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**INVITATIONS TO THE ROUND TABLE
OF MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE
FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT
(Paris, 9 and 10 January 2003)**

SUMMARY

In accordance with Article 21 of the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO” and pursuant to paragraph 12 of the Declaration of Punta del Este (Uruguay), the Director-General submits to the Executive Board the proposals concerning invitations to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport, to be held on 9 and 10 January 2003 at Headquarters, Paris, and suggests that the Board adopt, with regard to these proposals, a decision authorizing the holding of that Round Table.

Decision proposed: paragraph 15.

Introduction

1. Paragraph 12 of the Declaration of Punta del Este, arising from the Third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS III), provides that “in order to ensure progress, the Ministers recommend to the Director-General of UNESCO the holding of a Round Table of Ministers of Physical Education and Sport at the 31st session of the General Conference of UNESCO with a view to undertaking an interim review of follow-up action to MINEPS III”.
2. In view of the particularly heavy timetable of the 31st session of the General Conference, the Director-General decided to postpone the Round Table. It is now the subject of this invitation proposal.
3. In order to prepare the Round Table more effectively and achieve sound results regarding the objectives set by the Third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS III), the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPE) has set up working groups that include leading actors in this field for the purpose of securing their constructive contribution and expertise.

Purpose of the meeting

4. In order to make progress in coping with the challenges and issues involved, the Round Table sets out to help achieve objectives concerned with improving the quality of the promotion and development of physical education and sport in those of their aspects which are relevant, in particular, to education and human development.
5. The Round Table will be held in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPE), and with the support of its Permanent Consultative Council, on 9 and 10 January 2003 at Headquarters in Paris.

Category of the meeting

6. Under the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO, this Round Table falls within the category of “Intergovernmental meetings other than international conferences of States” (category II) and consequently the chief participants will be representing their governments.

Participants

7. In conformity with the provisions of the above-mentioned Regulations applicable to meetings in category II, it is for the Executive Board, on the Director-General’s proposal, to decide on the invitations to the Round Table.

(a) Member States and Associate Members (Article 21.1 of the Regulations)

8. The Director-General proposes that all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO be invited to take part in the Round Table with the right to vote.

(b) Non-Member States (Article 21.3 of the Regulations)

9. The Director-General proposes that States which are not members of UNESCO but are members of at least one other organization of the United Nations system be invited to send observers to the Round Table. At the time when this document was drafted, the list of such States

was as follows: Brunei Darussalam, Holy See, Liechtenstein and the United States of America. In addition, the Director-General proposes to the Executive Board that those States which become members of any United Nations organization before the opening of the Round Table be invited to attend it as observers.

(c) Palestine

10. In accordance with Article 7B of the Regulations, the Executive Board will invite Palestine to send observers to the Round Table.

(d) International organizations (Article 21.4 and 21.5 of the Regulations)

11. The Director-General reminds the Board that, under Article 21.4 of the Regulations, the organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has concluded mutual representation agreements may send representatives to the Round Table. Those organizations are the following:

United Nations

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
International Labour Organization (ILO)
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNIDCP)
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
United Nations University (UNU)
World Food Programme (WFP)
World Health Organization (WHO)

12. In accordance with Article 21.5 of the Regulations, the Director-General proposes that the following organizations be invited to send observers to the Round Table:

(i) Organizations of the United Nations system with which UNESCO has not concluded a reciprocal representation agreement

International Monetary Fund (IMF)
World Bank

(ii) Other intergovernmental organizations

African Union
Agence de la Francophonie
Arab Gulf States Information Documentation Centre
Arab Labour Organization
Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization
Commonwealth of Independent States
Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sport of French-Speaking Countries
Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

Council of Europe
 Economic Community of Central African States
 Economic Community of West African States
 European Commission
 League of Arab States
 Nordic Council
 Organization of American States
 Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
 Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture
 South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
 South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization
 Supreme Council for Sport in Africa
 World Tourism Organization

(iii) International non-governmental organizations maintaining formal or operational relations with UNESCO

Africa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance
 (ICSSPE)
 Amnesty International
 Association of European Journalists
 Council on International Educational Exchange
 Defence for Children International
 European College of Sport Science (ICSSPE)
 European Federation of Sports Psychology (ICSSPE)
 European Network of Sport Science in Higher Education (ICSSPE)
 European Youth Forum
 Forum for African Women Educationalists
 General Arab Women's Federation
 General Association of International Sports Federations
 Inter American Press Association
 International Amateur Athletic Federation (ICSSPE)
 International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance
 International Association for Educational Assessment
 International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education (ICSSPE)
 International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities (ICSSPE)
 International Association for Sports Information (ICSSPE)
 International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
 International Association of Democratic Lawyers
 International Association of Educators for World Peace
 International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women
 (ICSSPE)
 International Association of Sport Kinetics (ICSSPE)
 International Association of Universities
 International Centre of Films for Children and Young People
 International Committee of Sport Pedagogy (ICSSPE)
 International Committee Pierre de Coubertin (ICSSPE)
 International Community Education Association
 International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance
 International Council for Open and Distance Education
 International Council for Physical Activity and Fitness Research (ICSSPE)
 International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education

