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**FIRST FOLLOW-UP MEETING
OF THE
FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT
(MINEPS V)
FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGION**

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.