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RESOLUTION No 1THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR SPORT FOR ALL : DISABLED PERSONS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Recalling their Resolution No. 5, "Sport for handicapped persons", adopted at their 3rd Conference in 1981. and their Resolution No. 7, "Sport for the handicapped and other health impaired groups", adopted at their 4th Conference in 1984,

Thanking the CDDS for preparing the draft recommendation to governments requested in the latter resolution,

Welcome and endorse the European Charter on Sport for All: Disabled Persons,

Urge the competent international and national sports and other relevant organisations to be guided by it in their policy making,

Agree to take appropriate measures to ensure that following the adoption of the Charter, there will be a wide distribution of its explanatory memorandum and Annex on access to sports facilities amongst their sports organisations and others concerned with the needs of disabled persons,

Invite the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to adopt the following European Charter on Sport for All: Disabled Persons as a recommendation to governments of member States.

Draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on the principles for a policy of Sport for All: Disabled Persons

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The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members, notably by means of common action in social and cultural matters,

Considering that nearly one person in every ten of the populations of the member States suffers from a variety of impairment, disability or handicap,

Bearing in mind its Resolution (76) 41 on the principles for a policy of sport for all and particularly Article I of the Appendix thereto which states that "every individual shall have the right to participate in sport";

Having regard to Resolution No. 5 and Resolution No. 7 on sport for handicapped persons, adopted respectively at the 3rd (Palma de Majorca 1981) and 4th (Malta, 1984) Conferences of European Ministers responsible for Sport;

Bearing in mind its Resolution AP (84) 3 adopted in the framework of the Partial Agreement in the social and public health field, on a coherent policy for the integration of disabled people which states, in paragraph 2.4 of its Appendix, that "participation in sport should be encouraged", that "sport is a vital factor in rehabilitation" and integration, and that "sports activities should be intensified and their further development encouraged by appropriate public relations methods, the training of staff, the planning of sports centres and the promotion of associations";

Considering that it is necessary to create a welcoming climate for disabled people, to recognise their right to be helped and to improve their position in society;

Considering that, in accordance with these ethical principles and the respect of each human being, the promotion and development of sport and physical recreation for all disabled persons is an important means of improving the quality of their life, as well as contributing to their rehabilitation and integration in society;

Considering that the European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting for their 5th Conference in Dublin (1986) adopted a Resolution defining such principles under the title of the "European Charter on Sport for All: Disabled Persons":

I. Recommends the governments of Member States:

1. to take the action set out in Part A of the Appendix to this recommendation;

2. to encourage and work closely with the sports organisations concerned to take the action set out in Part B of the Appendix to this recommendation;
3. to distribute this recommendation widely amongst all sports organisations and other bodies and organisations concerned with disabled persons.

II. Instructs the Secretary General to transmit this recommendation to:

- a. the governments of States party to the European Cultural Convention which are not members of the Council of Europe;
- b. the Committee on the Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the Disabled of the Partial Agreement in the Social and Public Health fields, and
- c. the competent international sports organisations, and other organisations concerned with the needs of disabled persons.

A P P E N D I X

PRINCIPLES FOR A POLICY OF SPORT FOR ALL: DISABLED PERSONS

(defined by the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport in Dublin (1986) under the title "European Charter on Sport for All: Disabled Persons")

PART A

The governments of member States should:

1. take the necessary steps to ensure that all relevant public authorities and private organisations are aware of the sporting and recreational wants and needs, including in education, of all disabled persons - not only those who are physically or sensorially disabled and mentally handicapped, but also those who suffer from an organic or psychosomatic disorder;
2. orientate their policies for such persons so that they may have adequate opportunities to take part in recreational physical activities which will:
  - encourage their feeling of well-being and/or improve their physical condition;
  - provide self-fulfilling leisure time occupations;
  - encourage social communication both between themselves and between them and able-bodied persons;
3. encourage the appropriate authorities to seek to ensure that public sports facilities are accessible to and usable by disabled persons and to incite these authorities:
  - a. to consider the need to set aside public money to help with the conversion of existing facilities to meet the building guidelines set down in the Annex to the explanatory memorandum to this recommendation or equivalent national standards;
  - b. ensure so far as is possible that future sports facilities will meet these guidelines or equivalent national standards;
  - c. to take steps to familiarise architects and managers of sports facilities with the requirements of disabled people;
4. encourage co-operation between the various public authorities involved in sport for disabled persons, such as health, social welfare, education and sport departments, and their policies and actions;
5. encourage where appropriate the setting up of an umbrella body for the development of sport for all disabled persons, bringing together all appropriate and relevant interests and expertise;