International Council of Women
International Council on Education for Teaching
International Fair Play Committee (ICSSPE)
International Federation for Physical Education (ICSSPE)
International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (ICSSPE)
International Federation of Amateur Basketball (ICSSPE)
International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (ICSSPE)
International Federation of Association Football (ICSSPE)
International Federation of Body Builders (ICSSPE)
International Federation of Human Rights
International Gymnastic Federation (ICSSPE)
International Labour Sports Confederation (ICSSPE)
International Military Sports Council (ICSSPE)
International Organization of Folk Art
International Paralympic Committee
International Peace Research Association (ICSSPE)
International Research Group on Biochemistry of Exercise (ICSSPE)
International Schools Association
International Scientific Council for Island Development
International Social Science Council
International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ICSSPE)
International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport (ICSSPE)
International Sociology of Sport Association (ICSSPE)
International Sports Press Association (ICSSPE)
International Union for Health Promotion and Education
Pan-African Women's Organization
Philosophy Society for the Study of Sport (ICSSPE)
Women Sport International
World Assembly of Youth
World Association for Educational Research
World Commission of Sport Biomechanics (ICSSPE)
World Education Council
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations
World Leisure and Recreation Association
World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP)
World Peace Council
World Sport Publisher Association (ICSSPE)
World Taekwondo Federation (ICSSPE)

(iv) International non-governmental organizations not maintaining official relations with UNESCO

African Bureau of Educational Sciences
African Curriculum Organization
African Jurists' Association
Arab Sports Confederation
Association of National Olympic Committees
Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa
Catholic International Federation for Physical and Sports Education
Comité International d'Histoire du Sport
Congreso Panamericano de Educación Física y Recreación
Consejo Iberoamericano de Deporte

Federation for the Respect of Man and Humanity
Federation of Arab Teachers
International Committee for Sociology of Sport
International Federation of Sports Medicine
International Labour Sports Committee
International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
International Union of School and University Health and Medicine
International University Sports Federation
International Youth Federation for Environmental Studies and Conservation
Pan-African Youth Movement
Sport for All Clearing House
Union of European Football Associations
Women's International Democratic Federation

Institutions and foundations

13. The Director-General further proposes that the following institutions and foundations be invited to send observers:

Austrian Institution for the Construction of School and Sports Facilities
Carlsen-Lange Foundation
Carnegie Corporation of New York
Commonwealth Foundation
European Cultural Foundation
Fondation Universitaire Luxembourgeoise
Ford Foundation
Foundation for International Training (Canada)
Foundation of France
Fundação Roberto Marinho (Brazil)
Fundación Universidad-Empresa
German Aid to Sport Foundation
International Athletic Foundation
Netherlands Football Pool and Lotto Foundation
Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC)
Rockefeller Foundation
Rothman National Sport Foundation
Sociedade Brasileira de Instrução
World Education

Other international organizations

14. The Director-General proposes that the following international organizations be invited to send observers to the Round Table:

International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC)
International Olympic Committee (IOC)
Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

15. If the Executive Board approves the proposals made by the Director-General in paragraphs 8 to 14 above, it may wish to adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

1. Recalling that the Third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport recommended to the Director-General that he convene the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport,
2. Having examined the Director-General's proposals concerning invitations to this Round Table,
3. Invites the Director-General to convene the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport;
4. Decides:
 - (a) that invitations to participate, with the right to vote, in the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to all Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO;
 - (b) that invitations to send observers to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to all States mentioned in paragraph 9 of document 165 EX/7;
 - (c) that an invitation to send observers to the Round Table shall be extended to Palestine;
 - (d) that invitations to send representatives to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the organizations of the United Nations system mentioned in paragraph 11 of document 165 EX/7;
 - (e) that invitations to send observers to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the international governmental and non-governmental organizations listed in paragraph 12 of document 165 EX/7;
 - (f) that invitations to send observers to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the institutions and foundations listed in paragraph 13 of document 165 EX/7;
 - (g) that invitations to send observers to the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport shall be extended to the international organizations mentioned in paragraph 14 of document 165 EX/7;
5. Authorizes the Director-General to extend any other invitations that he may deem useful for the work of the Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport, informing the Executive Board accordingly;
6. Urges Member States to take immediate steps, within their fields of competence and in the framework of international cooperation, to cooperate in organizing this Round Table of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport.