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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

17th meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau Council of Europe 1st floor, 55 Avenue Kléber, Paris (room n° 2)

4 June 2013, 10.00am-5.00pm

5 June 2013, 10.00am-12.30pm

List of Decisions

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Ewa Markowicz (Poland), Chair of the EPAS Governing Board. She thanked the secretariat for organising the meeting in Paris and for publishing the working documents in due time.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau adopted the agenda as it appears in Appendix I to this report.

3. Recent news of interest

3.1 Member states

The Bureau welcomed the membership of Malta to the Governing Board as from 1 June 2013.

The Secretariat briefly presented the status of ongoing contacts with other states, such as Belgium, Italy, Ukraine, Germany, Austria and Romania.

3.2 Partner Organisations

The Bureau noted the recent membership of three new partners to the Consultative Committee (Play the Game, Panathlon International and FARE network), and the application from the ICSS which was in the pipeline. The Governing Board would be consulted by circular letter on the latter in the coming days.

The ENGSO representative reminded the Bureau that the 30-member limit of the Consultative Committee had almost been reached, but that there was a need for more focus to attract international sports federations. He mentioned the wish to re-open discussions on the Consultative Committee's terms of reference in order to address this problem.

3.3 Sports Conventions

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the main activity in the anti-doping field was currently the revision of the WADA code. Concerning the spectator violence convention, the issue of a feasibility study on its revision is the main item being discussed. There will be a progress report by the T-RV Chairman on this subject during the forthcoming Governing Board meeting in June which will set the schedule for approval and transmission to the Deputies.

3.4 Council of Europe secretariat

The Bureau noted that Mrs Maria Ochoa-Llido continued to act as Director of Human Rights and Antidiscrimination, following the departure of Mr Ralf-René Weingartner. An announcement regarding the appointment of his successor was expected at the end of June.

The Secretariat notified the Bureau that it has re-launched the procedure to hire a seconded official to work as Deputy Executive Secretary of the EPAS. The closing date for applications is 22 June, and it is hoped that the incumbent will take up his/her duties in September 2013.

4. Reports from recent meetings

4.1 EPAS Governing Board Bureau meeting, Strasbourg, 29 November 2012

The Bureau took note of the list of decisions adopted following its last meeting and thanked the Secretariat for preparing it and publishing it on the restricted website.

4.2 Follow up to the Statutory Committee, Strasbourg, 12 October 2012

- **Update on modifications to EPAS statute**

The Bureau took note of the update by the Secretariat following consultation of the countries which opposed the decision during the Statutory Committee meeting. The Bureau agreed with the small amendment proposed following a legal opinion in document EPAS(2012)35rev.

The representative of the Russian Federation confirmed that there would be no obstacles to this update from her representative in the Statutory Committee. However, she asked if another expression for “non governmental” could be found. The Secretariat proposed using the abbreviation “(sport) NGO” as used in the statute adopted by the Committee of Ministers, which was accepted. Following final approval from France, the Secretariat will consult the Chair of the Statutory Committee (Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation) before convoking the Statutory Committee meeting.

The Bureau agreed to process the decision to the Statutory Committee with the amendment “(sport) NGO”. It also noted that the Secretariat will consult the Chair of the Statutory Committee on the Russian Federation’s point of view before taking any further action.

4.3 Seminar on Sports Judiciary and Human Rights, and Round Table on Sports Arbitration and State Arbitration, Strasbourg, 14-15 February 2013

The Bureau noted the Secretariat’s report and agreed it could be a reasonable subject for EPAS to work on in the future. The Bureau was also open to the idea of publishing two handbooks on this subject.

The Bureau invited the Secretariat to come back to the Bureau once outlines of the handbooks had been identified with experts. In the meantime, the Bureau members could propose suitable experts to the Secretariat.

4.4 Expert Seminar on sport in prisons, Strasbourg, 5 March 2013

The Bureau thanked the Secretariat for its report and took note of the cooperation established with the PC-CP to launch a questionnaire to collect good practices. The Secretariat mentioned that one potential problem with organising the political conference in 2014 on this subject would be persuading prison governors to attend.