6. encourage those financing sports activities for all disabled persons to take account of their special needs and requirements;
7. encourage the development of sport and recreation for disabled persons as an integral part of rehabilitation and as a continuation of it as well as for its wider general benefit;
8. encourage research as necessary which will determine scientifically the physiological, psychological, social or other benefits of sport for different categories of disabled people, together with other research which may be deemed to be appropriate;
9. encourage educational authorities to take sufficient steps to provide adequate and real physical education for disabled children in schools, and to train to the required level those who may teach these children;
10. encourage the provision of opportunities for disabled persons who so desire to train as physical education teachers;
11. encourage the provision of training of disabled and able-bodied instructors to work with recognised competent sports organisations;
12. ensure that when sports policy is being decided the interests and views of disabled persons are given due consideration;
13. ensure, within their constitutional limits, that this recommendation is also observed by the appropriate regional and local authorities with competence in any of the areas mentioned above.

#### PART B

The governments of member States should encourage and work closely with the sports organisations concerned in order:

1. to develop appropriate activities at all levels of sport for disabled persons and to ensure in particular that recreational participation in sport is adequately provided for;
2. to consider ways in which disabled persons may be offered opportunities for integrating into traditional sports clubs and organisations;
3. to encourage disabled persons to contribute directly to the development of sports policies which concern them;
4. to ensure that in their policy making and decisions the sporting interests of all disabled persons are taken into due account;
5. to recognise that disabled persons may aspire to elite sport and to participate in it according to their abilities and to ensure that the organisation of such competitions does not in any way lead to the exploitation, whether physical, psychological or financial, of possible participants;

6. to continue the efforts, at national, regional, and local levels, and within the competent international sports organisations to harmonise, simplify and, where appropriate, to reduce the classification categories and the eligibility criteria for participation at competitions between disabled persons;
7. to intensify efforts to enable disabled persons, insofar as they may desire to do so, to compete in the same events as the able-bodied, while preserving the principle of fair and equal competition;
8. to intensify the co-ordination of their activities, with a view to eventual unification, both at international level, and at national level, in the body described at Article 5 of Part A;
9. to develop policies designed to give the general public more information on sport for disabled people.

RESOLUTION No 2PROGRESS IN EUROPEAN SPORTS COOPERATION

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin for their 5th Conference from 30 September to 2 October 1986,

(A. General)

1. Considering that sport continues to occupy an ever-increasingly important place in society and public policy, both because of its positive contributions to the happiness of citizens and to the health of society, and because of some undesirable effects deriving from a phenomenon of such mass popularity;
2. Noting that sport for all, the concept first conceived within the Council of Europe and developed in the European Sport for All Charter (Resolution (76) 41), has now become recognised universally and that sport for all programmes have been discussed within many international governmental and non-governmental sports organisations;
3. Expressing the wish that the Council of Europe might develop or strengthen its links with such organisations, whether universal, regional or European, in order to contribute actively to the development of such programmes;
4. Recalling the proposals which they have submitted to the Committee of Ministers for starting a dialogue with Sports Ministers from other regions of the world, including with those from other European countries;
5. Reaffirming their attachment to the framework of the Council of Europe, and the European Cultural Convention, as the most suitable one for the discussion of common problems and for the elaboration of common policies in the field of sport, and welcoming the Parliamentary Assembly's support and cooperation;
6. Noting that the draft 3rd Medium-Term Plan of the Council of Europe provides a sound framework for continued cooperation and the further development of sports policies for the 1990s;

(B. Work Programme 1984-1986)

7. Thanking the CDDS for undertaking work on the instructions of the Committee of Ministers on those resolutions adopted at their last Conference (Malta, 15-16 May 1984) in which they asked for action, and approving the results of it;
8. Noting that the changes introduced by the CDDS into its working methods since 1984 take account of the questions they evoked in Resolution No 10 adopted at their last Conference;



