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OF THE**

**FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE
FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT (MINEPS V)
FOR THE LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION**

BOGOTÁ (COLOMBIA) – 18 AND 19 OCTOBER 2013

FINAL REPORT

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Expression of thanks

The UNESCO Secretariat would like to express its gratitude to COLDEPORTES and the Government of Colombia for their warm reception and their commitment shown in organizing the First Follow-Up Meeting of MINEPS V for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region. The professionalism of the planning and the excellent working conditions contributed significantly to the smooth running of the Meeting and its positive and substantial results.

We should also like to express our most sincere gratitude to the President of Colombia, Mr Juan Manuel Santos, for his words of encouragement and his quite unconditional support for the holding of this Meeting.

We also wish to thank Mr Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, for his message conveyed at the opening of this Meeting.

We likewise wish to send a message of gratitude to all those attending or associated with the Meeting, who undoubtedly contributed to the success of the proceedings. In particular, we owe thanks to the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) and its Chairperson, Mr Arnaldo Fuxa, for stimulating collaboration between the representatives of governments and civil society organizations; and to the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE).

The First Follow-Up Meeting of MINEPS V for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region is an important first step in the quest for application of the Declaration of Berlin and places the region in a position of leadership in the pursuit of the objectives involved.

Presentation

1. The First Follow-Up Meeting of the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V) was held in Bogotá (Colombia) on 18 and 19 October 2013, thanks to the kind invitation of the Director of COLDEPORTES, the senior institution responsible for sport and physical education in Colombia.
2. Six months after the holding of MINEPS V in Berlin (Germany), the First Follow-Up Meeting for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region seeks to ensure action-oriented results and calls upon the region's Member States and the interested parties in sport to join in a common programme to meet the challenges of implementing the Declaration of Berlin. In this respect, the debates centred on the framing of public policies, regional interaction in sport and physical education, and the dissemination and implementation of the content of the Declaration of Berlin.
3. After the consensus achieved by the Member States present at MINEPS V, embodied in the Declaration of Berlin, the Director of COLDEPORTES, an institution of ministerial rank of the Government of the Republic of Colombia responsible for physical education and sport, generously offered to organize and host the First Follow-Up Meeting of MINEPS V for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region. Consequently, UNESCO's Social and Human Sciences Sector issued invitations to all the Member States of the region, United Nations system organizations and international organizations, institutions and foundations involved in this sphere of activity. The First Follow-Up Meeting of Bogotá was attended by representatives of seven Member States of the Latin America and the Caribbean Region, with the participation of Mozambique as a special guest. The Meeting was likewise attended by the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education. The extensive participation in the Meeting reflects the recognition of sport as a fundamental tool for socio-economic development and the importance of the Declaration of Berlin as a significant reference for policymaking in physical education and sport.
4. The Meeting's debates took place in the City of Bogotá, at the Hotel Estelar Parque. All participants recognized the importance of a concerted regional strategy for addressing the matters covered by the Declaration of Berlin.
5. Before the start of the debates, messages were received from the President of the Republic of Colombia, Mr Juan Manuel Santos, expressing his satisfaction at hosting the participants in the Meeting and highlighting the notable impact of public policies on physical education and sport in Colombia.
6. In addition, a message was read out during the Meeting from Mr Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, stating his wish to work with UNESCO in following up MINEPS V.
7. At the opening session the participants heard several introductory and welcome speeches. The session was opened by the Director of COLDEPORTES, Mr Andrés Botero Phillipsbourne. He highlighted some of the central themes developed during the Berlin Conference, together with the need to increase public investment in physical education and sport, among other themes. The participants were also addressed by the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, Ms Pilar Álvarez Laso, who acknowledged the importance of CIGEPS as a fundamental institution for implementing the Declaration of Berlin and the importance of tying in scientific knowledge with public policies in sport. The Meeting also heard Mr Arnaldo Rivero Fuxa, Chairperson of CIGEPS and Vice-President of the National Institute of Sport, Physical Education and Recreation of Cuba.
8. The following were approved:
 - **Agenda**
 - **Rules of Procedure of the Meeting**

- **Election of the Chair** (item 3 of the provisional agenda):
Chair: Mr Andrés Botero, Director of COLDEPORTES, Government of Colombia.

