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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Second Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau Strasbourg, 12 February 2008

List of decisions of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau

Mrs Krisztina GÖNTÉR, Chair of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board, opened the second meeting, welcomed members of the Bureau and the Secretariat and congratulated Mr Stanislas FROSSARD on his nomination as Executive Secretary of EPAS.

The Bureau:

- 1 accepted the apologies of Mr John TUCKER (United Kingdom) for not being able to attend the meeting (see Appendix 2 for the list of participants);
- 2 adopted the Agenda for this second meeting as it appears in Appendix 1 to this report;
- 3 adopted the draft list of decisions of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau meeting on 7 December 2007 with an amendment concerning the updated document on the dates of meetings in 2008;

- took note of the French delegate's request to translate and distribute reports in French;

- 4 took note of:
 - a. the EPAS new member countries: (Liechtenstein, Monaco, Serbia, Switzerland, Sweden, bringing to 24 the number of member states)
 - b. the staff situation (recruitment of an Executive Secretary)
 - c. Council of Europe events; the Secretariat gave, in particular, information on:
 - the visit of Mr Michel PLATINI, President of UEFA, to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and his meeting with EPAS staff members with a view to extending bilateral cooperation;
 - the independent report presented by Mr José Luis ARNAUT, Portugal, concerning the necessity to preserve a European sport model;
- 5 took note of the verbal report made by the Secretariat regarding the discussions during the first meeting of the working group, with a view to the preparation of the 11th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport on 11th February 2008.

Concerning the Questionnaire on Autonomy in Sport;

- held an exchange of views and decided on the final version of the *Questionnaire on Autonomy in Sport* and agreed to the following:

I. to collaborate with one consultant and to deal with him/her on this topic; upon the recommendation of the working group, the Secretariat will contact and deal with him/her. This activity will be paid through the EPAS budget.

II. steps regarding the sending and receiving of the questionnaire:

a. sending the questionnaire

- the final version of the questionnaire will be decided during the meeting of the EPAS Bureau on 12 February 2008;

- the Secretariat: - will send it to the EPAS national sports authorities via the EPAS delegates;

- will ask the EPAS national authorities for information concerning the most representative sports NGO and/or National Olympic Committee, with a view to also sending it to them (address, tel/fax./e-mail and contact name);

- will co-operate with ENGSO with a view to also sending it to:

- the 21 ENGSO member organisations,

- (to be confirmed following direct contact of the Secretariat with the IOC) the International Olympic Committee, international/European sports federations;

b. receiving the questionnaire answers:

- deadline for receiving answers - 30 April 2008

III. steps regarding the analysis of the questionnaire results

- extra meeting of the Working Group: - 3 June 2008

- questionnaire results study draft prepared by the consultant;
- \circ results of the consultant study/expertise on the sport autonomy item;
- final draft conference recommendation.

Concerning the Draft of the EPAS Rules of Procedure;

- invited the Secretariat to finalise the project and to send the draft of the EPAS Rules of Procedure to the EPAS Bureau members for discussion and approval during the second EPAS Bureau meeting, on 10 April 2008;
- 6 agreed on the following themes to be prepared and presented for debate at the 11th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport:
 - a. Ethics in sport
 - the background documents will be prepared by the Greek experts;
 - b. Autonomy in sport
 - the draft documents will be prepared by a consultant;
 - c. EPAS Pan-European Co-operation:
 - draft documents will be prepared by EPAS Secretariat;
 - this sub-topic will cover:
 - i. Involvement of the European authorities in WADA
 - ii. Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union
 - iii. Development of the EPAS Consultative Committee
 - agreed that all draft documents will be discussed during the second meeting of the working group on 3 June 2008;
 - suggested to invite the following personalities and organisations to the 11th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport:
 - Mr Jacques ROGGE President of IOC, Mr Michel PLATINI- President of UEFA, Mr John FAHEY- President of WADA, Mrs Birgitta KERVINEN President of ENGSO;
 - EU Commission Jan FIGEL;

- Sports ministers of EPAS member countries;

- Sports ministers of the European countries which signed the Council of Europe Cultural Convention;

- European/international sports federations and associations involved in the EPAS;
- 7 held an exchange of views on the EPAS programme of activities for 2008:
 - agreed to be a partner with the European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches (T-RV) and UEFA by organising the Seminar on the Promotion of Fan Coaching by public authorities, 6-8 April 2008, at Europa Park, Rust, Germany, to which delegates of EPAS member countries and ENGSO will be invited, without specifying the amount of budgetary contribution;
 - agreed to organise, within the framework of the Council of Europe Campaign on Combating Racism and Discrimination in Sport, a symposium to which all public authorities interested or involved in anti-racism and anti-discrimination in sport will be invited; the Secretariat informed the Bureau of the proposal made to Liechtenstein to host this event;
- 8 noted that the sports organisation TAFISA ESFAN has already sent its letter of intention to be an EPAS observer member in the Consultative Committee and agreed to put their requests on the agenda of the EPAS Governing Board meeting;
- 9 took note of:
 - the request made to the Secretariat by the French delegate to prepare and distribute the EPAS budget expenditures in detail; the Secretariat noted this request and will prepare this draft document for discussion at the next Bureau meeting;
 - Monaco's interest to possibly host the annual EPAS Consultative Committee; the Secretariat will start the dialogue with Monaco authorities;
 - the Secretariat's proposal to have a meeting with the Chair of EPAS, ENGSO and UEFA, on 9 April 2008 to discuss the future of the Consultative Committee.

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Appendix I

Agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Report of the first Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board meeting EPAS (2007) 12 on 7 December 2007
- 4. EPAS news:
 - memberships
 - staff
 - CoE events
- 5. EPAS ongoing work:
 - Questionnaire on Autonomy in Sport
 - Draft of the EPAS Rules of Procedures
- 6. Preparations for the 11th Ministerial Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Sport in Greece in December: EPAS (2008) 4 discussions on themes, working documents, working methods, MSL10 (2004) 1rev draft agenda and other organisational questions

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- 7. Campaign on Combating Racism and Discrimination in Sport
- 8. Update on the Consultative Committee interested organisations TAFISA ESFAN, EFPM
- 9. Update on co-operation with the European Union and links with Ad Hoc (2007) 3 Eng other organisations and projects (WADA)
- 10. Communication strategies: graphic line of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)
- 11. Miscellaneous
- 12. Dates of the next meeting

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