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Dear President of the General Conference, Your Excellency, Ms. Zohour Alaoui,

**REVISED STATUTES OF CIGEPS**

I wish to thank you for your letter from July 16, 2018 in which you invited me in my function as Chairperson of CIGEPS to present to the governing body of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) the recommendations made by the Open-Ended Working Group on governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO.

Acknowledging the recommendations by the Open-Ended Working Group relating to CIGEPS which are the general recommendations 54 to 81, and the specific one addressed to CIGEPS, number 85, on greater synergies with the education sector explored to avoid duplication, at its ordinary session in April 2018, CIGEPS has established a Working Group for the Revision of its Statutes (Resolution CIGEPS/2018/3). The main reasons why such revision of its statutes is necessary are outlined in

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0026/002627/262716e.pdf> Document CIGEPS/2017/Doc.3.

The working group took up its work on 18 June 2018, and we are grateful for the participation of H.E. Mr Jesus Enrique Garcia, Deputy Permanent Delegate of the Philippines to UNESCO, Co-Chair of Sub-Group II of the Open-Ended Working Group.

The revised Statutes of CIGEPS should be presented to UNESCO's General Conference for adoption during its 40th session in 2019. Therefore, a first internal draft of the revised Statutes will be circulated for comments amongst members of the Working Group, CIGEPS and its Permanent Consultative Council (PCC) before the end of 2018.

Recognizing that the revision of the Statutes of CIGEPS is not only a technical necessity, but also an opportunity to improve its relevance and enhance its efficiency and effectiveness, the reform of CIGEPS shall be executed in conjunction with the follow-up to the Kazan Action Plan approved by the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) and taking into account the new institutional architecture proposed by the UN Secretary-General to bring closer together various work streams on sport for development and peace, as outlined in United Nations General Assembly Document A/73/325.

I shall keep you duly updated concerning the progress made in this regard.

Please accept, dear President, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Respectfully,



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### REVISION OF THE STATUTES OF CIGEPS

**Documents:** Statutes of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), [Resolution 39 C/30](#), [Decision 201/EX 24 II](#), [Resolutions CIGEPS/2016/3](#), [CIGEPS/2017/2](#), and [CIGEPS/2017/3](#).

**Background:** By [Resolution 36 C/35](#), the General Conference, at its 36<sup>th</sup> session (2011) approved amendments to the Statutes of CIGEPS. The key changes concerned the role of the Permanent Consultative Council. Since then, several developments make it necessary to consider a new revision of the Statutes, in particular (i) the recommendations of the Chairperson to improve the governance of CIGEPS; (ii) the evolution of the membership in CIGEPS and of the Permanent Consultative Council; (iii) the organization of, and follow-up to International Conferences of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS); (iv) the Decision 200/EX 19 of the Executive Board in 2016 on Standard Financial Regulations for each type of Special Account. The present report presents proposals for the revision of the statutes of CIGEPS in light of these developments.

**Decision Required:** Draft Resoution in Paragraph 11.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Within a context of continued reform of the UN system and UNESCO, there is an increasing demand on the relevance and efficiency of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS). The revision of the Statutes of CIGEPS reflects several developments that have occurred since their latest amendment by Resolution 36 C/35 of the General Conference in 2011.

## **IMPROVEMENT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND WORKING METHODS**

2. By its Resolution CIGEPS/2017/3, CIGEPS approved “the recommendations of the Chairperson to improve the governance of CIGEPS and of the submission made to this effect to the Chairperson of the open-ended working group on governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO” and invited “the Bureau and the Secretariat to start immediately implementing these recommendations in preparation of the next Ordinary session of CIGEPS in 2018 and to submit to the next Ordinary session a report on the follow-up to this Resolution, together with proposals of amendments of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of CIGEPS, as appropriate”.

3. The need to focus both the Chairperson’s and the Secretariat’s attention on the preparation and follow-up of MINEPS VI, the limited availability of the Vice-Chairs and other CIGEPS members, as well as the impossibility of organizing a meeting of the CIGEPS Bureau (even at distance), prevented the implementation of the Resolution as planned. However, in light of the fact that additional issues have to be addressed, as specified below, a thorough revision of the statutes of CIGEPS would offer an opportunity to mobilize CIGEPS members, other Member States, members of the Permanent Consultative Council (PCC) and other interested stakeholders in developing a sustainable strategic plan for CIGEPS and that would reinforce its functions, governance and working methods.

## **THE EVOLUTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN CIGEPS AND OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL**

4. In recent years, the membership of CIGEPS and of its PCC has been marked by contrasts. On the one hand, there was a significant interest by Member States in becoming or remaining members of the Committee. Several Member States, including non-members of CIGEPS, contributed actively to the work of the Committee. However, Member States often could not send a technical expert from the competent authority. This fact complicated the continuous involvement of all Vice-Chairs in the work of the Bureau of CIGEPS.

