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Third Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board

Baku, 27 May 2009

List of decisions of the EPAS Governing Board

The Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), met in Baku on 27 May 2009. The meeting was chaired by Krisztina Gönter, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board, and took into account the discussion of the First Informal Joint Meeting of the Consultative Committee and Governing Board. Having deliberated, the Governing Board:

1. Opening of the meeting

- welcomed the delegates from member states of the EPAS, as well as the observers from the Russian Federation and Germany (the list of participants can be found in Appendix 2);
- welcomed the opening address delivered by Mr Ismayil Ismayilov, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport, on behalf of the Azeri Government;
- warmly thanked the Azeri authorities, and in particular Mr Azad Rahimov, Minister of Youth and Sport, for their outstanding hospitality and for the organisation of the meeting;
- thanked Mr Ilham Madatov and his team (Anar Bagirov, Emin Hajiyev, Mehri Qafarzada, Lala Yusifova, Nargiz Niyazova, Konul Efendiyeva), for organising the facilities for the meeting and for their warm welcome.

2. Adoption of the agenda

- adopted the agenda for this meeting as it appears in Appendix 1 to this report;

3. Report of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board meetings of 19 September 2008, 9 February 2009 and 29 April 2009 (verbal report)

Report of the 2nd Governing Board meeting of 21 April 2008

- took note of the reports of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board meetings 19 September 2008, 9 February 2009 and 29 April 2009, as they appear in documents EPAS(2009)2rev and EPAS(2009)10 (for the first 2 respectively);
- took note of the report of the Governing Board meeting of 21 April 2008 as published under document reference EPAS(2008)24 and of the list of decisions published under EPAS(2008)20.

4. EPAS News

Information on memberships and requests for observer status

- took note of the verbal report made by the Secretariat on the requests for membership of the EPAS and requests for observer status;

Draft report 2008

- thanked the secretariat for preparing the annual report 2008;
- invited delegations to reply with any comments within 15 days;
- invited the Secretariat to translate the report into French and to publish it.

5. Ongoing 2009 Programme and EPAS budget

Updated detailed budget 2009

- took note of the budget 2009 adopted by the Statutory Committee as it appears in documents EPAS-SC(2008)11;
- noted that there is a mistake on the list of participants;
- held an extensive exchange of views on the updated detailed budget 2009;
- thanked the Bureau and the Secretariat for the detailed presentation of the 2009 budget as presented in document EPAS(2009)INF6rev;
- welcomed the extra funds equal to 33 586.29 € in the 2009 budget year, corresponding to the annual contributions from the newly admitted countries (Portugal, Belarus and Armenia);
- agreed with the Bureau's decision to invite the Secretariat to use these additional resources, if needed, in the implementation of the 2009 programme of activities as specified in EPAS(2009)INF6rev;
- confirmed being aware that EPAS members States have concerns about difficulties regarding the granting of visas to athletes and wished to launch a study on this issue in 2009;

6. Consideration on the work priorities and budget 2010

- took note of the verbal report made by the Secretariat on the draft budget and the programme of activities for the year 2010;
- welcomed the draft programme of activities 2010 as presented in document EPAS(2009)20
- instructed the Secretariat to revise section 2 according to the following 4 priorities:
 - standard setting
(explanatory paragraph should include reference to "match fixing");
 - the follow-up and monitoring of existing standards
(explanatory paragraph should highlight the survey on the implementation of recommendation 99/10 on visas);
 - the promotion of diversity and of the fight against discrimination;
 - the confirmation of the establishment of the EPAS and the clarification of its co-operation with the EU;
- asked the Secretariat to reduce the list of activities in Section 4 taking into consideration the following proposals :
 - only one annual meeting of the Governing Board should be scheduled;
 - the review of the three first years of the EPAS should not only focus on structures, processes and Statute, but also allow all member states to express their general expectations on future EPAS activities;
 - the Bureau will be responsible for the preparation of the Ministerial meeting;
- the Bureau is invited, where appropriate, to revise the list of activities according to the need to focus on priorities and ensure a high degree of quality;

- thanked the Secretariat for its presentation on the comparison of budgets of different partial agreements and invited them to distribute the information;
- took note of the preparation of the 2010 budget as presented in document EPAS(2008)INF18 and EPAS(2009)INF19, and approved the budget 2010 to be prepared on this basis.

7. Ministerial Meeting

On the general follow-up of the conclusions of the Athens Conference:

- took note of the verbal report made by the Secretariat on the progress on the priorities for 2009:

on the Study on autonomy,

- reminded countries and organisations which have not yet done so, to send their replies to the questionnaire on autonomy to the Secretariat;

on the Code of Sports Ethics,

- welcomed the progress on the updated version of the Code;
- agreed that the revised version will be sent to the member states for consultation between the end of June and the start of September, and that the consolidated version will be submitted for adoption by circular decision during the month of October ;

on the 18th Council of Europe Informal Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Sport, scheduled for 2010 in Baku,

- specified that the date should be planned in consultation with the EU presidency team (Spain, Belgium, Hungary). It is agreed that the main topic of the conference should be one of the working topics of the EPAS;

on the working seminar on trafficking of young athletes,

- expressed the wish that the football family be represented by a representative of its European or international federations and invited UEFA to designate a representative. The wish was also expressed to invite, if possible, representatives from other professional sports.

on the organisation of a similar working seminar on the integrity of sport, corruption and match fixing,

- welcomed the invitation from Slovenia to host such a meeting, in the framework of its Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It is requested that experts from other concerned ministries should also be involved.

8. Campaigning activities on Combating Racism and Discrimination in Sport

- agreed with the proposal to organise a conference in Belgrade on 20-21 October 2009 as presented in document EPAS(2009)26, and invited the Secretariat to organise a consultation to identify participants and speakers from relevant public authorities other than those from the sports world;

9. EPAS Rules of Procedure

- underlined that in future the document should be available in the 2 working languages at least 2 weeks before the meeting, as foreseen under Rule 17, in order for the delegates to be able to prepare their participation in the discussions and in the decisions;
- specified that the meeting documents mentioned in Rule No 17.5 should be distributed via the restricted webpage of the EPAS;
- adopted the Rule of Procedure of the Governing Board (EPAS (2009) 24);

10. Consultative Committee

- thanked the Spanish authorities for facilitating the process of establishment of the Consultative Committee by holding an informal meeting of candidate organisations in Barcelona;
- took note of the conclusions of the first informal meeting of candidate organisations to the Consultative Committee;
- decided to add a criteria regarding the inclusion of one organisation per sport in the Consultative Committee;
- adopted the terms of reference of the Consultative Committee;
- welcomed the establishment of the Consultative Committee, which held its first meeting on 25 May 2009;
- decided to welcome the candidature of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA) and the Homeless World Cup Foundation. It was also decided to wait until there were candidate organisations from other categories in order to submit a more representative group of organisations to the Committee of Ministers;
- invited the Bureau and the Secretariat to follow up contacts from European and international federations as well as with umbrella sports organisations;

11. Projects to be carried out jointly and funded by Voluntary Contributions

- welcomed the progress on the development of innovative joint projects (EuroSchools 2012, Euro 2012) with external partners and the quality of the proposals put forward;
- expressed concerns that investment in such development projects may constitute a heavy burden for the Secretariat at a time when the team is not yet complete;
- held an extensive exchange of views on the different project proposals, and defined principles as well as reservations concerning their further development:

on the Euroschools 2012 project

- allowed the Secretariat (when it is fully staffed again) to launch a call for promises of voluntary contributions to finance the Euroschools 2012 project, and to process it, if possible, via the relevant committee in charge of education at the Council of Europe;
- invited member states to consider their possible participation in this project;
- welcomed ENGSO's offer to participate in this project and to share its expertise and educational material in its framework ;

on the Euro 2012 project

- invited the Secretariat to review its project proposal on Euro 2012 in order to focus on sports issues and any other needs of the requesting countries, provided the Council of Europe has expertise and networks in these fields;
- invited the Secretariat to elaborate on the project in cooperation with Poland and the Ukraine. In order to reduce the burden on the EPAS ordinary budget, the meeting should take place in Strasbourg;
- allowed the Secretariat (when it is be fully staffed again) to launch a call for promises of voluntary contributions to finance the Euro 2012 project, provided that the Ukraine has notified its adhesion to the EPAS;

on the idea of a study on the development of good governance indicators,

- allowed the Secretariat (when it is fully staffed again) to use the updated terms of reference to launch a call for promises of voluntary contributions for a project aimed at developing and comparing indicators on good governance in sport. The study would be carried out by a doctoral student and supervised by representative(s) of the EPAS. The overall budget for this project would be up to € 30,000 per year, over three years;

on the three above-mentioned projects,

- invited the Bureau of the Governing Board to confirm, update or cancel the projects according to the outcome of the promises of voluntary contributions and, if necessary, to allocate a part of the special account to projects, provided these projects would be fully funded with this contribution.

on the general “terms of reference for the presentation of new project proposals”,

- invited the Secretariat to complete the general terms of reference for project proposals with a section on the contribution of the project to the core values of the Council of Europe and with a section on the added value to the project to be organised as an EPAS project;

12. Bureau elections

- elected:
 - Mr Jean-Luc Janiszewski (France) as Chair of the Governing Board
 - Ms Krisztina Göntér (Hungary) as Vice-Chair of the Governing Board
 - Mr Trönd Glässer (Norway) as member of the Bureau
 - Mr Dragan Atanasov (Serbia) as member of the Bureau
 - Ms Ewa Markowicz (Poland) as member of the Bureau
- elected Mr Ilham Madatov (Azerbaijan) as special representative of the host country of the next Ministerial Conference, as an additional participant to Bureau meetings for the next term of office of the Bureau, and specified that his travel and accommodation costs will be covered as for the Bureau members;
- agreed that the vacant Bureau seat may be filled by a delegate from the group that is not yet represented among the members of Bureau, provided an election can take place either by written consultation or at the next meeting of the Governing Board;

13. Miscellaneous

- hoped that the vacant post of administrator in the EPAS secretariat will be speedily replaced to help the EPAS to achieve its objectives.

14. Place and date of the next meeting

- agreed that the fourth meeting of the Governing Board should be held, if possible, either in March or April 2010.

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