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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

Third Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau Paris, 10 April 2008

List of Decisions of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau

Mrs Krisztina GÖNTÉR, Chair of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board, opened the second meeting, welcomed members of the Bureau and the Secretariat.

The Bureau:

- 1 accepted the apologies of Jason TRAIN (United Kingdom) and Ilham MADATOV (Azerbaijan) for not being able to attend the meeting (see Appendix 2 for the list of participants);
- 2 adopted the Agenda for this second meeting as it appears in Appendix 1 to this report;
 - took note of the Norwegian delegate's request concerning the Draft of the EPAS Rules of Procedure and invited the Secretariat to finalise the draft and to send it to the EPAS Bureau members for discussion and approval during the third EPAS Bureau meeting, on 10 September 2008;
- 3 adopted the draft list of decisions of the EPAS Governing Board Bureau meeting of 12 February 2008;
- 4 took note of the verbal report by the Secretariat on:
 - a. - the expression of interest in EPAS membership by Bulgaria, Romania and Israel;
- concerning the application of third organisations for observer status, decided to propose to the Governing Board not to process the request for application to the Statutory Committee until September, following a written consultation with the Governing Board, since a number of applications are expected in the coming months and the concept of the Consultative Committee has not yet been finalised and the first meeting of the Consultative Committee will not take place before 2009;

- b. the staff situation (recruitment of the new colleague for the visibility project of the EPAS and upcoming maternity leave of the B2).
- 5 held an extensive exchange of views on the ongoing 2008 programme and budget of the EPAS. More specifically:
 - welcomed the extra funds equal to 43 244.08 € in the 2008 EPAS budget; and in this respect:
 - instructed the Secretariat to research the possibility of opening a special account for the EPAS in order to put aside the annual contributions from the newly admitted countries (Serbia, Monaco and Switzerland);
 - invited the Secretariat, if needed, to fulfil the prioritised activities, to propose to the Bureau to update the 2008 budget and to use these additional resources;
 - instructed the Secretariat to prepare a budget document for the Governing Board's meeting on 21-22 April 2008 according to the previous models of the ex-CDDS budget documents;
 - asked the Secretariat to present the EPAS annual budget and its expenditures with a special breakdown and totals for major priorities, and suggested using a similar approach for the EPAS annual report as well;
- 6 took note of the draft table for the EPAS draft budget and work priorities for the year 2009. More specifically:
 - expressed its content to see proposals for the activities on the follow-up of the 11th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport in Greece (10-12 December 2008) in the draft 2009 programme of activities table;
 - instructed the Secretariat to update this table, to try providing estimated costs for activities and to prepare a special document for the consideration of the Governing Board on its meeting of 21-22 April 2008;
 - took note of the Greek proposal to create a special scholarship and/or prize for ethics in sport for the programme of activities in 2009 and asked the Secretariat to include it in the document to be presented to the Governing Board during its next meeting;
 - decided to express a concrete opinion on this draft proposal of the Secretariat during the Governing Board's meeting on 21-22 April 2008;
- 7 took note of the verbal report made by the Secretariat on the preparation of the 11th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport.
 - asked the Secretariat to update the draft Agenda of the Ministerial Conference and to present it to the Governing Board on 21-22 April 2008;
 - agreed that all draft documents, including draft resolutions, will be discussed during the second meeting of the working group on 3 June 2008;

Concerning the Theme I: Ethics in Sport

- noted with interest the verbal report made by the Greek delegate on the preparation of the 11th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport;
- invited the Greek delegation to liaise with the Secretariat on the preparation of the background paper;

Concerning the Theme II: Autonomy in Sport

- held an exchange of views on the final version of the questionnaire on Autonomy in Sport;
 - instructed the Secretariat to send out the final version of the questionnaire as soon as possible in order to allow sufficient time for the replies from countries and to reschedule accordingly the next steps of the preparation of this topic;
- 8 took note of the verbal update by the Secretariat on the Campaign on Combating Racism and Discrimination in Sport:
- welcomed the success of the first event of the campaign on 6-8 April 2008 held at Europa Park, Rust, Germany;
 - asked the Secretariat to make a short presentation of the Council of Europe “All Different-All Equal” Campaign for the Promotion of Diversity with the Media event to the Governing Board in order to seek its permission to co-finance it from the EPAS side;
 - took note that the Liechtenstein authorities have declined the invitation to host the symposium within the framework of the Council of Europe Campaign on Combating Racism and Discrimination in Sport, and asked the Secretariat to look into the possibilities of organising this symposium with another interested EPAS member country;
- 9 noted the verbal report of the Secretariat on the update on the Working Group of the Consultative Committee meeting held on 9 April 2008;
- asked the Secretariat to prepare a paper on the future steps for the Consultative Committee to be presented to the Governing Board on 21-22 April 2008;
- 10 took note of the verbal reports of the Secretariat and Bureau members on liaison with other organisations, in particular:
- instructed the Secretariat to actively seek co-operation with the EU Commission on the future of the White Paper on Sport;
- 11 took note of the verbal report of the Secretariat on the visibility project of the EPAS;
12. noted and approved the preliminary dates of the meetings in the programme for 2008 as found in the document EPAS (2008) 1.

Appendix I Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda EPAS (2008) 9
3. Report of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board meeting on 12 February 2008 EPAS (2008) 7
4. EPAS news:
 - Memberships, including requests for observer status
 - Staff
5. Ongoing 2008 programme and budget of the EPAS: Updated detailed budget 2008 EPAS (2008) ...
6. Work priorities and 2009 programme of activities of the EPAS EPAS (2008) ...
7. Consideration of the budget for the year 2009
8. Preparations for the 11th Ministerial Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Sport in Greece in December: discussions on themes, working documents, working methods, draft agenda and other organisational questions:
 - Draft Agenda EPAS (2008) ...
 - Ethics in sport
 - Autonomy in Sport: Questionnaire on Autonomy in Sport EPAS (2008) 2
9. Campaign on Combating Racism and Discrimination in Sport
 - Outcome of EuropaPark event on 6-8 April
 - Seminar - 2008 Council of Europe "All Different-All Equal" Campaign for the Promotion of Diversity with the Media
 - Symposium in November 2008 (Liechtenstein)
10. Future steps for the Consultative Committee
11. Update on the Working Group of the Consultative Committee meeting
11. Update on co-operation with the European Union and links with other organisations and projects:
 - European Union
 - UNESCO
 - WADA Ad Hoc (2007) 3 Eng
12. Communication strategies: graphic line of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)
13. Miscellaneous
14. Dates of the next meeting

Appendix II
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