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RESOLUTIONS

Final Report of the eighth session of the Conference of Parties (COP8)

RESOLUTION 9CP/1 - DOCUMENT ICDS/8CP/DOC.20

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/8CP/Doc.20;
- 2. *Adopts* the final report of the eighth session of the Conference of Parties as reflected in document ICDS/8CP/Doc.20.

Provisional agenda and timetable

RESOLUTION 9CP/2 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.1

- 1. Having examined document lCDS/9CP/Doc.1Rev.;
- 2. Adopts the amended agenda and timetable included in the above-mentioned document.

Election of the COP9 Bureau (Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur)

RESOLUTION 9CP/3 – DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.2

- 1. Elects Mr Matar Bâ (Senegal), as Chairperson of the Conference of Parties;
- 2. Elects Mr Sebastián Palacios (Ecuador), as Rapporteur of the Conference of Parties;
- 3. *Elects* Türkiye, Azerbaijan, India and Saudi Arabia, as Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference of Parties.

Election of the Approval Committee 2024-2025 of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/4 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.3

- 1. *Elects* Italy, Estonia, Barbados, Singapore, Zambia and the United Arab Emirates to the Approval Committee;
- 2. *Recognizes* the Russian Federation as an observer to the Approval Committee 2024-2025.

Report of the Bureau of the eighth session of the Conference of Parties (COP8)

RESOLUTION 9CP/5 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.4

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.4;
- 2. *Expresses* its gratitude to the COP8 Bureau for its work, as outlined in document <a href="https://linear.google.com
- 3. Acknowledges the efforts made by the COP8 Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, to ensure the timely achievement of deliverables set by COP8, and expresses its appreciation for the new initiatives and proposals led by the COP8 Bureau;
- 4. Encourages the COP9 Bureau to further strengthen cooperation with the Approval Committee of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport, as well as key stakeholders such as regional intergovernmental bodies, the World Anti-Doping Agency and the sport movement;
- 5. *Invites* the COP9 Bureau to further explore opportunities to enhance the implementation of the Convention and its capacity to ensure sustainable responses to emerging challenges and issues related to the protection of sport values, ethics and integrity;
- 6. *Requests* the COP9 Bureau to report on its activities at the tenth session of the Conference of Parties (2025).

Report of the Approval Committee 2022-2023 of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/6 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.5

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.5;
- 2. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Approval Committee 2022-2023 of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport for its work as summarized in document ICDS/9CP/Doc.5 and the summary reports of its formal meetings;
- 3. Takes note of the proposals and decisions taken by the Approval Committee, in line with the Operational Strategy of the Fund for 2020-2025, to ensure that the approved applications have long-lasting impact/legacy, in view of enhancing the implementation of the Convention through tangible deliverables, and to contribute to optimally using the Fund's financial resources;
- 4. *Encourages* the Approval Committee 2024-2025 to continue reinforcing synergies with the Bureau of the ninth session of the Conference of Parties (COP9) towards a long term, efficient, effective and thorough implementation of the International Convention against Doping in Sport, by strengthening the capacities of relevant authorities in this regard.

Report on the implementation of the second stage of the Operational Strategy 2020-2025 of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/7 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.6

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.6 and its annex;
- 2. *Expresses* its gratitude to the COP8 Bureau and the Approval Committee 2022-2023 for their efforts in the implementation of the second phase of the Fund's Operational Strategy 2020-2025 and *thanks* the Secretariat for its constant support;
- 3. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made in 2022-2023 and of the proposals for 2024-2025, as presented in documents ICDS/9CP/Doc.6, ICDS/9CP/Doc.17 and ICDS/9CP/Doc.18;
- 4. Strongly encourages States Parties to engage in the implementation of the third (and final) phase of the Fund's Operational Strategy 2020-2025, in particular by providing to the Fund the agreed annual minimum 1% contributions of their assessed contributions to UNESCO's regular budget;
- 5. Requests the COP9 Bureau and the Approval Committee 2024-2025 to identify potential partnerships, processes and mechanisms to increase the Fund's financial sustainability and ensure that the financial targets adopted by COP are met;
- 6. Requests the Secretariat to ensure the necessary follow-up, notably by updating the Fund's Handbook and Reference Framework for projects submitted to the Fund, as well as by developing new information and communication materials;
- 7. *Requests* that a report on the implementation of the third phase of the Operational Strategy 2020-2025 be submitted at its tenth session (2025).