- **Election of two Vice-Chairs:**

Brazil
Dominican Republic

- **Composition of the drafting group:**

Argentina
Mexico

9. To guide the proceedings a Chair was appointed from among the members of the Bureau, assisted by two rapporteurs responsible for presenting the conclusions of each thematic session held the previous day in the corresponding debates. Both the chairs and the rapporteurs were elected by unanimous acclamation:

- Chair, Day 1: Mr Andrés Botero Phillipsbourne, Director of COLDEPORTES
- Vice-Chairs: Mr Vilmar Coutinho Jr, Assistant Chief, Special Adviser for International Affairs of the Ministry of Sport of Brazil, and Mr Marcos Díaz, Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation of the Dominican Republic.
- Rapporteurs: Ms Marcela Possetti, Sport Resources Sub-Secretary, National Sport Secretariat of Argentina, and Ms Yolanda Hernández Casas, Executive Coordinator of the National Commission of Physical Culture and Sport of Mexico.
- The plenary session held in the morning of 19 October was chaired by Mr Marcos Díaz, Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation of the Dominican Republic. All the other sessions were chaired by Mr Andrés Botero Phillipsbourne.

General Debate: Main Points

10. During the sessions of the Bogotá Meeting, all the participants thanked both COLDEPORTES and Minister Botero for the professional manner in which they had organized the Meeting and for the warm hospitality they had enjoyed in Colombia.

11. In turn, many participants spoke of the need to strengthen dialogue and regional coordination regarding sport and physical education.

12. Another feature that was notably reiterated by most participants was the explicit recognition of the Declaration of Berlin as the region's reference document for the production and design of public policies in sport and physical education. This commitment was included in the final communiqué of the Meeting and involves seeking "to work together" to "promote the Declaration of Berlin, in all its dimensions, at the level of governmental and non-governmental agencies".

13. Some of the participants also had words of thanks for the Federal Republic of Germany and its noteworthy organization of the last Meeting of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport, held in April 2013 and attended by 121 Member States and other organizations directly or indirectly connected with sport and physical education.

14. Germany in turn announced at the Bogotá Meeting that its Ministry of the Interior had initiated contacts to link up the work of the German Sport University with the follow-up of MINEPS V and, specifically, the international application and implementation of the Declaration of Berlin.

15. Many participants voiced their worry about the many statements and expressions of intent regarding policy in physical education and sport which were then left aside when it came to follow-up and application. The consensus expressed during the Meeting indicated the need to take a further step towards implementing and executing policies rather than adopting fresh declarations.

16. Noteworthy too were the clarifications provided by some countries stating that they were fully engaged in applying the guidelines contained in the Declaration of Berlin, even before its issue, and for which the results of MINEPS V constituted on the one hand a recognition of their policies and, on the other, a strengthening of the strategies established by their countries with respect to public policies in sport and physical education.

17. A large proportion of participants gave examples and spoke of initiatives regarding practices associated with the Declaration of Berlin, particularly with theme I: “Access to Sport as a Fundamental Right for All”.

- *Programmes in Brazil*

- Segundo tempo: seeks to democratize access to the practice and culture of sport in order to promote the all-round development of boys, girls and adolescents as a factor in citizenship education and better quality of life, particularly in areas of social vulnerability.
- Esportes e lazer da cidade: seeks to facilitate access to physical education, culture and leisure for all age groups and including people with disabilities. It fosters social activity and the training of community leaders, besides encouraging research and the socialization of knowledge, with the aim of having sport understood as a right for all.
- Vida saudade: seeks to encourage physical activity in adults aged over 60, from an integral and multisectoral perspective.
- Juegos Olímpicos Indígenas: with the backing of the Government of Brazil this sports event was introduced in 1996, bringing together the main sports disciplines of pre-Hispanic traditions.

- *Programmes in Argentina*

- Juegos Evita: more than a million boys, girls, young people and adults from the entire country take part each year in these competitions organized by the Ministry of Social Development of the Nation. The aim is to encourage inclusion, training and participation in sport under conditions of equal opportunities.
- Programa “Nuestro Club”: seeks to collaborate with neighbourhood sports bodies throughout the country, ensuring the fulfilment of its mission and functions of promotion, development and containment of sport within the community framework.

- *Programmes in Colombia*

- Superaté: this is a programme of academic and sports competitions and of complementary school days for boys, girls and adolescents from 7 to 18 years of age, which is backed up by an incentive plan also including teachers, educational establishments and municipalities, and which helps to improve the quality of life and generate opportunities for social development in all the municipalities of Colombia.