5. The innovation to organize joint sessions of CIGEPS and the PCC offered a dynamic and cost-efficient working method. “Flagship projects” such as MINEPS, the revision of the International Charter, and the Quality Physical Education programme were crucial in mobilizing support to, and participation in the work of CIGEPS. The PCC attracted new and particularly active members and there are several expressions of interest by different types of stakeholders in joining the PCC that raise the concern that its total number could become a source of inefficiency.

6. While the statutes of CIGEPS provide for a useful classification of different stakeholders, they do not distinguish their different roles. The contributions of physical education, physical activity and sport to sustainable development and peace are increasingly supported by evidence. The development of related policies remains the prerogative of governments. As the MINEPS process has shown, a broader range of intergovernmental bodies, besides specialized UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes are willing to contribute to UNESCO’s mandate, thereby turning CIGEPS into the platform that has to ensure policy coherence and synergy. The revision of the Statutes of CIGEPS should enable the

identification of opportunities to strategically put this platform to use for international and regional organizations, thus and thereby improving and sustaining inter-agency cooperation.

## **THE ORGANIZATION OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO MINEPS CONFERENCES**

7. By its Resolution 39 C/30, the General Conference requested “the Director-General to ensure a lead role for UNESCO in coordinating the follow-up to the Kazan Action Plan as a priority for UNESCO’s sport programme” and encouraged “the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) to support the follow-up to the Kazan Action Plan and the monitoring of its implementation”. By its Resolution 2017/2, CIGEPS agreed that “[it] should focus its future activities on supporting the actions endorsed by MINEPS VI and coordinate the monitoring of their implementation.”

8. The preparations and follow-up of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> editions of MINEPS have evolved into an ongoing dynamic of cooperation amongst a broad range of sport policy stakeholders. This dynamic is reinforced by an increasing frequency of MINEPS conferences. Accordingly, in the past years, MINEPS has become a central item of the work of CIGEPS. The Kazan Action Plan, adopted by MINEPS VI, provides for a lasting process in supporting policy implementation, measuring its progress and orienting multi-stakeholder cooperation. It will largely determine the agendas of forthcoming editions of MINEPS, and involve the members of CIGEPS and its PCC as leading stakeholders. The statutes of CIGEPS do not refer to MINEPS. Therefore, the revision of the statutes of CIGEPS will be an opportunity to address the alignment between the functions of CIGEPS and the MINEPS framework.

9. The Kazan Action Plan specifies linkages between the 2030 Agenda, on the one hand, and, on the other, policy development in physical education, physical activity and sport. In turn, the statutes of CIGEPS do not refer to “physical activity”, nor to “sustainable development”, nor to any broader policy framework of the United Nations. The 2015 revised International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport, initiated by MINEPS V, as well as the sport policy follow-up framework of the Kazan Action Plan, provide structural and substantive references for up-dating the statutes of CIGEPS with relevant policy contexts and concepts.

## **ADOPTION OF NEW STANDARD FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**

10. The International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport (FIDEPS) was established at the same time as CIGEPS<sup>1</sup>. Since the FIDEPS statutes were rescinded in 1997<sup>2</sup>, it is governed by UNESCO’s financial regulations. Although the statutes of CIGEPS, as amended in 2011, mention, in Article 1, paragraph 2.1 (h), amongst its responsibilities “establishing general policy for supporting, strengthening, developing and supervising the [FIDEPS]”, CIGEPS has not intervened with respect to FIDEPS since 1997. By its Decisions 200/EX 19 and 201/EX 24 II, the Executive Board requested that specific financial regulations be elaborated for all special accounts for which no financial regulations exists based on a standard template approved by the board at its 200<sup>th</sup> session. Beyond compliance with UNESCO’s policy, the adoption of the specific regulations contained in the annex will increase the transparency of FIDEPS, make its management more effective and, ultimately, contribute to enhancing the mobilization of donors to UNESCO’s sport programme.

11. Considering the above, the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport may wish to adopt the following resolution:

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<sup>1</sup> cf. Resolutions 20C/1/5-4/3 and its annex of 1978

<sup>2</sup> cf. Resolution 29C/19 of 1997

**DRAFT RESOLUTION CIGEPS 2018/3**

The Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport,

1. *Having* examined document CIGEPS/2018/Doc.3;
2. *Recognizes* the need to revise the Statutes of CIGEPS in light of several developments that have occurred since their latest amendment by Resolution 36 C/35 of the General Conference in 2011;
3. *Acknowledges* that the scope of the revision of the statutes of CIGEPS requires the active participation of CIGEPS members, and should allow for contributions by other Member States, members of the Permanent Consultative Council and other interested stakeholders;
4. *Agrees* to establish, in accordance with Article 16 of the Statutes of CIGEPS, a Working Group for the revision of the Statutes of CIGEPS;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to invite all CIGEPS Member States to confirm, before 25 May 2018, their participation in the Working Group;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to issue invitations to participate as observers in the Working Group, in accordance with Article 4 of the Statutes of CIGEPS, to representatives of Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO and permanent observer missions to UNESCO which are not members of the Committee, members of the Permanent Consultative Council, as well as the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system;
7. *Requests* the Working Group to elaborate draft revised Statutes of CIGEPS before 31 December 2018 and to submit this draft to CIGEPS for its consideration before 31 January 2019;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult CIGEPS with a view to submitting to the Executive Board at its 206<sup>th</sup> session the draft of the revised Statutes of CIGEPS, as approved by CIGEPS, and for further submission by the Executive Board to the General Conference for adoption at its 40<sup>th</sup> session;
9. *Takes note of* the specific financial regulations of the International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport, FIDEPS, as contained in the Annex of document CIGEPS/2018/Doc.3 and *requests* the Director-General to submit these specific financial regulations for the consideration of the Executive Board at its 206<sup>th</sup> session.