9. Considering that these changes provide a sound and useful basis for continuing intensive cooperation between the Sports Ministers, the Committee of Ministers and the CDDS;
10. Looking forward to strengthening such cooperation in the future;
11. Noting the results of other work carried out by the CDDS in 1984-1986, and particularly welcoming the clarification of its sports information policy and the redefinition of its links with the Clearing House, and the completion of work on the Eurofit project on testing physical fitness;
12. Thanking the Clearing House for its constructive role in adapting itself to the new sports information policy of the CDDS;
13. Considering that the increase and growing diversity of participation in sport and physical recreation are bound up with significant changes in the relationships between sport, industry, research, public authorities and the media;
14. Welcoming and supporting the twin projects begun by the CDDS on the study of the economic significance of sport and on new partnerships in sport, and agreeing, as appropriate, to provide for the cooperation of their experts in this work;
15. Noting the Parliamentary Assembly's Recommendation 1047 on boxing;
16. Warmly thanking the Irish government for its organisation of and hospitality during this Conference;

RESOLVE :

(A. General)

17. gratefully to accept the offer of the Icelandic government to meet in Iceland in 1989 for their 6th Conference;
18. to continue to meet informally in order to exchange views on matters of common concern as needs arise, and gratefully to accept the offer of the Greek government to meet in Greece for their 13th Informal Meeting in 1987;
19. to continue and strengthen their dialogue with the international sports organisations;

(B. with regard to Spectator Violence associated with Sport :)

20. to congratulate the CDDS on its prompt preparation of the draft European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in Particular at Football Matches;
21. to welcome the report prepared by the CDDS on its activities concerning spectator violence associated with sport from 1983 to 1986;
22. to continue cooperation with the Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA) and to express their gratitude for past cooperation;

23. to urge the Standing Committee of the European Convention, to pursue energetically the task entrusted to it by the Convention, where necessary in liaison with the CDDS;

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe :

24. to provide adequate support for the development of appropriate contacts with other organisations concerned with the development of sport, within and beyond Europe, both by the Sports Ministers themselves and by the CDDS as the Committee of Ministers may decide;
25. to support the continuation of work on violence associated with sport in general, and in particular to study the reasons for this violence and to begin work on the educational aspects and long-term prevention;
26. to support the proposals made by the CDDS to strengthen its work on sports information exchange and analysis and its input to the Clearing House;
27. to ask the CDDS :

to study in the period up to the 6th Conference the following subjects :

- the economic significance of sport, and to report to the Conference on the results of this project,
- the status and protection of sports participants at all levels,
- the interrelationships between sport and linked socio-economic activities (such as tourism, health, leisure, the media) and to make proposals for new joint strategies and programmes,
- new developments in leisure oriented sports facilities.

RESOLUTION No 3

SPORT FOR PRISONERS AND YOUNG DELINQUENTS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Considering the importance of not neglecting humanitarian factors recognised by human rights ,

Taking account of each country's domestic law :

Pointing out that the European Sport for All Charter makes no distinction of social category ;

INVITE the member governments of the Council of Europe to :

- recognise the value and benefits of physical education and sports activities in prisons and other custodial centres;
- encourage and, where necessary, offer support, including financial, to sports organisations so that they offer their aid and experience in developing with prison authorities sports programmes - be they competitive or not - especially for particular categories of detainees;
- prepare for detainees' release and social reintegration through the organisation of sports meetings inside and if possible outside establishments, one means of so doing being to allow inmates to join sports clubs;
- encourage, where necessary, prison departments to provide amateurs to help detainees develop and organise their own sport and recreation as an exercise in independence;
- assist the deployment and training of an adequate number of motivated and qualified staff (from prison services, sports associations, voluntary organisations or other sources, as appropriate to needs and circumstances) to carry out the aforementioned programmes ;
- provide opportunities for prison and detention centre staff to take basic or further training for a sports or physical educational qualification ;
- encourage sports authorities and prison services to run common training schemes so that qualifications are mutually recognised ;

- enable teachers of sport and physical education who wish to work in prisons or detention centres to gain experience of them;
- provide prison establishments with sports facilities and enable those without their own facilities to have access to suitable local facilities where security considerations permit;
- encourage the development of research strategies, where necessary, to assess the effects of regular sport and recreation on detainees' physical and mental well-being and on former detainees;
- encourage the development of sports programmes for potential young offenders (ie those at risk of custodial sentences should they further offend) via cooperation between sports organisations, municipalities, police, probation services and voluntary organisations.

