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Preparations for the 6th International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI)

Documents: 6th International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) [[CIGEPS/2015/Document 3](#)], Final Report of the 2015 CIGEPS Extraordinary Session [[CIGEPS/15/Inf.Rev.](#)].

Background: Following [Resolution CIGEPS 2015/3](#), the UNESCO Secretariat has initiated preparations for the organization of the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) to be held in 2017. This report presents an overview of the steps taken for the organization of MINEPS VI to date and proposes the programmatic scope of the conference.

Decision Required: [Paragraph 12](#)

BACKGROUND

1. During the Extraordinary Session of CIGEPS in 2015, Member States recommended to the Director-General that preparations be made for the organization of the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport in 2017 (MINEPS VI).

Resolution CIGEPS/2015/3

The Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport,

1. *Having examined [CIGEPS/2015/Document 3](#),*
2. *Recommends* to the Director-General of UNESCO that preparations are made for the organization of the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) to take place preferably in 2017;
3. *Decides* that the Conference should have no additional financial obligations on the Regular Budget of UNESCO;
4. *Agrees* that MINEPS VI should concentrate on the implementation and its monitoring of the Declaration of Berlin adopted by MINEPS V and of the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport as revised by the General Conference of UNESCO at its 38th session;
5. *Encourages* Member States of UNESCO to consider submitting bid documents for the hosting of MINEPS VI;
6. *Asks* the Director-General of UNESCO to invite relevant partner organizations for their intellectual, financial, or logistic support, in view of MINEPS VI.

2. In accordance with Resolution CIGEPS 2015/3 the Director-General sent, in July 2015, a circular letter to all Member States of UNESCO¹, inviting them to apply to host MINEPS VI. It was underlined that CIGEPS had recommended that MINEPS VI should concentrate on the implementation and monitoring of the Declaration of Berlin (hereinafter referred to as “the Declaration”) adopted by MINEPS V and of the revised International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport (hereinafter referred to as “the Charter”).

3. Upon the close of the bidding process in September 2015, UNESCO had received one full proposal from the Russian Federation to host the conference in Kazan in June 2017. Accordingly, the UNESCO Secretariat undertook a feasibility mission to Kazan from 14 to 16 December 2015 to assess the local infrastructure and to evaluate to what extent the bid meets the criteria set out in the above-mentioned circular letter.

4. The feasibility study assessed the Russian Federation’s technical and logistical capacity for organizing the conference, presenting all required assurances for effective conference facilities and services; working areas for the Secretariat and document reproduction; visa services, travel and transportation; accommodation; and security. A programme of cultural activities will also complement the Conference’s Plenary Sessions.

¹ [Cf. Circular Letter 4210 of 6 July 2015.](#)

5. The provisional dates for MINEPS VI are 14 to 16 June 2017. The foreseen venue will be the Korston Hotel, Kazan. The Russian Federation guarantees a budget which covers the costs of the preparation and staging of the Conference. Furthermore, the Russian Federation has generously pledged to provide free travel and accommodation for one representative from each least-developed, low-income country, as defined by the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), to ensure widespread participation.

6. Taking into account the proposal from the Russian Federation and the outcomes of the feasibility study, the Director-General formally notified, on 9 February 2016, the Russian authorities of her decision to designate the Russian Federation as host country for MINEPS VI. Pursuant to Article 21 of the “Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO”, the Director-General will present to the Executive Board at its 199th session a list of proposed invitees for MINEPS VI.

PREPARATORY PROCESS

7. At the time of drafting of the present document, the cooperation between the Russian authorities and the Secretariat in view of preparing MINEPS VI had not started. While a number of organizational and programmatic aspects remain to be clarified, and subject to the resources and partners that can be mobilized in this connection, several features of the MINEPS V preparatory process² will also guide the preparations of MINEPS VI, notably with respect to the establishment of an Organizing and a Programme Committee, as well as of working groups. Given the importance of CIGEPS’s engagement in the preparatory process, it will be necessary to convene an extraordinary session of CIGEPS prior to MINEPS VI with a view to analyzing progress and to finalizing the outcome document to be adopted by the ministers. In light of the constraints of UNESCO’s regular budget, CIGEPS Member States are invited to host and/or finance this extraordinary session and other preparatory meetings. Furthermore, CIGEPS Member States and members of the Permanent Consultative Council are invited to identify international or regional conferences and meetings that could be combined with expert meetings for the preparation of MINEPS VI. The preparatory process for MINEPS VI should build on the lessons learned in connection with the follow-up to MINEPS V³ and take into account the outcomes of the MINEPS V follow-up meetings that were organized in Colombia (2013), Uruguay (2014), Fiji (2015) and Qatar (2015). The adoption of the Charter can be expected to catalyze the mobilization of partners for the preparation of MINEPS VI, in addition to the many who were already involved in the MINEPS V follow-up process.