**Annex****Financial regulations of the International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport (FIDEPS)****Article 1 – Creation of a Special Account**

1.1 In accordance with Article 6, paragraphs 5 and 6, of the Financial Regulations of UNESCO, there is hereby created a Special Account for the International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport (FIDEPS), hereafter referred to as the Special Account.

1.2 The following regulations shall govern the operation of the Special Account.

**Article 2 – Financial period**

2.1 The financial period for budget estimates shall be two consecutive calendar years beginning with an even-numbered year.

2.2 The financial period for accounting shall be an annual calendar year.

**Article 3 – Purpose**

The resources of the Fund are intended to promote the principles laid down by the International Charter for Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport and the provision of intellectual, technical and financial collaboration in areas such as:

- a) the formulation of strategies, policies and programmes for the development of physical education, physical activity and sport at national, regional and international levels;
- b) the creation or strengthening of institutions, structures and facilities whose purpose is the development of physical education, physical activity and sport;
- c) capacity building and training programmes
- d) the fostering of public awareness of the importance of physical education, physical activity and sport;
- e) the promotion of study, research and experimentation on all aspects of physical education, physical activity and sport, including new methods and ideas, special attention being given to activities likely to produce multiplier effects;
- f) the organization of meetings and exchanges of persons concerned with physical education, physical activity and sport;
- g) the encouragement of exchanges of experience and the development of information and documentation facilities

The results framework in line with the Approved Programme and Budget of UNESCO (C/5), provided as Annex to the Financial Regulations, shall be updated as and when necessary.

**Article 4 – Governance**

4.1 The Director-General, shall be responsible for the management and the administration of the funds under this Special Account.

4.2 The Director-General, considering the results framework described in Article 3 above, shall approve a biennial timeline for the activities to be undertaken under this Special Account together with a budget and expenditure forecast including any funding gap.

4.3 The Director-General shall, on an annual basis, submit to donors to this Special Account narrative and financial reports as indicated under Article 9 below.

**Article 5 – Income**

The income of the Special Account shall consist of:

- (a) voluntary contributions from States, international agencies and organizations, as well as other entities;
- (b) such amounts provided from the regular budget of the Organization as might be determined by the General Conference;
- (c) such subventions, endowments, gifts and bequests as are allocated to it for purposes consistent with the object of the Special Account;
- (d) miscellaneous income, including any interest earned on the investments referred to in Article 8 below.

**Article 6 – Expenditure**

6.1 The Special Account shall be debited with the expenditure relating to its purpose as described in Article 3 above, including administrative expenses specifically relating to it and programme support costs applicable to Special Accounts.

6.2 The expenditure shall be monitored against the timeline and budget approved as described in Article 4 above.

**Article 7 – Accounts**

7.1 The Chief Financial Officer shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary.

7.2 Any unused balance at the end of a financial period shall be carried forward to the following financial period.

7.3 The accounts of the Special Account shall be part of the consolidated financial statements presented for audit to the External Auditor of UNESCO.

7.4 Contributions in kind shall be recorded outside the Special Account.

**Article 8 – Investments**

8.1 The Director-General may make short-term or long-term investments of sums standing to the credit of the Special Account.

8.2 Revenue from these investments shall be credited to the Special Account in line with UNESCO's Financial Rules.

**Article 9 – Reporting**

9.1 An annual financial report showing the income and expenditure under the Special Account shall be prepared and submitted to the donors to the Special Account.

9.2 An annual narrative report providing a detailed assessment of the results achieved shall be submitted to the donors to the Special Account.



## **Article 10 – Closure of the Special Account**

10.1 At such time the Director-General deems that the operation of the Special Account is no longer necessary, he/she shall hold consultations with those donors, that contributed to this Special Account within the past four years before its closure, to take into account their views.

10.2 Unless other measures have been agreed upon by the donors referred to in Article 10.1, any remaining funds after closure of this Special Account, shall be returned to the donors contributing to the account for the last four years, on a pro rata basis not exceeding the total amount received from each donor in the last four years.

10.3 The Director-General shall then consult the Executive Board.

## **Article 11 – General provision**

11.1 The Director-General will assess the continued relevance of this Special Account each time a new Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) is approved.

11.2 Any amendment to these Financial Regulations shall be approved by the Director-General after consultations with donors who have made contributions to the Special Account within the last four years before such an amendment. The Executive Board shall be informed accordingly of any such amendments.

11.3 Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, the Special Account shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNESCO.