



Revised Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS)

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I ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS

Article 1 – Establishment of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (“the Committee”)

- 1.1 An Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport, hereinafter called the ‘Committee’, is hereby established within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- 1.2 The running expenses of the Committee shall be financed from funds appropriated for this purpose by the General Conference of UNESCO at each of its ordinary sessions.

Article 2 – Functions of the Committee

- 2.1 The Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (a) guiding and supervising the planning and implementation of UNESCO's strategy and programme of activities in the field of physical education and sport, in particular by recommending an order of priorities among the various activities or groups of activities constituting the programme;
 - (b) promoting international co-operation in the sphere of physical education and sport with a view to strengthening peace, friendship, understanding and mutual respect between peoples, in particular by helping Member States, either at their request or at the suggestion of the Permanent Consultative Council, as set forth in Article 9, to co-ordinate their programmes and activities in this sphere;
 - (c) facilitating the adoption, promotion and dissemination of the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport;
 - (d) encouraging recognition of the social importance of physical education and sport as an essential feature in the harmonious development of the personality;
 - (e) undertaking, on the basis of principles generally accepted in the field of physical education and sport, such activities as the General Conference may decide;
 - (f) promoting research into physical education and sport and the collection, analysis and publication of scientific works and other documents relating notably to physical education and sport and the improvement of programmes and staff training in this sphere, as well as promoting the exchange of specialists and the holding, as necessary, of regional meetings, seminars and courses on various aspects of physical education and sport;
 - (g) encouraging joint action and useful, confident and effective co-operation in the field of the development and promotion of physical education and sport in civil society in general and with the media, non-governmental organizations,

international federations and the institutions and agencies of the United Nations system;

- (h) establishing general policy for supporting, strengthening, developing and supervising the International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport.
- 2.2 In carrying out its functions, the Committee shall, whenever necessary, attempt to take into account other international programmes in physical education and sport.
- 2.3 The Committee shall collaborate in the preparation and evaluation of UNESCO's programme in the field of physical education and sport. It shall also be responsible for enlisting in favor of regional, sub-regional or national activities corresponding to the Committee's objectives, the technical, financial and material support of the Member States of UNESCO and of public and private sub-regional, regional or international institutions, bodies and sources of financing in respect of the following four main areas of activity:
- (a) reduction of the disparities, inequalities and imbalances between the nations and the regions of the world;
 - (b) safeguarding of the ethical values of sport;
 - (c) development of physical education and sport in the context of formal and informal education systems and within the process of lifelong education;
 - (d) upgrading of the functions of sport to promote development and peace, the rights of persons with disabilities, the preservation of culture and traditional sports and games, gender equality and social integration and the fight against racism.
- 2.4 The Committee shall submit reports on its activities to the General Conference of UNESCO.

II COMPOSITION

Article 3 – Membership of the Committee

- 3.1 The Committee shall be composed of 18 Member States of UNESCO elected by the General Conference at its ordinary sessions, taking due account of equitable geographical distribution in accordance with the principles laid down by the General Conference in regard to representation in all UNESCO's intergovernmental councils and committees and of the need to ensure an appropriate rotation.
- 3.2 The term of office of the members of the Committee shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its second subsequent ordinary session.
- 3.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the term of office of one half of the members of the Committee designated at the time of the first election shall cease at the end of the first ordinary session of the General Conference following that at which they were elected. The names of these members shall be chosen by lot by the President of the General Conference after the first election. Members shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 above.
- 3.4 Members of the Committee shall be immediately eligible for re-election for a second four-year term of office.

- 3.5 The Committee may make recommendations concerning its membership to the General Conference.
- 3.6 The States Members of the Committee shall seek to designate as their representatives persons playing a major part in the planning, application and implementation of national policies and international relations in respect of physical education and sport.
- 3.7 Member States shall bear the expense of the participation of their representatives in sessions of the Committee.

Article 4 – Representatives and observers

- 4.1 The representatives of Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO and permanent observer missions to UNESCO, which are not Members of the Committee, as set forth in Article 3.1, may participate as observers in the work of the Committee without the right to vote.
- 4.2 The Committee may invite the members of the Permanent Consultative Council, as set forth in Article 9, to participate in the work of the Committee as observers without the right to vote.
- 4.3 The United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded reciprocal representation agreements may participate in the work of the Committee as observers without the right to vote.

III ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Article 5 – Meetings of the Committee

- 5.1 The Committee shall meet in ordinary session once every two years. Extraordinary sessions of the Committee may be convened by the Director-General of UNESCO or at the request of the majority of the Members of the Committee, provided that the necessary resources are available.
- 5.2 The Committee may meet out-of-session through the transmission of written reports by the Director-General of UNESCO. Any decisions taken out-of-session shall be made in conformity with Article 7 and formally recorded by the Secretariat.

Article 6 – Election of officers

- 6.1 At the beginning of its first session, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson and five Vice-Chairpersons, taking due account of equitable geographical distribution.
- 6.2 The Chairperson and five Vice-Chairpersons shall act as coordinators for the regions to which they belong. They shall be responsible in their region for the follow-up and coordination of the Committee's recommendations approved by the Director-General, the Committee's activities and the information relating thereto.

IV CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Article 7 – Voting

- 7.1 Each Member of the Committee, as set forth in Article 2, paragraph 1, shall have one vote.
- 7.2 The Committee shall adopt its decisions by simple majority of its Members.

Article 8 – Rules of Procedure

The Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure.

V PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

Article 9 – The Permanent Consultative Council (“the Council”)

The Committee shall be assisted by the Permanent Consultative Council, hereinafter called the ‘Council,’ which is composed of the following organizations:

- (a) relevant United Nations agencies and programmes such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP);
- (b) relevant regional or interregional intergovernmental organizations designated by the Committee;
- (c) the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC);
- (d) international non-governmental organizations designated by the Committee which maintain official relations with UNESCO and can provide their technical, intellectual, financial or material support to the Committee’s activities in the field of physical education and sport, including the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) and SportAccord;
- (e) relevant international non-governmental organizations designated by the Committee which can provide technical, intellectual, financial or material support to the Committee’s activities in the field of physical education and sport;
- (f) relevant academic institutions designated by the Committee which can provide technical, intellectual, financial or material support to the Committee’s activities in the field of physical education and sport;
- (g) international experts in the field of sport and physical education designated by the Committee which can provide technical, intellectual, financial or material support to the Committee’s activities in the field of physical education and sport.

Article 10 – Function of the Council

The Council shall assist CIGEPS through the provision of high quality advice, technical assistance and expertise in the field sport and physical education.

Article 11 – Reporting

The Council shall submit reports on its activities to each regular session of the Committee.

Article 12 – Recommendations of the Council

At the request of the Committee, and in accordance with the resolutions of the General Conference, the Council shall be entitled to formulate recommendations in the fields of competence of the Committee. The Committee shall examine them and, as appropriate, shall submit them to the Director-General of UNESCO.

Article 13 – Meetings of the Council

The Council shall meet in regular session once every two years, in conjunction with the meeting of the Committee. Extraordinary sessions of the Council may be convened by the Director-General of UNESCO either on his or her own initiative or at the request of the Committee, provided that the necessary resources are available.

Article 14 – Rules of Procedure for the Council

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Article 15 – Voting

The Council shall adopt its recommendations by simple majority of its members.

VI WORKING GROUPS

Article 16 – Working Groups

- 16.1 After consultation with the Council, the Committee may establish ad hoc groups. It may receive proposals to this effect from the Council.
- 16.2 Ad hoc groups shall be responsible for examining particular problems and for presenting and implementing activities and projects designed to meet specific needs falling within the competence of the Committee in the light of particular or topical themes and/or geographical contexts.

VII SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMITTEE

Article 17 – Secretariat

- 17.1 The Director-General of UNESCO or the Director-General's representative shall participate in the work of the Committee, without the right to vote. They may, at any time, make either oral or written statements to the Committee on any question under discussion.
- 17.2 The Secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the Director-General of UNESCO, who shall place at the Committee's disposal the staff and other means required for its operation.
- 17.3 The Secretariat shall receive, translate and distribute all official documents of the Committee and shall arrange for the interpretation of the discussions. It shall also perform all other duties necessary for the proper conduct of the work of the Committee.