- *Programmes in Mexico*

- Ponte al 100: the general purpose of the programme is to encourage physical activity and spread knowledge of healthy eating and a healthy way of life.

18. Some countries in turn voiced their concern regarding particular themes associated with physical education and sport, such as combating doping in high-performance sports events and competitions (Dominican Republic), gambling and unlawful betting (Colombia), and violence at major sports events (Germany).

19. The proposed forms for the follow-up were presented:

- (i) Breakdown of the Declaration of Berlin into 11 themes.
- (ii) Setting up of four working groups (networking, good practices, monitoring, review of the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport).
- (iii) Delegating of champions.

20. Upon presentation of the follow-up proposals by the UNESCO Secretariat, the participants approved them without modification.

21. The presentations of each of the countries represented demonstrated a marked social imprint in their public policies regarding sport and physical education. In some cases, the sectors responsible for sport and physical education came within the scope of the social development ministries. During the debates it was to be observed that curbing violence (particularly in the youngest groups), the inclusion of marginalized populations and other social problems were undoubtedly the main topic of discussion and the mobilizing reason for cooperation in sport and physical education.

22. Hence some participants spoke of the need for the countries of the region to deal in more depth with the mechanisms of cooperation in best practices, dissemination of knowledge, statistics and other themes associated with sport and physical education as a tool for the social development of the population.

23. On the basis of these aspects, other participants posited the favourable position of the region for assuming a leadership role in formulating, developing and applying public policies in sport and physical education for development and social inclusion, together with their express will to assume such leadership in the global policy agenda (in the framework of the guidelines laid down in the Declaration of Berlin).

24. In this way, the participants undertook to continue working to ensure a constant follow-up of the Declaration of Berlin and agreed both to amplify and to strengthen cooperation and joint work in the follow-up proposals, which commitment was highlighted in the communiqué of the Meeting.

Closure of the Follow-Up Meeting

25. At the closure of the Meeting, Mr Andrés Botero Phillipsbourne began by addressing all the participants present. He highlighted the importance of the themes covered during the two working days in Bogotá, including:

- the distinguished role of the region in formulating public policies for sport from a social perspective;
- the development of strategies for implementing the Declaration of Berlin;
- how to increase the spread of information and best practices;
- Quality Physical Education;
- social and economic impact of sport;
- greater participation of local authorities;
- obesity;

- physical education in schools;
- sport as social inclusion;
- the integrity of sport and combating violence.

26. He further concluded that the Declaration of Berlin had helped generate commitment and institutional confidence among the ministers and senior officials responsible for physical education and sport, to follow up both the implementation of the Declaration and the development of public sports policies. He emphasized the tangible progress made by the representatives of the various Member States, in cooperation with all those present concerned, as exemplified by the pledge to establish an observatory that would measure targets and actual timetables. He proposed that UNESCO be sent the results obtained by the observatory every two months.

27. The representatives were then addressed by Ms Pilar Álvarez Laso, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences. In her statement she specially emphasized the results obtained during the Meeting, concretely in the participation of the region and in the demonstration of commitment shown in the decision to establish a regional observatory.

28. After the closure of the Meeting a visit was paid to the premises of the “Centro de Alto Rendimiento en Altura” (high-altitude high-performance centre) and the Doping Control Laboratory of COLDEPORTES. This laboratory serves the Latin American countries and is a unique institution in the region on account of its recognition by the International Olympic Committee and the World Anti-Doping Agency, ranking as one of the world’s most advanced doping control centres.



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Bogotá, 18 and 19 October 2013
TIMETABLE & ANNOTATED AGENDA**

Friday, 18 October 2013

- 8:30-9:00 Registration of participants
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome Remarks by Mr Andrés Botero Phillipsbourne,
Director, Administrative Department of the Presidency of the Republic of Sport
Recreation, Physical Activity and the Use of Free Time "COLDEPORTES"
- 9:15-9:30 Opening Remarks by Ms Pilar Alvarez-Laso,
Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
- 9:30-9:45 Introduction by Mr Arnaldo Rivero Fuxa,
President, Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport
(CIGEPS)
- 9:45-10:15 Statutory Matters
- ▶ The Secretariat shall moderate the following items:
 - Adoption of the agenda of the meeting
 - Adoption of Rules of Procedure
 - Election of President
 - Election of two Vice-Presidents
 - Election of Rapporteur
- 10:15-10:45 Presentation of the results of MINEPS V, its follow-up process and proposed
follow-up modalities
- ▶ Presentation by the Secretariat
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

