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SESSION I / 2008
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CIGEPS meeting *Session 1/2008 – Provisional Agenda*

29-31 January 2008
10:00 -13:00 & 15:00-18:00

UNESCO Headquarters
Room XIII , Bonvin Annex
1 rue Miollis, Paris 75015 France

29 January

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| 09:30-10:00 | Welcome to the participants |
| 10:00-13:00 | 1. Beginning of the session: Introductory remarks by the Representative of the Director General.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Information on the outcomes of the 34 th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO (CIGEPS, REP, C/5, PES quality indicators, Diambars). |
| 13:00-15:00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 15:00-16:30 | 4. Continuation of work

5. Election of the Chair and the Bureau of CIGEPS.

6. Election of CIGEPS Vice-Presidents by geographic regions

7. Composition of working groups on themes to be proposed by CIGEPS |
| 16:30-16:45 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16 :45-18 :00 | 8. Examination of the preliminary proposals of CIGEPS reform and adaptation of the Permanent Consultative Council to a new mandate.

9. Composition of working groups concerning CIGEPS reform |

30 January

- 10:00 10. Continuation of work
- 10:00-13:00 11. Continuation of the work on the preliminary proposals of CIGEPS reform and adaptation of the Permanent Consultative Council to a new mandate.
- 13:00-15:00 *Lunch break*
- 15:00-16:30 12. Continuation of the work on the preliminary proposals of CIGEPS reform and adaptation of the Permanent Consultative Council to a new mandate.
- 16:30-16:45 *Coffee break*
- 16:45-18:00 13. Continuation of work

31 January

- 10:00 14. Continuation of work
- 10:00-13:00 15. Cooperation project proposals by the Secretariat and other CIGEPS organs (participants are invited to submit their proposals for examination and discussion with CIGEPS).
- 13:00-15:00 *Lunch break*
- 15:00-16:30 16. Continuation of work
- 16:30-16:45 *Coffee break*
- 16:45-18:00 17. Continuation of work
18. Date and place of the next session
19. Conclusion and closing of the session

NEW COMPOSITION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT (CIGEPS)
2008-2009

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V a	Group V b
Greece	Croatia	Jamaica	Bangladesh	Kenya	Saudi Arabia
Austria	Lithuania	Cuba	Iran (Islamic Republic)	Cameroon	Oman
Spain	Ukraine	Ecuador	Malaysia	Gabon	Algeria
Outgoing member states 2007: Germany, Netherlands, Albania, Russian Federation, Costa Rica, Dominica, Thailand, Côte d'Ivoire, Bahrain					
New member states 2007: Austria, Spain, Lithuania, Ukraine, Cuba, Ecuador, Malaysia, Kenya, Algeria					

CIGEPS Report 2008

CIGEPS held Session I/2008 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 29 to 31 January 2008. This plenary session had three main objectives: election of the Bureau (a Chair and a Vice-Chair for each geographical region – see Annex 1), establishment of working groups (see Annex 2) and adoption of the principle on the reform of CIGEPS to adapt it better to the requirements of the twenty-first century.

The following items on the provisional agenda were thus addressed:

Item 1 of the agenda

1. Mr Iwamoto, representing the Director-General, welcomed the participants and underlined the main objectives of CIGEPS Session I/2008.

Item 2 of the agenda

2. The participants approved the agenda as amended (see Annex 3).

Item 3 of the agenda

3. The Secretariat informed the participants of activities during the 2006-2007 biennium, most of which are described in document 34 C/REP/18 (see Annex 4).

4. Specific information was provided by the Secretariat regarding, in particular, the Diambars/UNESCO project and the ever more pressing requests from a number of Member States for the Organization's assistance in formulating sports policies and national multi-sectoral sports plans for development and peace.

5. The Secretariat also touched on special events and ceremonies such as the Fair Play Awards and the naming of Champions for Sport to strengthen physical education and sport (PES) in education systems. Participants welcomed the information on the programme and activities during the 2006-2007 biennium, and several speakers commended the quality and substance of the work accomplished. A number of them made suggestions, calling for emphasis to be laid, *inter alia*, on identifying major areas of work for CIGEPS as the only intergovernmental mechanism of the United Nations system in the field of cooperation and PES development, and giving fresh impetus to the International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS) in key areas to be developed by CIGEPS and supported by a variety of round tables similar to those held at UNESCO in March 2003 for the mid-term review of MINEPS III (Uruguay, 1999), whose conclusions formed the basis of the guidelines for MINEPS IV (Greece, 2004).