INVITE the Committee of Ministers to ask the CDDS to ensure that the work begun on this project is properly pursued.

RESOLUTION No 4

DOPING IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin for their 5th Conference from 30 September to 2 October 1986,

1. Welcoming the several developments both at national and at international level reported to the Conference on measures designed to implement the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport adopted at their 4th Conference;
2. Thanking the international sports organisations for their cooperation in this matter;
3. Determined to do all in their power, both at governmental level and in cooperation with the sports movement, to eradicate doping in sport;
4. Welcoming the positive proposals made, inter alia, by the Canadian Minister responsible for Sport, on future action to widen the impact of the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport, and accepting his offer to collaborate with the Council of Europe member States and other nations with this objective in view;

RESOLVE :

5. - to encourage, in accordance with the principles set out in the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport, the working out of measures, where necessary, in order to reduce trafficking in doping agents and to promote preventive aspects, including educational campaigns;
6. - to encourage sports organisations and schools to carry out information and educational campaigns, so as to draw the attention of athletes and young people in general to the fact that doping is both dangerous and unfair, and defend the ethical and physical value of sport;
7. - to offer their continued support to the many international and national sports organisations which have acted in accordance with the principles set out in the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport, and to urge other sports organisations to do so;
8. - to draw the attention of the sports organisations to the desirability of uniform and effective regulations, procedures and penalties to be applied in a consistent manner; in this context, Ministers encourage sports organisations to impose an effective penalty, normally a life ban from international competitions, as already provided for in the regulations of some sports organisations, as for example the IOC; and, because of the particular problems raised by the availability of certain doping agents, for the need for them to take adequate counter-measures, for instance in proper testing programmes, including out-of-competition controls;

9. - to invite the sports organisations to adapt their disciplinary procedures to follow the principles set out in the Conference paper MSL-5 (86) B 3, particularly with regard to a fair hearing and an appeal body;
10. - to express their confidence that the sports organisations will continue to deal with the problems of doping in sport in accordance with their seriousness; and to thank them for their continuing cooperation with the Council of Europe on this question;
11. - to encourage the International Olympic Committee to include clearer criteria relative to the anti-doping campaign in its own eligibility rules and bye-laws;

INVITE the Committee of Ministers :

12. - to consider ways in which European cooperation could help with the resolution of problems connected with the distribution and availability of certain doping agents;
13. - to study ways in which the Canadian authorities could be associated with future work on doping, including the proposals set out below;
14. - to ask the CDDS to follow up as soon as possible the proposals made to the Conference with a view to :
  - a. enlarging the circle of countries or regions which could accept and begin to apply the principles laid down in the European Anti-Doping Charter for Sport;
  - b. encouraging the sports organisations to take further action on the measures proposed for the harmonisation of their anti-doping regulations and procedures.

RESOLUTION No 5

SPORT FOR ALL : INJURIES AND THEIR PREVENTION

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin  
from 30 September to 2 October 1985 for their 5th Conference;

Recognising that sport has an overall beneficial impact on physical,  
social and psychological well-being;

Convinced of the health protection and health promotion potentials of  
sport,

Aware of the medical and health care problems related to mass participation  
in sport,

Convinced that the costs of these problems can be reduced by adequate  
prevention measures;

Aware of the lack of sufficient scientific information on the mechanisms  
of injury occurrence,

Holding the view that European cooperative action in the field of the prevention  
of sports injuries is both necessary and desirable;

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the  
Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS) :

- to ensure the proper execution of the coordinated research project  
"Sport for All : Injuries and their Prevention" which should include study  
of the problems concerning education and information, training, medical  
checks and guidance, facilities and equipment, and to evaluate the effects  
of different national prevention programmes;
- in the light of the results from this project, to consider ways in which  
healthy participation in sport and recreation might be promoted in a  
coordinated European programme.

RESOLUTION N° 6  
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Recalling Resolution (76) 41 (1976) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Principles for a Policy of Sport for All, and especially Articles II, III, V and VIII of its Appendix,

Considering they share some responsibility for the general interest in relation to the staging of major sports events,

Stressing the important reinforcing role of major sports events on sports development and behaviour,

Noting the initiative of the Dutch Minister responsible for Sport in proposing a meeting of Ministers responsible for Sport from those countries regularly hosting major international sports events,

EMPHASISE that the appropriate sports organisations should be invited to such a meeting and help with its preparation,

AGREE that in the context of their next informal meeting, they will discuss this proposal further with a view to holding the proposed meeting within the next three years.



RESOLUTION N° 7

NEW PARTNERSHIPS IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Recalling the European Sport for All Charter, approved at their first Conference and adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe as Resolution (76) 41 on the Principles for a Policy of Sport for All,

Taking note of the "European Sports Sponsorship Code" of which the 3rd Conference at Palma de Majorca (1981), "took note with satisfaction",

Having considered the results of the Seminar "New partnerships in sport", Papendal, April 1986, concerning the contributions of government, sport, commerce and media to the development of sport,

Recognising that interest by the media and the commercial sector in sport has increased considerably during the last decade.

Are of the opinion that the impact of the media and the commercial sector on sport and on sports policy has on the whole contributed positively to the development of sport,

Considering that these interests will continue to increase in the years to come,

Recognising that for the development of the aims of governmental policies for sport and their means of action there is a need for a continuous exchange of information and development of practical co-operation, leading, in many cases, to consultation and if possible, co-ordination of the aims and means of action between the other parties involved,

RECOMMEND that such exchange, consultation and co-ordination should where necessary, take place in meetings between the four parties involved,

INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the CDDSto consider ways of organising a similar exchange and consultation at European level.

RESOLUTION N° 8SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Recognising the importance of sport as an essential factor in human development, and its contribution to health and the quality of life ;

Noting that sports are practised to an increasing extent (competition, sport for all, leisure sports) and aware of the fact that the establishment and the use of sports facilities may also have disadvantages for man and the environment ;

Convinced that the setting of sports facilities close to residential areas is essential to promoting participation, to preserving ecologically fragile environments, by helping to reduce environmental problems caused by excessive traffic;

Recognising the importance of reconciling sporting and environmental interests when and where these are in conflict ;

Desiring to build upon the principles of Recommendation R (81) 8 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on sport and recreation and nature conservation in inland water areas ;

INVITE member Governments

To ensure that the interests of sports are taken into account in regional plans and urban development planning, having regard to environmental considerations, and that appropriate areas for sports facilities are indicated following consultation with sports organisations ;

To make efforts, together with the sports organisations and the environmental protection associations, to ensure that careful use is made of nature and landscapes in the practice of sport.

RESOLUTION No 9

APARTHEID IN SPORT

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin for their 5th Conference from 30 September to 2 October 1986,

Considering the principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms laid down in the European Convention on Human Rights;

Gravely concerned that the policies and practices of apartheid in South Africa which are universally condemned invariably have an impact upon sports and infringe those rights and freedoms;

Recalling their previous statements condemning all discriminatory practices in sport, and in particular apartheid;

Reaffirming their unqualified support for the Olympic principle that no discrimination be allowed on the grounds of race, religion or political affiliation and their belief that merit and interest should be the sole criteria for participation in sports activities;

Welcoming the decisions of the IOC and of most international sports federations to exclude South Africa from all international sports activities;

Recognising that participation in apartheid sports activities condones and strengthens apartheid;

Aware of the efforts of some sportsmen inside South Africa to eradicate apartheid through peaceful means;

Believing that sports federations can play a positive role;

1. STRONGLY CONDEMN apartheid practices in sports in South Africa;
2. RESOLVE to take all possible action to encourage those sports federations which have not yet done so to break all sports links with South Africa and exchange information regularly on the progress towards this goal;
3. AGREE not to provide financial or other assistance to enable sports bodies, teams or individuals to participate in sports activities in South Africa;
4. INVITE the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to ask the CDDS, in the period up to the 6th Conference, to consider what steps could be taken in the future to further the objective of eradicating apartheid in sports, in coordination with other initiatives which might be taken by the Council of Europe on the subject of apartheid.

RESOLUTION No 10THE GAMES OF THE XXIV OLYMPIAD IN 1988

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Dublin from 30 September to 2 October 1986 for their 5th Conference;

Conscious of the international significance of the Olympic Games;

Taking note of the efforts of the IOC effectively to deal with the many difficult issues facing the Olympic movement;

EXPRESS their full support for the Olympic Games now and in the future; and for the work of the IOC to secure this continued development of the Olympic movement and their desire to ensure the greatest possible participation in the 1988 Olympic Games and beyond.