The Secretariat also mentioned that no agreement had yet been made with ENGSO, the French National

Olympic Committee or the French Authorities to hold this conference in France in 2014. The Secretariat asked if ENGSO and the French Authorities could clarify their commitment before the Governing Board meeting in June, to avoid the event being poached by other states interested in hosting it.

4.5 Consultative Committee Bureau, Paris, 19 April 2013

The Bureau took note of the meeting report. The secretariat believed the Consultative Committee would use more interactive methods in its next plenary meeting when discussing possible topics for future activities.

The ENGSO representative (also Chair of the Consultative Committee) told the Bureau that some Consultative Committee members (eg. SportAccord) would welcome involvement in the drafting of the Convention against the manipulation of sports competitions. He also informed the Bureau that ENGSO had taken the initiative to send letters to its members thereby drawing attention to EPAS policies, with the aim of passing the message on to their governmental authorities to attract new member states to EPAS. The Bureau welcomed this intervention by ENGSO.

The secretariat suggested that the representative from SportAccord attending the forthcoming IRIS seminar in Stockholm play a role by supporting the Vice-Chair of the Drafting Group in her presentation.

5. Voluntary Contribution Projects

5.1 Project on good governance

The Bureau took note of the update by the Secretariat, following the first meeting of the Accompanying Group (22 February 2013). The next meeting will take place in September.

5.2 UEFA 2020

The Bureau took note of the oral presentation by the Secretariat regarding this potential new project. The Council of Europe has been approached by UEFA which is looking for expertise in different legal frameworks throughout Europe (since Euro2020 is to be hosted as a multi-nation tournament). Other directorate generals of the Council of Europe will be consulted to see how they could contribute to such a project. Activities would not start before 2016. Dialogue is open between UEFA and there may be an announcement in 2014.

6. Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

6.1 12th Conference (Belgrade, Serbia, 15 March 2012) - follow-up

The Bureau noted the progress made so far following the actions taken, and agreed that there were no problems in implementing the follow-up.

6.2 13th Conference (Magglingen, Switzerland, 17-19 September 2014): decision on the themes

Following a preliminary discussion on possible themes for the Ministerial Conference in 2014 at the last meeting of the Bureau, a circular letter was sent to all delegations asking for suggestions. The Bureau noted the two preliminary documents subsequently prepared by the Secretariat regarding the proposed themes and the preparation timetable.

Regarding the content of theme 2.1, the ENGSO representative suggested adding a speaker from the sports movement.

Concerning the preparation timetable, the Secretariat confirmed that delegations would have time to make amendments to the draft resolutions, and that the summer holiday period had been taken into account when drafting the timetable.

The Secretariat told the Board that there was a possibility that the Russian Federation may offer to organise an informal Conference of Ministers prior to the opening of the Sochi Winter Olympics. The Bureau discussed the format of such a conference and reassured the representative from Switzerland that such a conference would not take any visibility away from the formal Conference in 2014.

The Chair suggested EPAS should presume that the informal meeting will be annexed to the Switzerland conference, as is usual practice, until an official offer from the Russian Federation is received. If the informal conference does take place in Switzerland, the representative of France felt it more convenient to hold it the day before the formal conference rather than the day after.

The Bureau approved the documents prepared by the Secretariat and decided they should be submitted to the Governing Board.

7. Ongoing programme and budget

7.1 Meetings and EPAS representation

The Bureau noted forthcoming meetings in the calendar (Sport (2013) 1) and the participation of the Secretariat, some Bureau members and Drafting Group Chairs and Vice-Chairs representing EPAS in certain external events.

The Chair remarked that should a new composition of the Bureau be elected in June, the new members could be invited to attend other events later in the year.

The Secretariat noted that the date foreseen for the next Bureau meeting (15 November 2013) coincided with the World Conference on Doping in Sport in Johannesburg. If the new Bureau members are involved in the World Conference, the Secretariat could change the date of the Bureau meeting.

7.2 Programme and budget 2013

- **VIDC-BAAP** :

The Bureau held an exchange of views concerning a possible new activity for addition to the 2013 Programme of Activities. The activity concerns a “Football Unites” workshop on education through sports in the Balkans. EPAS has held similar activities in cooperation with VIDC in the past.

