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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Fifth meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau

**Strasbourg, 9 February 2009
Council of Europe, Agora Building**

List of decisions

- 1.- The Chair (Krisztina Gönter, Hungary), chairing the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board, extended her best wishes for 2009 to the members of the Bureau and Secretariat, then declared the meeting open. (See list of participants, Appendix 2).

The Bureau:

2. - adopted the draft agenda of the meeting (EPAS (2009)3 after the addition, at the Bureau members' request, of a sub-heading to item 10 on the duration of observer status (see Appendix 1) ;
3. - adopted the report of the Bureau's meeting on 19 September 2008: EPAS (2009)02rev, including an adjustment to the descriptive part of the presentation of the "European Encounters" in para. 8.1, and to the expansion of the ECRI acronym in para. 8.2;
4. - took note of the Secretary General's report on the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, Athens (December 2008): CM (2009) 25;
 - invited the Secretariat to add to the report elements highlighting the visibility of the EPAS and the predominant role held by it on that occasion (eg thanks to the EPAS for the preparation of the conference, and mention of EPAS official representatives in the list of participants);
 - asked that the complete list of participants in the Conference be circulated and made available;
5. - took note of the document prepared by the Secretariat on the actions to follow up the Athens Conference;

- invited the Secretariat to update this document and prepare definite proposals for directing the pursuit of the EPAS programme for presentation at the meeting of the Governing Board in Baku in May 2009;
 - asked that the publication of the study on autonomy be explicitly mentioned in document INF02;
- 6.- took note of the oral presentation made by the Secretariat concerning the preparation of the Rennes colloquy, organised in partnership with the University of Rennes 2 on the subject of “Ethics and Sports in Europe” from 15 to 17 April 2009 ;
- noted that the letter sent to each member of the Governing Board issuing a call for papers for the colloquy had not received a response;
 - proposed to reissue this call for papers, setting a new deadline;
 - welcomed the Secretariat’s invitation to the EPAS delegates to participate in this colloquy, whose themes were directly linked with the work of following up the Athens conference;
 - aware of the economic difficulties which could be raised by participation in such an event for delegates from comparatively less well-off countries, asked the Secretariat to examine, in the context of the proposals on allocation of the 2010 budget, a support programme enabling the delegates of these countries to participate in one event per year thanks to the support of the EPAS budget;
- 7.- took note of the continuation of the procedure on the accession requests of the six European sports organisations invited to apply for the status of member of the Consultative Committee (EPAS (2009) 4, then;
- reiterated its support for the criteria which had governed the selection of the candidate organisations before their presentation (EPAS (2009)INF05;
 - took note of the outcome of the consultation by circular letter to the EPAS Governing Board, with a substantial majority expressing support for each of the 6 candidate organisations;
 - noted that the Rapporteur Group (GR-C) would be invited to make a proposal for a decision to the Committee of Ministers on 19 February 2009;
 - took note of the draft agenda for the meeting of sports organisations asking to participate in the proceedings of the Consultative Committee, scheduled in Barcelona on 27 February 2009;
 - noted that the above informal meeting was being held in the framework of one of the events of the Spanish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
 - was informed that owing to the delay in the procedure for the accession of these sports organisations, the Barcelona meeting could not be considered the first meeting of the Consultative Committee;
8. - took note of the information from the Secretariat on the promotion of diversity and intercultural dialogue through sport;
- approved the consultative visit (monitoring) to Serbia;
 - took note of the invitation from the UEFA for the EPAS to attend its 3rd Conference “Unite Against Racism” on 3 and 4 March in Warsaw;
 - took note of the organisation early in October 2009 of a conference in Belgrade on combating racism in sport;
9. - took note of the Secretariat’s verbal communication on the final presentation of the 2009 EPAS budget;

- expressed the wish that the budget, if it did not show a balanced apportionment of resources between the different EPAS priorities, should at least allow a comparison to be made;
 - commended the efforts made by the Secretariat to present the annual accounts in the form of summaries per priority;
 - recalled that in addition to the ordinary budget covering intergovernmental co-operation, it was envisaged that voluntary contributions would be called for in order to devise high-quality innovative projects (educational projects, etc.);
 - took note of Germany's intention to request observer status and invited the Secretariat to proceed by means of written consultation;
 - asked that Germany be informed of the proposal to limit the duration of observer status which would be discussed in Baku;
10. - took note of the proposals for publications for 2009 and asked the Secretariat to go ahead with three of these and to clarify their funding when the Governing Board met;
- noted and approved the provisional dates of the meetings scheduled for 2009 (EPAS (2009)1);
11. - confirmed the date of the Bureau's next meeting in Prague on 29 and 30 April 2009.