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## CIGEPS Bureau Meeting

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The Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport held its first meeting in 2006 on 15 March at Headquarters, in particular to take detailed follow-up action on the main recommendations adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport at its first session in January 2006.

Agenda item 1: Welcoming address

As is customary under this item, the participants were welcomed by the Secretariat and the Chairperson of CIGEPS. The Chairperson noted that the quorum had been achieved. The provisional agenda was adopted following an amendment, as a result of which item 7 was renumbered as item 5, item 5 as item 6 and item 6 as item 7.

Agenda item 2: Opening of the proceedings

The following main objectives were set for the Bureau's first meeting in 2006 in order to determine its working methods:

1. assessment of the situation since the first session of CIGEPS in 2006, particularly the recommendations adopted at that session in January 2006, including:
  - (a) the strengthening of the role of CIGEPS with a view to greater visibility and efficacy and the concomitant strengthening of the Bureau's role;
  - (b) the strategies and work plan for 2006-2007;
2. possible activities and initiatives to mark UNESCO's 60th anniversary, especially during the celebration of the physical education and sport week from 17 to 23 July 2006 at Headquarters.

Agenda item 3: Review of the outcomes of the first session in 2006

The Secretariat summarized the main recommendations adopted (see, *inter alia*, the preliminary report of the first session in 2006):

1. the need for CIGEPS working methods to be based primarily on the adoption of a programme, a work plan and an implementation strategy;
2. the need to set priorities and establish a clear vision, capable of sustaining the programme's visibility and implementation activities;
3. modifications, even transformations, in order to reform and adjust CIGEPS's role and contribution to ensure greater efficacy.

The Secretariat also reported on a series of initiatives already completed or then in progress, particularly the collective consultation held on 13 March 2006 at the Organization's Headquarters and coordinated by the Secretariat to look into the establishment of an international platform for traditional games and sports. Similarly, further information was provided on the follow-up to the Porto Novo International Seminar (Phase II was then at the completion stage) on capacity-building for quality physical education and sport.

Following the discussions, observations and comments on the Secretariat's statement, the following aspects were highlighted:

- In regard to the proposed establishment of an international council on traditional sports and games, the Secretariat explained that there was no confusion about the nature of such a body which would be an independent NGO and similar in its organization, form and aims and purposes to the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE), established on UNESCO's initiative in 1958;
- As to the evaluation of the Porto Novo Seminar, the Secretariat informed the participants that as the main goal of the Porto Novo International Seminar had been to draw up a draft reference framework for quality physical education and sport in education systems, which had led to the adoption of a preliminary draft, work on the final draft would be continued during the 2006-2007 biennium. An evaluation could thus be made only after the "reference framework" had effectively been implemented, in particular in the Member States.

Agenda item 4: The Bureau's strategy and work plan for 2006-2007

Following the discussions and the suggestions made by the members of the Bureau, a draft strategy and work plan for 2006-2007 were adopted. It was agreed that a conceptual framework would be defined to serve as a platform to establish the guidelines for a draft programme within its limits. However, the main innovation in the proposals adopted was to give CIGEPS a role in assisting, monitoring and following up MINEPS. The question was how could governments put MINEPS implementation tools in place and how could they follow up MINEPS session. Guidelines were thus required. In conclusion, the options below were endorsed.

<p>Besoins/Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Un plan/A roadmap</li> <li>• Vision à court et moyen termes/A short- and medium-term vision</li> </ul>
<p>I. Sur la forme/Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Déterminer un cadre de programme Define a programme framework</li> <li>• Fixer la nature de ce programme Specify the nature of the programme</li> <li>• Lignes Directrices comme socle de projet de programme et Objectifs Visés Guidelines as main basis of the draft programme and Objectives</li> </ul>
<p>II. Sur le fond/Substance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPDC (sport pour la paix, le développement et la culture) SPDC (sports for peace, development and culture)</li> <li>• Résultats de MINEPS IV et retombées du Séminaire International de Porto Novo Results of MINEPS IV and impact of Porto Novo International Seminar</li> <li>• Intégrer les structures et thèmes des groupes de travail du CIGEPS et du CCP</li> </ul>

Integrate structures and themes of the Working Groups of CIGEPS and CCP

- Potentiel et apport du domaine des centres universitaires et autres instances  
Potential and contribution of universities and other bodies
- Coopération avec les médias et le public  
Cooperation with the media and the public

Sources de références / Background

- Déclaration et recommandations MINEPS/Déclaration and recommendations of MINEPS
- Resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations
- Résolutions Conférence Générale/Décisions Conseil Exécutive  
Resolutions of the General Conference/Decisions of the Executive Board
- Charte internationale de l'EPS (1978)/International Charter of Physical Education and Sport (1978)

The Bureau approved the draft proposal and recommended that it be discussed at the session of the Intergovernmental Committee session on 19 July at Headquarters just before the physical education and sport week organized to mark UNESCO's 60th anniversary. The following initiatives were then approved as a supplement to the programme that was being drawn up by the Secretariat.

- publication and presentation of the history of CIGEPS in the form of a leaflet;
- completion of the CIGEPS website providing as much information as possible on its existence, scope and role;
- exhibitions and other activities planned by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 5: Resumption of the proceedings

The proceedings were resumed in accordance with the amendment to the agenda mentioned in the introduction to the present report.

Agenda item 6: Regional coordination

At the suggestion of the Secretariat, following debates and clarifications, it was decided to open up CIGEPS meetings and initiatives further to ensure more effective regional cooperation in order, in particular, to increase cooperation with regional organizations and bodies such as intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). That would entail either resuming cooperation with some or initiating contacts with a view to establishing closer relations in order to exchange views, give publicity to CIGEPS and its activities, enable such activities to have an impact in their networks and mutualize their efforts whenever possible.

To avoid any confusion and an overgrowth of ineffective cooperation, the Bureau suggested that on receipt of the present report, each member of CIGEPS could nominate one IGO or major regional NGO at the second session to be held on 19 July 2006.

Agenda item 7: Arrangements and suggestions for the chair of the Permanent Consultative Council (PCC)

The debate on this item ended with the suggestion that the respective Rules of Procedure of CIGEPS and PCC be amended to reflect the current situation of enhanced contribution by the members of PCC. Accordingly, the Chairperson of CIGEPS was requested to explore with the International Olympic Committee ways and means of improving cooperation with CIGEPS and within PCC and to look into possible arrangements for a joint CIGEPS/IOC meeting at the earliest opportunity.

The Chairperson of CIGEPS was invited to inform the Committee of the outcome of the proposed course of action.

Agenda item 8: Closure and date of the next session

The Bureau would meet on 18 July 2006, just before the second session for 2006 at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris.

The proceedings of the Bureau's first session for 2006 were closed in a spirit of conviviality and satisfaction and recommendations were made marking the preliminary stage of its work plan.