6. The Secretariat then informed the participants that the General Conference at its 34th session had approved the establishment of an Observatory on Women, Sport and Physical Education as a category 2 institute. The representative of Greece added that, after signature by UNESCO and Greece of the agreement establishing the Observatory, the latter should complete the usual domestic legislative and regulatory formalities.

7. It should be noted that CIGEPS will be required to appoint a representative to the Observatory's steering committee, as provided for in its statutes.

Item 4 of the agenda

8. CIGEPS continued its work as set out in the agenda.

Items 5 and 6 of the agenda

9. The election of Members of the Bureau was observed by the Netherlands and supervised by the representative of the Director-General; the results were as follows:

- Candidates for the Chair:

Algeria
Cameroon

- Elected: Algeria

- After consultation within each regional group, the following countries were elected Vice-Chairs, representing their individual geographical regions:

- Western Europe: Austria
- Eastern Europe: Lithuania
- Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Ecuador
- Africa: Kenya
- Asia and the Pacific: Malaysia
- Arab States: Oman

10. Each of the representatives of the States thus elected thanked the other Member States for this mark of confidence in their countries, and pledged to cooperate fully in a spirit of solidarity and mutual respect.

Item 7 of the agenda

11. This item was the subject of lively discussion, particularly regarding the appropriate arrangements and mechanisms for making the most of contributions from NGOs, IGOs and other specialist bodies to CIGEPS fields of competence.

12. Following a fruitful exchange of opinion and various proposals on the best way of organizing the interface between the intergovernmental committee and NGOs, IGOs and other bodies, it was decided to set up three working parties in three key fields, namely:

- PES in education systems;
- sport and culture;
- sport for socio-economic development and peace.

13. The working groups were established as shown in Annex 2. However, after consulting the Bureau, each working group will draw up its programme of work and timetable by the end of March 2008.

14. Each working group will be co-chaired by two Vice-Chairs (see Annex 2).

15. The working groups will consist of Member States and other organizations that wish to contribute to their work. The purpose of the working groups is to consider and produce a report on the subject with which it is concerned.

16. E-mails will be exchanged through specific addresses supplied by the Secretariat for each of the three subject areas.

Item 8 of the agenda

17. A specific working group on reform has been established under the Bureau's supervision. The group will be coordinated by Cuba (see Annex 5).

18. It is composed *ex officio* of CIGEPS Member States that have expressed a wish to contribute to it, observers, including non-elected States Members of CIGEPS, NGOs, IGOs and other bodies that so wish.

19. The Secretariat introduced the discussion on reform, stressing the need for the latter and the philosophy behind it. Reform-related procedural and substantive issues that might affect the mission and objectives of CIGEPS were highlighted by the Secretariat.

20. The participants undertook to give priority to the reform and welcomed the programme of work adopted within the Committee.

21. To this end, CIGEPS members adopted the following recommendations:

- Cuba will propose organizational and functional arrangements for the working group on CIGEPS reform and, on approval by the Bureau, will forward them to the Secretariat for distribution and follow-up by the other members concerned.
- Cuba shall also propose a timetable and identify venues for meetings of the working group in close cooperation with the Chair, who will inform the Bureau and then the other members concerned.
- With regard to financing the work of CIGEPS, members have decided to be guided by experiments undertaken in States such as Greece, Algeria and Cuba, which have organized government-funded activities. In conclusion, Member States acting as working-group Chairs or Vice-Chairs are urged and invited to follow up the above-mentioned experiments.
- A work schedule linked to the timetable of UNESCO's governing bodies was proposed for the reform process. The aim is to submit the planned reform to the Executive Board in spring 2009 and, if possible, to the General Conference in autumn 2009.
- The Chair has undertaken to consult UNESCO's legal department informally, in conjunction with the representative of the Director-General. It was considered that an initial draft was required as a preliminary working hypothesis.
- The CIGEPS name and acronym have been retained.
- Special attention is to be paid to the crucial issue of linkage between the sports movement and the public authorities, and especially their relations with each other.
- In-depth reflection on the CIGEPS position and communication strategy will entail examining ways and means of raising its profile while maximizing the impact of information and communication on its missions and activities.
- Costa Rica and outgoing members were thanked warmly for their work on CIGEPS reform.