Financial report on the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport (1 January 2022 – 31 July 2023)

RESOLUTION 9CP/8 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.7

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/DOC.7 and its annex;
- 2. *Expresses* its gratitude to those States Parties that have supported the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport through financial contributions;
- 3. Notes the critical need to enhance the mobilization of resources to achieve the objectives of the Fund and urges the States Parties to commit to supporting multilateral cooperation for the protection of sport values, ethics and integrity through a voluntary annual contribution amounting to at least 1% of their total contribution to UNESCO's regular budget;
- 4. Calls upon members of the Bureau of the Conference of Parties and the Fund's Approval Committee to multiply efforts to mobilize resources at the regional level through the "No State Party Left Behind" campaign and to report on related achievements during the tenth session of the Conference of Parties;
- 5. Requests the Director-General of UNESCO to pursue fundraising campaigns to support the Fund, particularly through an annual letter of appeal encouraging States Parties to provide regular voluntary contributions of at least 1% of their total contribution to UNESCO's regular budget, as well as through outreach to potential partners.

Amendments to Annex I to the Convention (the 2024 Prohibited List)

RESOLUTION 9CP/9 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.8

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.8;
- 2. Takes note that a written consultation procedure is under way for the approval of the amendments of Annex I to the International Convention against Doping in Sport, to incorporate the changes made by the World Anti-Doping Agency to the 2024 Prohibited List;
- 3. Commends the efforts of the Secretariat to allow the Conference of Parties to examine the amendments to Annex I within the necessary timeframe, in line with the consultation procedure;
- 4. Reiterates its plea to the World Anti-Doping Agency to discuss options related to the notification process with the Secretariat of the Convention, with the aim to allow States Parties to review the amendments approved by WADA's Executive Committee in a timely and suitable manner.

Visibility of the International Convention against Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/10 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.9

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/DOC.9;
- 2. Welcomes the initiatives undertaken by the COP8 Bureau and the Approval Committee of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport, with the support of the Secretariat and in partnership with stakeholders, to enhance the visibility of the International Convention against Doping in Sport; and requests the COP9 Bureau, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to continue the efforts undertaken to this end;
- 3. *Takes note* that the Secretariat is considering options related to making communication and cooperation with relevant key stakeholders more structured and structural;
- 4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the States Parties, intergovernmental organizations, stakeholders and partners that have supported the promotion of the Convention;
- 5. Highlights the importance of universality in the protection of sport values, ethics and integrity and the aim to achieve it through normative frameworks. In this respect, it strongly encourages the UNESCO Member States that have not yet done so to become States Parties to the Convention, and requests the COP9 Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to continue the efforts undertaken to this end;
- 6. Encourages all States Parties to create and/or update dedicated webpages on their advancements and actions performed under the Convention, as well as to provide regular updates on their activities to the Secretariat with a view to compiling and sharing them through the infoletter;
- 7. Requests the COP9 Bureau, the Approval Committee of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport and the Secretariat to continue strengthening existing partnerships and developing new ones to promote the Convention;
- 8. Encourages the COP9 Bureau, the Approval Committee of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport and all States Parties to enhance the visibility of the Convention in all relevant instances and networks, particularly through intergovernmental fora, publications, websites and social media; in this respect, it also encourages the use of the institutional video of the Convention and its Fund and recommends that further communication materials and tools be developed under the coordination of the Secretariat.

Development of the draft Compliance Certification

RESOLUTION 9CP/11 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.10

- Having examined document <u>ICDS/9CP/DOC.10</u>;
- 2. Recalling Resolution 8CP/12;
- 3. Takes note of the decision of the COP8 Bureau to establish an ad-hoc group for the development of a certification or label aimed at recognizing the efforts of States Parties to strengthen anti-doping policies upon completion of the process of improvement and refinement of the monitoring system;
- 4. Requests the COP9 Bureau, with the support of and in cooperation with the Secretariat, to consider ways and means to ensure the appropriate follow-up for the development of a certification or label, including through dedicated consultations with States Parties, and to submit a comprehensive proposal for examination by the tenth session of the Conference of Parties.

Monitoring and implementation of the International Convention against Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/12 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.11

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/DOC.11, and its annexes, and discussed the related items concerning the obligation of States Parties to provide information about measures they have taken to comply with the Convention, in accordance with Article 31 of the Convention;
- 2. *Takes note* of the information provided by the Secretariat relating to the follow-up of monitoring non-compliance for the 2020-2021 national reports, as adopted by Resolutions 5CP/3, 7CP/17 and 8CP/8;
- 3. *Decides* to officially reinstate nine non-compliant States Parties (Annex I) to be deemed compliant with the Convention for the 2020-2021 exercise after completing the obligations required for the follow-up to non-compliance;
- 4. Takes note of the 2022-2023 data extracted from the online Anti-Doping Logic system, where States Parties must provide information about the measures they have taken to comply with the Convention; commends and expresses gratitude for the efforts and commitment of States Parties to continuously implement the provisions of the Convention;
- 5. *Invites* the Director-General, in accordance with Resolution 5CP/3 and the Operational Guidelines and a Framework for Strengthening the Implementation of the Convention, to send the Official Notification of non-compliance to the States Parties declared non-compliant with the Convention for 2022-2023 (Annex II);
- 6. *Encourages* all States Parties to take all necessary measures to implement the Convention through ways and means enabling them to comply with its provisions;
- 7. Also encourages the COP9 Bureau to ensure follow-up to the Official Notification of non-compliance and, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to ensure that the States Parties can meet a level of compliance in line with the objectives of the Convention and to explore appropriate ways and means to increase the global level of implementation of the Convention;
- 8. Also takes note of the information provided by the Secretariat on National Compliance Platforms and designated National Focal Points;
- 9. Endorses the establishment of National Compliance Platforms by each State Party on a suitable model that strives for domestic coordination in line with Article 7 of the Convention; strongly encourages States Parties not having done so, to consider establishing one as well as to designate a National Focal Point and requests the Secretariat to continue offering guidance to States Parties in the establishment of National Compliance Platforms and to report to its tenth session on progress achieved;
- 10. Also invites the COP9 Bureau to continue addressing the coordination and harmonization of reporting between UNESCO, the Council of Europe (CoE), the American Sports Council (CADE), the African Union and all other relevant organizations, and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and to provide to its tenth session an update on progress achieved, taking into account the debate at this session;
- 11. *Endorses* the proposition of the Fund's Approval Committee to establish a specific funding category for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Refinement and improvement of the monitoring system of the International Convention against Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/13 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.12

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.12;
- 2. *Expresses* its gratitude to the COP8 Bureau, the Task Force and the Secretariat for the work conducted throughout the biennium;
- 3. *Notes with satisfaction* the information provided concerning the improvement and refinement of the monitoring system of the Convention, i.e. the proposal of the revised ADLogic questionnaire with the inclusion of the Means of assessment;
- 4. Welcomes the proposal of the revised ADLogic questionnaire with the inclusion of the Means of assessment aimed at strengthening the credibility of the monitoring system of the Convention through a fact-based self-reporting approach;
- 5. Endorses the proposal of the revised ADLogic questionnaire with the inclusion of the Means of assessment, including the adjusted technical aspects, to be implemented in the next national reports on the implementation of the Convention for compliance purposes in 2025, and encourages States Parties to continue to have the opportunity to make recommendations for further refinements of the questionnaire in future years;
- 6. *Notes* the information provided concerning challenges encountered by States Parties which impact the ability to fully embrace the Convention and fulfil their obligations;
- 7. Also welcomes the proposal of the Regional Capacity-Building Programme presented by the Secretariat and *requests* the Secretariat to continue providing support to States Parties and to execute the Regional Capacity-Building Programme;
- 8. Approves the budget of USD 1,207,160 as proposed and presented in the table in paragraph 12 of document ICDS/9CP/Doc.12, to support States Parties' capacity-building programme and monitoring of the implementation of the Convention, encouraging States Parties to provide additional funding for this purpose with a view to not affect the Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport's capacity to continue providing support to States Parties;
- 9. Decides that 50% of the amount outlined in part I (USD 100,000) and 100% of the amount outlined in part II (USD 1,007,160) be allocated from the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport and consequently requests the COP9 Bureau with the support of the Secretariat to seek additional funds from States Parties to cover the 50% of the amount outlined in part I (USD 100,000);
- 10. *Invites* States Parties to provide voluntary additional financial support to ensure the implementation of States Parties' capacity-building programme and monitoring of the implementation of the Convention;
- 11. *Invites* States Parties and all relevant stakeholders to provide financial and in-kind extrabudgetary funds to strengthen the implementation and monitoring of the Convention, particularly in capacity-building.