- 11:00-12:30 Discussion of Relevance of the Declaration of Berlin and its Follow-Up
- ▶ Participants from the Member States and of the CIGEPS – PCC are invited to present:
 - Their expectations from the MINEPS V follow-up
 - Policy areas, programmes and projects in which they deem regional/international cooperation of particular importance
 - Regional/international cooperation in which they are already involved
 - Ongoing or planned activities and measures that can be effectively integrated into the MINEPS V follow-up process
 - Capacities that they can make available to the MINEPS V follow-up process
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00-15:30 Discussion of Main Follow-Up Modalities
- ▶ Participants are invited to provide feedback on the proposed main follow-up modalities
 - Break-down of the Declaration of Berlin into sub-topics
 - Definition of main work streams
 - Delegation of leadership to regional and thematic *champions*
 - Recommendations to / Expectations from CIGEPS and UNESCO
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-18:00 Discussion of Follow-Up Work Streams
- ▶ Participants are invited to make suggestions concerning the proposed main work streams
- 16:00-16:30 – Regional and global networking
16:30-17:00 – Exchange of good practice
17:00-17:30 – Development and sharing of monitoring processes
17:30-18:00 – Review of UNESCO's International Charter of Physical Education and Sport
- 19:30 *Official Dinner (Hotel Estelar Parque de la 93)*

Saturday, 19 October 2013

- 9:00-9:30 Summary Day 1 – Expectations for Day 2
- ▶ Presentation by the Rapporteur and the Secretariat
- 9:30-11:00 Discussion of Global Follow-Up by CIGEPS and UNESCO
- ▶ Presentation by UNESCO of Quality Physical Education and Advocacy Projects
 - ▶ Participants are invited to make suggestions for involvement in/support to Quality Physical Education and Advocacy Projects
 - ▶ Participants are invited to present their expectations from CIGEPS and UNESCO
 - Roles of CIGEPS President, Vice-Presidents, and of the PCC
 - Programme and modalities of work of CIGEPS
 - Mobilization of Member States and strategic partners by UNESCO

- Priorities for information sharing by UNESCO

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:30 Next Steps and Commitments

- ▶ Presentation of action items by the Secretariat
- ▶ Each participant is requested to present her/his concrete commitments for the follow-up of MINEPS V
 - Determination of tasks and deliverables
 - Designation of teams and working groups
 - Identification of gaps in follow-up
 - Recommendations for involving strategic partners

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Conclusions & Closure

- Discussion of official conclusions of the meeting
- ▶ Address by Mr Andrés Botero Phillipsbourne
- ▶ Closing remarks by Ms Pilar Alvarez Laso

15:30 Site Visit: High Performance Centre – Biomedical Centre – Doping Control Laboratory



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COMMUNIQUE

The Ministers, senior officials and experts responsible for physical education and sport, representing governments of the Latin American and Caribbean region, the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) and its Permanent Consultative Council, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), gathered from 18 to 19 October 2013 in Bogota, Colombia, on the occasion of the 1st Follow-Up Meeting to UNESCO's Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V), held in Germany from 28 to 30 May 2013,

Express their gratitude to the hosts of the Meeting, Coldeportes, for the excellent organization of the Meeting and for their outstanding hospitality;

Welcome the messages of support, for the Meeting, transmitted from the President of the Republic of Colombia, Mr Juan Manuel Santos, and the President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr Thomas Bach;

Recognize the diversity of regional, sub-regional, national and local contexts of sport and physical education policy;

Express concern about the repetition of declarations and expressions of policy intent in the field of physical education and sport that are not followed by sufficient action and monitoring;

Highlight that the commitments and recommendations contained in the outcome document of MINEPS V, the Declaration of Berlin, as an expression of a global consensus amongst all concerned stakeholders, should serve as the overarching international framework of principles and orientations guiding national, regional and international sport and physical education policy;

Agree that the governments of the Latin American and Caribbean region have already addressed many of the issues raised in the Declaration of Berlin;

Stress that the governments of the Latin American and Caribbean region can play a leadership role in fostering the implementation of the Declaration of Berlin worldwide, notably with respect to its first theme: Access to sport as a fundamental right for all;

Acknowledge the lack of regional and international knowledge-sharing and peer-learning with respect to the broad range of national programmes within the region that effectively leverage the power of sport for social inclusion and socio-economic development;

Support the revision of UNESCO's International Charter of Physical Education and Sport and invite UNESCO to examine the possibility of revising the Charter, to be adopted no later than during the 38th session of the General Conference in 2015.

Commit to work together and to mobilize other partners from the region towards implementing the following initiatives:

1. DECLARATION OF BERLIN: PROMOTION, PRIORITY-SETTING AND MONITORING OF FUTURE ACTIONS

Promote the Declaration of Berlin, in all its dimensions, at the level of governmental and non-governmental agencies that engage directly or indirectly with physical education, physical activity, and sport including the academic and scientific fields. Notably, CADE, CARICOM, CID, CODICADER, CONCECADE, CONSUDE, MERCOSUR, PASO ODESUR CACSO, UNASUR, National Olympic Committees, National Paralympic Committees and regional Associations of Physical Education and Technical Goods, as well as CPEF, FIEP, ICSSPE, International Federation of Sports Medicine and any other organization linked to the Physical Education and Sport to be identified.

Use all the competencies of the above mentioned bodies, at the regional level of the region.

Entrust CADE, CIGEPS and CONSUDE representatives present at this Meeting, with the implementation of the above from November 2013 to April 2014.

Set priorities within the three MINEPS V themes as follows:

(a) For Theme I, "Access to sport and physical education as a fundamental right for all":

- promote universal physical education in the school system;
- work to overcome barriers which prevent inclusive physical education and sport (i.e. the full participation of women, persons with disabilities and marginalized communities);
- take measures against violence in sport.

(b) For Theme II, "Promoting investment in sport and physical education programmes":

- pilot guidelines and tools to enhance the provision of quality physical education;
- promote increased public investment in sport and physical education programmes.
- promote research on the socio-economic impact of physical education, physical activity and sport programmes.

(c) For Theme III, "Preserving the integrity of sport":

- promote the fight against doping in sport, particularly in relation to values education programmes.

Encourage each country to progress programmes and activities related to the above identified priorities.

Report to the below mentioned Observatory created, as a result of this Meeting, on said programmes and activities.

Entrust the representatives of Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay with the task of monitoring compliance with these initiatives.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL OBSERVATORY (with priority focus on to two essential elements at this initial stage of constitution) :

- (a) Exchange information on sport policy structures of each country;
- (b) Collect and disseminate information about public policy programmes for physical education, physical activity and sport, as a first phase; evaluate and monitor the implementation of the Declaration of Berlin, as part of a second phase.

Additionally, within the framework of this Meeting, it was agreed:

- (i) to systematize the information received through the presentation of good practices, so that each country can share information on respective physical education, physical activity and sport programmes, specifying how they support progress towards the objectives contained within the Declaration of Berlin.
- (ii) to set a deadline of 20 December 2013 for each country to upload its respective information in the format to be distributed by COLDEPORTES before 15 November 2013.
- (iii) to entrust the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico with the organization of a virtual conference to undertake a partial evaluation of the Observatory platform.

3. MONITORING

- Monitor follow-up activities to allow for self-assessment by national authorities, so as to advance programmes, as well as to facilitate a comparison of data collected at the regional and global levels.
- Beginning in 2013 and continuing in 2014, Member States will map data collected in the fields of physical education, physical activity and sport by national agencies for statistics, self-assessment centres and research institutes.
- After the adoption of Quality Physical Education Guidelines for Policy-Makers, by CIGEPS, a regional Meeting will be held (virtual or physical) in 2014 at which the practicality of the data collection will be discussed, as well as next steps.

Panama has committed to ensure communication and cooperation among Member States in Central America; Belize will assure the same in the Caribbean; and Peru will do so among members in South America. Each will, subsequently, share information with the Observatory.

4. Follow-Up Meeting

Uruguay generously offered to host, in 2014, a second follow-up meeting of MINEPS V of the Latin American and Caribbean region. This meeting will aim at assessing the regional follow-up of MINEPS V, as well as the progress of the above initiatives. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2014.



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