22. After a fruitful discussion, members of CIGEPS decided to pursue their reflection on the reform initiated by the outgoing Committee. The principle of reform was accepted unanimously by the members of the Committee in regard to the position and role of CIGEPS and in order to have a significant influence on major sports issues of the twenty-first century.

Items 15 to 17 of the agenda

23. The Director-General received the members of the Bureau on 30 January 2008. At that meeting he assured the Committee of his full support for completion of the CIGEPS reform, to which he attached special importance. The Chair of CIGEPS undertook, on behalf of the Bureau, to complete the reform process by 2009.

24. The Chair of CIGEPS reported on the meeting to the participants on 31 January 2008.

25. The Secretariat explained the framework for cooperation and projects scheduled under cooperation agreements with key partners (see Annex 6).

26. A number of partners spoke during the session, and the agenda was adjusted accordingly. They took the floor to speak about initiatives proposed, currently implemented and to be followed up, or to express their wish for specific areas of cooperation with UNESCO to be strengthened.

27. These speakers included the representative of the Trim and Fitness International Sport for All Association (TAFISA) who suggested, among other things, that members of CIGEPS and interested NGOs/IGOs should contribute to the World Festival of Traditional Sports to be held in Busan (South Korea) from 26 September to 2 October 2008.

28. UNESCO agreed to lend the festival its support. A round table on traditional games and sports will be organized by UNESCO as part of the festival.

29. TAFISA has also co-chaired a preliminary meeting on the Busan Festival with UNESCO. One IGO and a number of NGOs were invited to the meeting to consider the joint UNESCO/TAFISA draft recommendations for the planned round table in Busan during the 2008 Festival.

30. The participants in CIGEPS Session I/2008 welcomed the information provided by TAFISA and each pledged to support the Busan Festival as far as they were able, agreeing to comment on the draft recommendations by the end of March 2008.

31. The representative of the *Syndicat national de l'éducation physique* (SNEP – National Union for Physical Education) reiterated his readiness to cooperate with UNESCO and will shortly be proposing a line of action and areas for initiative.

32. The representative of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) reported on the celebration of its 50th anniversary and on the International Pre-Olympic Scientific Congress that would be held in Beijing on the occasion of the 2008 Olympic Games.

33. The International Association of Traditional Wrestling Sports briefed participants on its goals and activities. The Association cooperates with UNESCO in the promotion of traditional games and sports. It supports the Organization through direct and indirect extrabudgetary resources in connection with various regional and international initiatives. It proposed that UNESCO initiate a new concept for action called "Play for Peace", which would be discussed with the Secretariat.

34. The representative of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) stressed the latter's determination to strengthen its cooperation with UNESCO, as evidenced by the draft agreement that was soon to be signed by the two organizations concerning sport in education systems, promotion of traditional games and sports, and sport for social and economic development. Participants were also informed that ECOWAS

had made traditional wrestling the subregion's foremost sport, with a view to encouraging cohesion among the peoples of the countries concerned.

35. The representative of the European Commission outlined his Organization's White Paper and stressed the progress made on sport in the European Union since the 2005 Nice Summit. Participants were invited to peruse the content of the White Paper on the European Commission's website (http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm).

Item 18 of the agenda

36. The next session of CIGEPS is scheduled for January 2009 at the Organization's Headquarters and will deal mainly with action taken to follow up the recommendations made at Session I/2008. It will cover items submitted by the Bureau to the Secretariat after having consulted the latter.

37. It was proposed that the Bureau's ordinary session be held in early September 2008 at UNESCO Headquarters. The agenda would be determined in consultation with the Chair of CIGEPS.

Item 19 of the agenda

38. After both he and the representative of the Director-General had thanked the participants, the Chair closed Session I/2008 of CIGEPS and again stressed the importance of PES, referring in that regard to the Director-General's attendance at the meeting on sport and development at the World Economic Forum in Davos.