Reinforcing the mechanism of annual minimum 1% contributions by States Parties

RESOLUTION 9CP/14 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.13

- Having examined document <u>ICDS/9CP/DOC.13</u>;
- 2. Recalling Resolutions 6CP/10, 7CP/10, 8CP/14, as well as 8CP/15 and 8CP/17;
- 3. *Takes note, with appreciation,* of the resource mobilization efforts of the COP8 Bureau, the Fund's Approval Committee 2022-2023 and of the Secretariat;
- 4. Acknowledges the need to strengthen the Fund's financial capacity to accomplish its objectives and goals, as set by the Conference of Parties, and to ensure that no State Party is left behind;
- 5. Invites the COP9 Bureau and the Fund's Approval Committee 2024-2025, with the support of the Secretariat, to explore ways and means to reinforce the Fund's financial resources notably in line with the existing practice for annual minimum 1% voluntary contributions as adopted by previous Conferences of Parties, bearing in mind the debate during this ninth session;
- 6. Requests the Secretariat that a concrete proposal be submitted in this regard as well as a strategy for the mobilization of extra-budgetary funds at the tenth session of the Conference of Parties (2025).

Operational Plan 2024-2025 of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/15 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.14

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/DOC.14 and its annex;
- 2. Recalling relevant Resolutions, in particular 6CP/10, 7CP/10, 8CP/14 regarding the established practice of encouraging States Parties' minimum 1% voluntary contributions to the Fund of their total assessed contribution to UNESCO's regular budget;
- 3. *Approves* the projected costs of the Operational Plan of US\$4,223,461.20 for the period 2024-2025;
- 4. Highlights the need to ensure the Fund's financial capacity to fulfil its mandate and serve the causes of States Parties through the implementation of approved Operational Plans and Strategies, as well as COP9 Resolutions, and, in this regard, strongly encourages all States Parties to support the implementation of the Operational Plan 2024-2025, notably by making annual contributions to the Fund of at least 1% of their total contribution to UNESCO's regular budget;
- 5. *Encourages* the States Parties to contribute to the availability of resources through a mobilization strategy and to report on progress made.

Revision of the regional split of governments' funding of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

RESOLUTION 9CP/16 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.15

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.15 and its annexes;
- 2. Recalling Resolution 8CP/19;
- 3. Expresses appreciation to the Task Force dedicated to the review of the regional split of governments' funding of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for the progress made under the supervision of the COP8 Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat;
- 4. Requests the COP9 Bureau to meet with all governmental stakeholders in the anti-doping system in collaboration with WADA, when appropriate, to consider the recommendations made by the Task Force in follow-up to Resolution 8CP/19 and to find ways and means for a consensual approach;
- 5. And subsequently, to *transmit* to COP10 the possible intergovernmental consensual results on WADA's funding by public authorities for their application and entry into force as part of governments' commitments to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

Model Strategic Framework

RESOLUTION 9CP/17 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.16 (*adopted through written consultation)

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.16 and its Annex;
- 2. Expresses appreciation to the COP8 Bureau, to the Secretariat and the senior legal consultant, for the progress made in enriching and completing the set of strategies composing the Model Strategic Framework, a reference document for voluntary use of States Parties which may serve as a guide on possible strategic approaches to support the implementation of the Convention, and thanks key stakeholders for the feedback provided;
- 3. *Endorses* the Model Strategic Framework as set out in the Annex to document ICDS/9CP/Doc.16;
- 4. Requests that a pilot phase on the use of the Framework be conducted, with the support of the Secretariat, to assist those States Parties that are willing to use the Model Strategic Framework, based on the national reports on implementation for compliance purposes;
- 5. *Also requests* that a report on the pilot phase be submitted for consideration at the tenth session of the Conference of Parties.

