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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

## **Meeting of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board**

Wednesday 12 October 2022

1 - 2pm CET

Via videoconference

### **Report**

## **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by the Chair.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

## **3. Draft resolutions for the 17<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport**

The draft resolutions were presented on 4 October 2022 to the Rapporteur Group of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe responsible for Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (the GR-C). Delegations were invited to provide comments on the draft Resolutions by 11 October and some modifications were proposed by one delegation, two other delegations having indicated that they would submit interpretative declarations, to be appended to the report to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

On the draft Resolution 1, changes were proposed in paragraph 8 of the preamble, which would read as follows: *“Condemns human rights violations committed by Russian Federation against the Ukrainian civilians and are convinced that sport can be an important element in facilitating the inclusion of refugees and displaced persons fleeing the war.”*

After discussion, the Bureau agreed on only partially accepting the proposal and that paragraph 8 be modified as follows: *“Concerned by the situation of all refugees and displaced persons in Europe, in particular following the Russian Federation’s aggression of Ukraine, by the reports of the human rights violations against the members of these groups and convinced that sport can be an important element in facilitating their inclusion.”*<sup>1</sup>

The Bureau also agreed to modify paragraph 4 of the preamble to include a reference to the recognition of human rights and the importance of sport for social inclusion.<sup>2</sup>

Changes were proposed in paragraph 3 of the invitation to the Committee of Ministers, with a view of underlining the importance of the implementation of child safeguarding policies at all levels of sport participation. After discussion, the Bureau agreed to revise the paragraph as follows: *“Adopt and implement child safeguarding policies at all levels of sport participation and continue promoting the Start to Talk initiative to call attention and act against violence and abuse in sport.”*

On draft Resolution 2, the Bureau agreed on the repositioning of paragraphs 4-18 of the preamble and on the revision of paragraph 5 to exclude the reference to health.<sup>3</sup>

## **4. AOB**

No other item is raised.

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<sup>1</sup> After the meeting, another call for comments was sent out and the draft resolutions were further modified.

<sup>2</sup> Idem.

<sup>3</sup> Idem.

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