georgia, on the 16 October 2018. The conference will provide an excellent and timely opportunity to discuss the issue of good governance (alternative term being “corruption”) in sport, as well as the question of human rights in sport. The Ministers responsible for sport from the 50 states parties to the European Cultural Convention and from partner states of the Council of Europe, as well as representatives from the world of sport and from other international organisations involved in sport, have been invited to take part in the conference (the GR-C was informed about this conference on Tuesday, so I won’t go into any further detail).

In the context of the afore-said standards of the CoE, and being a house of democracy and human rights, EPAS has drafted its work around three core pillars, **Ethical sport, Inclusive sport and Safe sport**:

Ethical sport

- EPAS is involved in the International Partnership against Corruption in Sport consisting of – among other stakeholders – the OECD, the UNODC and the IOC: the CoE/EPAS co-ordinates Task Force 3. This task force aims at developing common benchmarks with good governance indicators to support sport organisations and public authorities to address risks of corruption – e.g. term duration/ limits, transparency, financial reporting, conflict of interest.

Several meetings already took place and more are planned in 2018, including meetings of the European contact group.

- EPAS has set up a database on alleged corruption cases – DACCS. 84 new alleged corruption cases were detected in 2016. The cases of 2017 are currently being analysed.

- EPAS co-operates with Play the Game in the framework of the Sports Governance Observer (SGO) project. The SGO is a benchmarking tool that enables national and international sports leaders to improve the governance of their federation.

- EPAS took over the follow-up of UNESCO’s MINEPS/Kazan Action Plan (= Unesco’s conference of sports ministers): CoE/EPAS co-ordinates Action 3 of the Action Plan which will develop international guidelines on sport integrity (covering doping, discriminations, manipulations, corruption, sexual violence etc.). This process will provide an opportunity to promote the Council of Europe’s expertise in addressing sport integrity issues at global level.

Inclusive sport

- EPAS has started preparatory work for its diversity conference 2019 on gender equality which will be organised in close co-operation with our ALL IN joint project. The project “All In: towards gender balance in sport” is an EPAS project which started in April 2018 and will last until October 2019. It is a joint project, which is run thanks to support from the EU. Its aim is to roll out a data collection campaign on the commonly agreed gender equality indicators. This project helps monitor the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on gender mainstreaming in sport (2015/2) and helps to support member states with useful data for steering their gender equality policies in the field of sport.
- EPAS is finalising the publication of a good practice handbook on inclusive and innovative approaches to physical education and sports training to promote diversity in sport.
- EPAS organised evaluation visits on the European Sports Charter to Georgia (February 2018) and Norway (March 2018).
- EPAS launched the Internet Platform of project promoters using sport as a vehicle to facilitate the inclusion of migrants in the host country. Some 40 projects were uploaded. A meeting of these project promoters is foreseen in the second half of 2018 to exchange ideas and information and to share good practices.

Safe sport

- CoE/EPAS launched the Start to Talk initiative in April 2018 in Madrid to fight sexual violence and harassment in sport. Start to Talk is a follow-up initiative of the “Pro Safe Sport” and “Pro Safe Sport+” joint projects. The Committee of Ministers was already informed about this initiative. We are now in the process of identifying EPAS member states which are interested in launching a national campaign, developing awareness-raising events or enhancing their policies and standards. EPAS will provide capacity building and technical assistance to implement a Start to Talk campaign.
- A pool of child protection experts was set up. A conference will be organised in the second half of 2018.

Particular challenges

- One EPAS member state withholds its annual fee.
- Withdrawal of Denmark
- Seconded official on long-term sick leave since January 2018

Co-operation with the sports movement

- Co-operation with the sports movement takes place through our Consultative Committee, which gathers a diverse set of sports organisations from across Europe and beyond.
- The MoU with UEFA, and the future MoU with FIFA, will offer new opportunities in addition to the already signed MoU with WADA (signed at the 14th Conference of Ministers in 2016 in Budapest). EPAS is about to conclude a partnership agreement to become a partner of MESGO, a graduate training course in sport management and governance, organised by five universities. The

CoE standards and actions in the field of sport will be promoted to executives from sports organisations as part of the curriculum of this training course.

Following the enumerated actions and programme activities we can conclude that the strength of EPAS lies in its INCLUSIVENESS and OPENNESS to the sports movement and the NGO structures.