Strengthening the capacity of Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries through the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/18 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.17

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.17;
- 2. Acknowledges the need to provide tailor-made support to Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries deemed non-compliant below the agreed 60% threshold;
- 3. Expresses appreciation to the COP8 Bureau, the Approval Committee 2022-2023 of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport and to the Secretariat for their efforts to assist SIDS and LDCs non-compliant below the agreed 60% threshold for 2020-2021;
- 4. Agrees that a specific funding category be established, as a pilot, within the Fund to provide tailor-made support on key areas and major responsibilities related to the legal, structural and institutional capacity of the SIDS and LDCs concerned for 2022-2023;
- **5.** Requests the Secretariat to ensure the necessary follow-up with the States Parties, the Approval Committee of the Fund and the COP9 Bureau, as well as to provide a report on the implementation of the pilot phase at its tenth session.

External evaluation of applications approved under the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport

RESOLUTION 9CP/19 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.18

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.18;
- 2. Recalling Resolution 7CP/11;
- Acknowledges the need to ensure that the external evaluation process of projects supported by the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport is aligned with the principles, requirements and procedures of the Fund, as well as that the deliverables submitted to UNESCO are robust, credible and harmonized;
- 4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat for assisting States Parties having expressed challenges in identifying external evaluators according to the criteria set by the Post-project implementation evaluation guidelines for initiatives supported by the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport;
- 5. Takes note of Decision Bureau COP/2022/30 recommending that the UNESCO Chair "Doping Studies and Analysis of Anti-Doping Policies" (University Paris-Nanterre) be the focal point for external evaluations of projects financed by the Fund either to undertake the full evaluation or to be involved as partners;
- 6. Requests the development of a plan to strengthen regional and national capacities of State Parties to carry out evaluations focused on the implementation of the Convention as an international legal norm that fosters integrity in sport;
- 7. Encourages the Secretariat to liaise with UNESCO's Division of Internal Oversight Services to obtain their support in the project evaluation process and to propose this support, as well as the one of the UNESCO Chair "Doping Studies and Analysis of Anti-Doping Policies" (University Paris-Nanterre), as voluntary and optional resource to the applicants States Parties requiring it;
- 8. *Requests* the Secretariat to ensure the necessary follow-up and to provide a report for the consideration of the tenth session of the Conference of Parties.

Appointment of the Panel of Independent Experts

RESOLUTION 9CP/20 - DOCUMENT <u>ICDS/9CP/DOC.19</u> (*adopted through written consultation)

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/8CP/Doc.19;
- 2. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Panel of Independent Experts 2022-2023 for its availability and expertise, notably to its Coordinator, Ms Alison Wagner;
- 3. *Takes note* of the related Decisions of the Approval Committee of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport respectively;
- 4. Requests the COP9 Bureau, with support from the Secretariat and with engagement with States Parties, to ensure the necessary follow-up of the work of the Panel, possibly considering the preliminary draft Terms of Reference of an Oversight Advisory Panel (Annex II to document ICDS/9CP/Doc.22),-with a view to report at-the tenth session of the Conference of Parties.

Traditional Pharmacopoeia in the context of Sport Values, Ethics and Integrity

RESOLUTION 9CP/21 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.20 (*adopted through written consultation)

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.20;
- 2. Takes note with appreciation of the update provided by the pilot regional Task Force and expresses appreciation to the pilot regional Task Force and the Ad-Hoc Advisory Group, under the leadership of Dr. Reema Alhosani, for the work conducted and its progress made under the supervision of the COP8 Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat;
- 3. *Endorses* the first version of the guidelines on traditional pharmacopoeia in the Arab region, as presented in the Annex II of this document, as well as its dedicated digital platform, and *requests* that an update be provided at its tenth session;
- 4. Also endorses the proposal to expand the work on traditional pharmacopoeia to a broader global scale and requests the COP9 Bureau to supervise the extended work and report the progress made at its tenth session;
- 5. *Encourages* the pilot regional Task Force and the Ad-Hoc Advisory Group of the Arab region to continue improving the guidelines and the digital platform, and to coordinate the work conducted in other regions;
- 6. Request States Parties to provide the adequate funding to support the translation of guidelines and the development of an enhanced version of the dedicated digital platform.