PROGRAMMATIC SCOPE OF MINEPS VI

8. By its Resolution 38C/43, the General Conference has supported the development of a common framework for the follow-up to the Declaration and the Charter. Such a common framework will need to take into account the comprehensive scope of both documents. Unlike other examples for the follow-up of summits and declarations⁴, the need for a combined follow-up of two

² Cf. CIGEPS/2012 Document 4

³ Cf. Resolution CIGEPS/2014/2, CIGEPS/2014/Document 3, CIGEPS/2015/Document 3

⁴ Two examples: in the case of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS, 2003) a Declaration of Principles and a Plan of Action were adopted simultaneously and a Working Group established to elaborate ideas on the follow-up phase. The milestones of the implementation of the WSIS are organized through a stocktaking process and supported by a register/data base to keep track of all activities carried out by different actors. In the case of the follow-up to the Declaration of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2015), a Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development was adopted by the General Conference in 2013. The Programme contains a detailed implementation roadmap, setting out, for each priority action area, specific actions, involved actors and the stakeholders, expected

reference documents with distinct structures and foci will require a redefinition of main themes and policy areas. Moreover, as this framework is expected to serve as a unified, international reference for orienting policy makers and, especially, public sport authorities, it will also need to reflect the two other international normative frameworks that serve, in different ways, the same purpose: the sustainable development goals (“SDGs”, Agenda 2030)⁵, that recognize the role of sport as “an important enabler of sustainable development”, and the United Nations resolutions concerning sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace⁶. A clarification of the linkages between the Declaration and the Charter, on the one hand, and the SDGs, on the other hand, will be particularly important to ensure synergies and coherence in related implementation and monitoring at international and country levels.

9. Apart from the above-mentioned substantive integration with overarching international policy frameworks, the follow-up to the Declaration and the Charter is expected to provide practical guidance on key resources that can support the development of relevant policies and programmes by Member States. For each of the main themes and policy areas that will be identified in the preparation process of MINEPS VI such resources may include: information about leading international or regional organizations and initiatives that can provide support and guidance in specific policy areas; guidelines, training modules, advocacy documents and other tools that can be used or adapted; monitoring and evaluation standards and tools, including indicators and self-assessment tools; as well as sources of information about good practice. Subject to support from Member States and partners, the preparatory process of MINEPS VI should allow the compilation of such resources - that could be made widely available on the occasion of the conference - and the identification of relevant gaps that could orient future priority actions.

10. With its focus on monitoring and implementation, MINEPS VI is expected to mark a clear shift from declarations of policy intent towards measurable action. Consequently, rather than adopting another declaration, the conference should agree on a plan of actions to which the ministers commit. Depending on both their desirability and feasibility, such actions should include the development and/or roll-out of specific indicators and self-assessment tools. As the Charter and the Declaration are unique references for fostering a strategic, integrated vision of physical education, physical activity and sport amongst main stakeholders, specific guidelines and tools for developing such a vision and fostering multi-stakeholder cooperation at the national level could be a further priority action to be approved by MINEPS VI including, for example, a central repository of national sport policy plans and strategies. Subject to support from Member States and partners, the preparatory process of MINEPS VI should allow the identification of a few priority actions that meet the needs of Member States and have a realistic chance for being carried out effectively.

11. In light of the above, and in accordance with prior recommendations by CIGEPS⁷, MINEPS VI may produce three main outcomes:

- commitment to the common framework for the follow-up of the Declaration of Berlin and of the International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport;
- promotion of resources for the implementation of the follow-up framework, including good practice;
- approval of an international action plan to further support the implementation of the follow-up framework.

outcomes, implementation strategies, mechanisms of action, resources, as well as monitoring and evaluation systems.

⁵ Cf. [A/RES/70/1 of 2015](#)

⁶ Cf. [A/RES/70/4 of 2015](#) and [A/RES/69/6 of 2014](#).

⁷ Cf. [CIGEPS/2015/Document 3](#)

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION CIGEPS/2016/2

The Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport,

1. *Having examined* document CIGEPS/2016/Doc.3;
2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Russian Federation for its offer to host MINEPS VI;
3. *Supports* the preparatory process and programmatic scope of MINEPS VI as outlined in document CIGEPS/2016/Doc.3;
4. *Approves* the principle to hold an extraordinary session of CIGEPS and the PCC, no later than March 2017 to finalize recommendations for the outcome document of MINEPS VI, subject to obtaining financing from extra budgetary resources;
5. *Invites* Member States and UNESCO's partners, notably members of the Permanent Consultative Council of CIGEPS, to provide financial and in-kind support for the preparatory process of MINEPS VI.