The representative from Montenegro remarked that the last such seminar he attended was poorly organised and many of the foreseen speakers did not attend. The Secretariat noted this remark which was the first negative feedback it had received regarding such activities. The representative from Finland thought the activity appeared good on paper. She asked what kind of commitment had already been made at this late stage. The secretariat confirmed that no commitment had been made towards the organisers. Should the principle be accepted, the Secretariat would still need to check if the budget situation allowed a contribution to be made. If EPAS could not send a representative to attend the workshop, the Secretariat could ask a staff member from one of the CoE’s field offices to participate.

The Chair believed the workshops had made a good impact in the region and had been successful.

The Bureau approved the principle of adding this activity to the 2013 Programme of Activities, and asked the Secretariat to verify the budgetary situation before confirming to the VIDC-BAAP.

- **EFSMA (European Federation of Sports Medicine Associations)** :

The Secretariat explained that this conference already appeared in the 2013 Programme of Activities, but the theme to be addressed during the EPAS Round Table scheduled during the conference still needed to be decided upon. The Secretariat proposed “ethics in sports medicine” or “prevention and fight against cardiovascular accidents (sudden death) of athletes”.

The Bureau believed EPAS could contribute more to a theme on ethics, rather than other highly specialised medical subjects.

The Bureau approved the principle of organising the round table session on “ethics in sports medicine” and invited the Secretariat to search for suitable experts to attend. It also asked the Secretariat to disseminate information regarding this event to the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee members.

7.3 Publications

The Bureau took note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat regarding the update to EPAS publications.

The Bureau decided to raise the question during the Governing Board plenary meeting as to whether existing publications should be translated into other languages, or rather if revisions of certain publications should be made, so as to be more up to date.

8. Standard-setting and follow-up

8.1 Negotiation process of draft convention on match-fixing

The Bureau took note of the Secretariat's oral presentation on the on-going negotiation process. An extra plenary meeting of the Drafting Group was being organised on 13-15 June, so the timetable of negotiations would become clearer after this meeting.

The Secretariat indicated that support had been shown for the convention by both the IOC Founding Working Group and the MINEPS Declaration of Berlin. Two new non-European states had recently joined the negotiations (Japan and Canada) and the Secretariat was optimistic with regard to the advanced contact made with USA, Mexico, Australia, Qatar and Brazil in this regard.

The Bureau praised the strong commitment from the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Drafting Group and their availability to promote and raise the visibility of the convention in external conferences and meetings.

The Bureau discussed the impact of the increasing number of non-European and non-EPAS states joining the negotiation procedure. The Secretariat stressed that its attempts to attract new states to the negotiations would stop after September, as it would then be too late in the process to join the discussions.

The Bureau asked the Secretariat to arrange a short Bureau meeting just before the next Governing Board meeting, to discuss the outcome of the Drafting Group meeting of 13-15 June and any impact it may have on the negotiation timetable.

8.2 Draft Recommendation on Gender Mainstreaming in Sport

The Bureau noted the information presented orally by the Secretariat on the intention to have the draft recommendation prepared in time for submission to the Committee of Ministers during the first semester of 2014, so that it can be presented and promoted during the IWG World Conference on Women and Sport to be held in Finland on 12-15 June 2014. A work-in-progress draft will be presented to the Governing Board on 26-27 June, and the final version for adoption could be done by written procedure. The main aim is to have the recommendation feature on the agenda of MSL13 in Switzerland (18 September 2014).

The Secretariat highlighted the problem of convoking the drafting group meetings, which had previously been chaired by ex-EPAS staff member, Sonia Parayre. In her absence, Bureau member and Gender Equality Rapporteur, Krisztina Gonter, has agreed to participate in the group and act as moderator to these meetings.

8.3 Consultative visit to Albania

The Secretariat gave a brief status update of this Consultative Visit report, which was currently with the Albanian authorities, pending their comments.

The Bureau felt it useful to explain the background behind the organisation of such consultative visits to the Governing Board during its next plenary meeting, since some of the newer delegates and member states may not be aware of the concept.

The Bureau asked the Secretariat to prepare an information document or a presentation on the organisation of consultative visits, for the Governing Board meeting on 26-27 June.

9. Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

9.1 On-going activities (2013)

• Political Conference, Budapest (7-8 October)

The representative of Hungary explained the themes for the forthcoming conference (Children in vulnerable situations, Roma children, migration of young athletes, and sexual abuse of children in sport). She confirmed the presence of the Hungarian Minister of Human Resources during the opening session. Consideration was being given to combine the conference with an event from ISCA's Move Week, as well as projecting a recent Eurimages-funded film on the subject of the migration of young footballers.

Following a question from the representative of Finland, it was confirmed that the current Council of Europe "Hate Speech" campaign would not be linked directly to the conference, but the "One in Five" campaign on sexual violence would play a role. Invitations to attend this conference would be sent out soon.

The Bureau asked the Secretariat to nevertheless distribute information on the Hate Speech campaign to the members of the Governing Board for information.

9.2 Future priorities (2014)

• Sport and Prisons

The Secretariat referred to previous information given on this subject (see under item 4.4 of this report).

9.3 Future priorities

• Discussion on possible 2015 themes

The Secretariat said that it had no proposals to make for themes for 2015 on the promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination, and would welcome suggestions from the Bureau and the Governing Board.

The Bureau raised some possible ideas :

- Dual careers of athletes
- Life after sport for athletes in the job market
- Social inclusion
- Physical education

The Bureau also suggested coming back to one of the previous themes from the past, and looking at its progress and development.

The Bureau asked the Secretariat to prepare a list of previous priorities tackled by EPAS, in time for the Governing Board plenary meeting.

10. On-going co-operation with European Union institutions

10.1 EU programme

The Bureau took note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat regarding two possible projects which EPAS could submit, in reply to the EU call for proposals, on:

1. Moving Good Governance in Europe
2. Safe and Healthy Sport Environments for young athletes

The Secretariat confirmed that, regarding the 2nd project, informal contacts had been made with potential partners who had shown an interest (EA student network, University of Hungary, European Ski Federation, Tennis Europe, Alliance of European Football Coaches). The ENGSO representative indicated that ENGSO would also like to be formally invited to be a partner in this project.

The Bureau noted that such projects could be 80% funded by the EU, so the other 20% may come from the

EPAS budget. It agreed that the decision whether or not to submit applications should lie with the Governing Board, as they would have an impact on the Programme of Activities in the next years to come.

The Bureau decided it was in favour of recommending both projects be pursued, but invited the Secretariat to elaborate its presentation for the Governing Board so that it may discuss the budgetary implications further before taking a final decision.

11. Agenda of the Governing Board meeting

11.1 Draft agenda of the next Governing Board meeting on 26-27 June 2013

The Bureau discussed the draft agenda, proposed amendments and recommended certain items be dealt with *in camera*. It also recommended improving the clarity of the agenda with regard to the decisions being asked to be taken by the Board.

12. Miscellaneous

The Chair thanked all members of the Bureau for their participation and for their support during the last two years of the current Bureau's mandate.

13. Date and place of next meeting

The Bureau took note of the dates of future meetings:

- Bureau meeting on 15 November 2013, preferably at the Council of Europe office in Paris (to be confirmed by the new Bureau once elected).
- Extraordinary meeting of the Governing Board on 19 December 2013, preferably at the Council of Europe office in Paris (but restricted to one delegate per state).

Appendix I – Agenda

Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau Council of Europe 1st floor, 55 Avenue Kléber, Paris

4 June 2013, 10.00am-5.00pm (room n° 3)

5 June 2013, 9.30am-12.30pm* (room n° 2)

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Ewa Markowicz (Poland), Chair of the EPAS Governing Board.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau is invited to adopt the agenda.

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Action: adopt agenda EPAS (2013) 26

3. Recent news of interest

- 3.1 Member states
- 3.2 Partner Organisations
- 3.3 Sports Conventions
- 3.4 Council of Europe secretariat

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.

4. Reports from recent meetings

- 4.1 EPAS Governing Board Bureau meeting, Strasbourg, 29 November 2012

EPAS (2013) 3 final

The Bureau is invited to take note of the list of decisions adopted following its last meeting (already published).

- 4.2 Follow up to the Statutory Committee, Strasbourg, 12 October 2012

EPAS-SC (2012) 3 final

- **Update on modifications to EPAS statute**

The Bureau is invited to take note of the update by the Secretariat following consultation of the countries which opposed the decision in the Statutory Committee meeting.

EPAS (2012) 35rev
EPAS (2012) INF46

Action: decide on the follow-up to be given to the modifications to the EPAS statute

* The French Tennis Federation has kindly invited the Bureau members to the Roland Garros tournament during the afternoon of Wednesday 5th June.

- 4.3 Seminar on Sports Judiciary and Human Rights, and Round Table on Sports Arbitration and State Arbitration, Strasbourg, 14-15 February 2013**
The Bureau is invited to take note of the report. EPAS (2013) 30
- 4.4 Expert Seminar on sport in prisons, Strasbourg, 5 March 2013**
The Bureau is invited to take note of the report. EPAS (2013) 20
- 4.5 Consultative Committee Bureau, Paris, 19 April 2013**
The Bureau is invited to take note of the report. EPAS (2013) 24rev1

5. Voluntary Contribution Projects

- 5.1 Project on good governance**
The Bureau is invited to take note of the update by the Secretariat, following the first meeting of the Accompanying Group (22 February 2013).
- 5.2 UEFA 2020**
The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral presentation by the Secretariat.

6. Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

- 6.1 12th Conference (Belgrade, Serbia, 15 March 2012) - follow-up**
The Bureau is invited to take note of the progress made so far. EPAS (2012) 21rev1
- 6.2 13th Conference (Magglingen, Switzerland, 17-19 September 2014): decision on the themes**
The Bureau is invited to agree on the draft documents to be submitted to the Governing Board, regarding proposals received on ideas for possible themes of discussion
EPAS (2013) INF16
EPAS (2013) 31
EPAS (2013) 27

Action: agree on the draft documents to be submitted to the Governing Board

7. Ongoing programme and budget

7.1 Meetings and EPAS representation

Sport (2013) 1

Action: discuss and validate the calendar updates and designate Bureau representatives, where necessary, for activities where Bureau representation would be advisable.

7.2 Programme and budget 2013

The Bureau is invited to take note of the oral presentation made by the Secretariat, and hold an exchange of views on modifications proposed to the programme:

EPAS (2013) 7rev1

- VIDC-BAAP
- EFSMA (European Federation of Sports Medicine Associations) – validate theme

EPAS (2013) INF13

EPAS (2013) 23

Action: approve modifications to elements of activities for 2013.

7.3 Publications

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat

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8. Standard-setting and follow-up

8.1 Negotiation process of draft convention on match-fixing

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat on the on-going process.

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EPAS (2013) INF17

EPAS (2013) 16rev1

8.2 Draft Recommendation on Gender Mainstreaming in Sport

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat on the on-going process.

8.3 Consultative visit to Albania

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat.

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9. Promotion of diversity and fight against discrimination

9.1 On-going activities (2013)

- Political Conference, Budapest (7-8 October)

9.2 Future priorities (2014)

- Sport and Prisons

9.3 Future priorities

- Discussion on possible 2015 themes

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat on these topics.

10. On-going co-operation with European Union institutions

10.1 EU programme

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information presented orally by the Secretariat regarding possible projects :

- Moving Good Governance in Europe
- Safe and Healthy Sport Environments for young athletes

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11. Agenda of the Governing Board meeting

11.1 Draft agenda of the next Governing Board meeting on 26-27 June 2013

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Action: discuss and approve the draft agenda of the Governing Board meeting on 26-27 June 2013

12. Miscellaneous

13. Date and place of next meeting

Action: take note that the next Governing Board meeting on 26-27 June 2013, will be held in the European Youth Centre, Strasbourg.

Action: agree to hold the next Bureau meeting on 15 November 2013, at the Council of Europe office in Paris or Strasbourg.

Action: agree to hold an Extraordinary meeting of the Governing Board on 19 December 2013, at the Council of Europe office in Paris or Strasbourg.

Appendix II – List of participants**CHAIR / PRESIDENCE****Ms Ewa MARKOWICZ**

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