Guidelines on sport integrity

RESOLUTION 9CP/22- DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.21

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.21 and its annexes;
- 2. Expresses appreciation to the COP8 Bureau and the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) for their collaboration regarding the revision of the Guidelines on sport integrity, elaborated by the Council of Europe in follow-up to the 2017 Kazan Action Plan;
- 3. Commends the synergies created between the COP8 Bureau and CIGEPS throughout the process, including through the mutual representation of the Chairpersons in the formal meetings, whenever appropriate, depending on the agenda;
- 4. *Expresses gratitude* to the States Parties, Territories and Observer Member States that participated in the Global Written Consultation related to the revision of the Guidelines on sport integrity;
- 5. Endorses the results of the Global Written Consultation on the Revision of the Sport Integrity Guidelines, as initially developed by all stakeholders who contributed under the auspices of CIGEPS and the Council of Europe, and requests the COP9 Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, to present a version incorporating technical improvements and updated terminologies from intergovernmental stakeholders, consistent with the spirit and letter of the Guidelines as supported by consensus and acclamation during the seventh International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VII), for approval at its tenth session.

Enhancement of the Convention's impact as international public law in the field of sport values, ethics and integrity

RESOLUTION 9CP/23 - DOCUMENT ICDS/9CP/DOC.22

- 1. Having examined document ICDS/9CP/Doc.22 and its Annexes;
- 2. Takes note of the decision of the COP8 Bureau of establishing a High-Level Panel of International Legal Experts to reflect on the evolution of the Convention as an international legal norm and its implementation by States Parties acting in the exercise of their prerogative of public power:
- 3. Takes note with interest of the analysis and recommendations made by the High-Level Panel of International Legal Experts on the four key areas entrusted to it by the COP8 Bureau (Annex I to document ICDS/9CP/Doc.22);
- 4. Requests the COP9 Bureau, with support from the Secretariat, to create, in consultation with the Panel, an open-ended working group of States Parties and relevant stakeholders, as observers, and taking into account the debate of this Conference of Parties, aimed at exploring ways to continue the reflection on the increase of the Convention's impact, sustainability, governance and effectiveness, with a view to present final proposals for consideration at the tenth session of the Conference of Parties;
- 5. Requests the Secretariat to hold an information meeting, on the basis of the first results that will have been obtained during work of the consultations, for States Parties, between the two Conference of Parties, on the progress of the work of the COP9 Bureau, to exchange views to ensure an inclusive and participatory process.

Distribution of COP documents and COP Rules of Procedure

RESOLUTION 9CP/24 – PROPOSED IN SITU (*adopted through written consultation)

- 1. Expresses its gratitude to the COP8 Bureau and the Secretariat for their work in preparing the ninth Conference of Parties, as well as to the COP9 Bureau for guiding us through the agenda of this Conference;
- Notes, however, that for the ninth Conference of Parties the documentation for preparation
 of the conference were distributed less than fourteen days in advance of the start of the
 conference, and recognizes that this has complicated the preparation for the Conference
 of Parties by States Parties;
- 3. *Recognizes* that in the Rules of Procedures for this Convention there is no concrete deadline for the distribution of documents in preparation of the Conference of Parties;
- 4. Considers the deadline mentioned in the Rules of Procedure of UNESCO's General Conference for the distribution of documents, which is twenty-five days, to be appropriate;
- 5. *Urges* the Secretariat for future Conferences of Parties to distribute the preparatory documents, harmonized in each of the working languages of Convention, no less than twenty-five days in advance of the start of the conference in order to allow States Parties sufficient time for their preparation of the meeting.
- 6. Requests the COP9 Bureau in cooperation with the Secretariat to propose accordingly amendments to the Rules of Procedure for this Conference for submission for approval to the tenth session of the Conference of Parties.