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Collective consultation in view of proposing an International Platform to promote and develop the Traditional Sport and Games / TSG.

1. By putting a strong emphasis on Traditional Sport and Games, TSG, the Punta Del Este Declaration (MINEPS III, 1999, Uruguay) provided a political direction and a framework for action-oriented initiatives.
2. In the implementation process of the Punta Del Este Declaration, the Director-General suggested to CIGEPS to ensure the overall monitoring of the provisions of MINEPS III in terms of activity and programmes that could help in achieving the above.
3. Among the Working Groups established by CIGEPS in following-up the implementation of the outcomes of MINEPS III, a Working Group on TSG focused its work on two key issues :

- a) To establish a world heritage list of TSG ;
- b) To prepare a draft charter on TSG.

- The World heritage on TSG list led to the publication of a world encyclopedia on TSG in cooperation and support to Prof- Liponski of Poland with an initial version in Polish, followed by English and French versions now available.

In 2003, a Round Table organized by UNESCO aimed to ensure progress, the Ministers recommended to the Director-General of UNESCO the holding of a Round Table of Ministers of Sport and Physical Education at the 31st session of the General Conference of UNESCO with a view to undertaking an interim review of follow-up action to MINEPS III the Final Communiqué of the Round Table put also a strong emphasis on the issue of TSG.

This led to MINEPS IV which endorsed the principle of improving TSG by emphasizing to encourage the promotion and development of TSG by an international charter as elements of sport for all and an expression of

the world's rich and diverse cultural heritage”.

- Despite the efforts of CIGEPS to provide UNESCO with an International Charter on TSG, the 33rd session of the General Conference decided the following by Resolution 33 C/R.21 emphasizing that traditional games and sports form a significant part of the cultural heritage which should be protected and promoted, particularly with a view to improving the quality of physical education and sport in education systems, recognizing that traditional games and sports form a significant part of the cultural heritage, in particular, part of the intangible cultural heritage of societies” and “Invites Member States to find appropriate mechanisms for sharing information about traditional games and sports and about their efforts to preserve and protect them.

Therefore efforts and supports to promote and develop TSG are significant in addition to the work undertaken at UNESCO level.

The Magglingen Conference in concluding the celebration of the International Year for Sport and Physical Education 2005 emphasized the following : to use sport, with due attention to cultural and traditional dimensions, to promote education, health, development and peace.

International initiatives to move forward and build momentum on TSG also demonstrate a positive environment and provide an international context for joint efforts to share common vision in achieving TSG.

In the above context, appropriate mechanism and modalities of action appear vital as far as the need to better promote and develop TSG in line with the provision of MINEPS series, Resolution 33 C/R-21 of the General Conference and the Magglingen Call to Action are concerned.

Pilote phase of activities for cooperation with NGO are underway in particular with the support of the International Association of Traditional Wrestling (IATW) and UNESCO.

Initiatives are also underway for a better perspectives in particular between ENGSO, TAFISA and ICSA, among ICSSPE members and

others NGOs that play a key role.

The purpose of the present meeting is to define the possibility of adopting the principle of establishing a body which will ensure a platform role and focused as an umbrella organization on the specific case of TSG which seems to be a requisite for an add-value for joint efforts.

It is realistic to bear in mind the existing Organization dealing with “sport for all”. It is also important not to neglect event such as the Festival on TSG. However the example and perspectives setforth by the IATW jointly with UNESCO are in line with the outcomes of our conferences and policy. Suggestions, recommendations and criticism aiming to move forward are welcomed in order to achieve TSG jointly and constructively.

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