

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE COOPERATION COUNCIL OF TURKIC SPEAKING STATES (TURKIC COUNCIL)

and

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SPORT SECURITY (ICSS)

A. Purpose

1. The Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council), an International Organization established with the overarching aim of promoting comprehensive cooperation among Turkic Speaking States, and the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS), a not-for-profit organization based in Doha, Qatar, hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties," intend to cooperate within the scope of their mandates and sphere of competences to safeguard safety, security and the integrity of sport and promote the highest organisational and ethical standards in sport.
2. To this end, the Parties:
 - a) recognise sport's educational and cultural role, as well as its ability to promote peace and stability by building bridges between civilizations, societies and individuals;
 - b) take into consideration the ability of sport to strengthen the physical and moral fibre of youth and to improve gender equality in society and its importance in integrating disabled and disadvantaged groups in society in order to preserve their human rights and to strengthen the social cohesion;
 - c) take note of the significant threats against the integrity in sports resulting from match-fixing, doping, discrimination, violence and other types of crime, whether perpetrated by individuals or organized groups;
 - d) affirm the moral obligation and responsibility of all stakeholders in cooperating to ensure the safety and security of sport facilities and persons attending sporting events;
 - e) recognise the efforts made by international bodies, such as UNESCO and the UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace, to advance sports as a tool to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals, as well the Council of Europe and other regional organisations in the field of the fight against match fixing;

- f) recognize and take into account the ICSS's technical experience to safeguard sport, and the programmes developed by the ICSS in cooperation with international bodies, such as the World Bank and UNESCO, its role to promote an effective follow-up to MINEPS V Declaration and the tools developed in cooperation with leading academic institutions such as the Sorbonne-ICSS Guiding Principles;
 - g) take note of the official membership of the ICSS in the Council of Europe's Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport to contribute to the development of an international legal framework on sport integrity;
 - h) take note of ICSS programme "Save the Dream", developed in cooperation with the Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) to protect sport values, and ICSS International Advanced Studies Programme on Sport Safety and Security Management in cooperation with the ICSS academic partner SRH University Heidelberg;
 - i) commend Turkic Council's efforts to leverage the cooperation on Youth and Sports as an influential instrument to bring its Member States and their peoples closer;
 - j) welcome the ICSS's commitment to develop constructive dialogue and close cooperation with the Turkic Council, its Member States and their sports organisations.
3. To promote and protect these common values and concerns, the Parties hereby agree to:
- a) promote cooperation between the Turkic Council and the ICSS in the interests of sport;
 - b) work on the definition of a "rolling agenda" to safeguard of sport's positive values – on the sport safety and security, prevention and fight against match-fixing and betting fraud, financial integrity, good governance and other potential areas of common concern and exchange information, knowledge and best practice in this regard;
 - c) organise joint events, such as conferences, seminars and workshops, as appropriate, aimed at developing innovative approaches to safeguard sport among the sport movement, including but not limited to Ministries of Sport, and promote sport values to the youngsters as well as the highest standards on youth development and protection in sport and enhance safety and security.

B. Terms of Cooperation

1. In order to facilitate cooperation and to achieve the shared objectives set out in this Memorandum, the Parties herewith agree inter alia to:
 - a) develop in conjunction with ICSS' programme "Save the Dream" the dissemination of the values of sport in all the social strata, with special emphasis in children and youth;
 - b) develop regional programmes, to promote sport values as gender equality, social integration through sport and protection of children and youth;

- c) engage one another, when appropriate, on relevant activities to optimise the role of sport and major sporting events to promote socio-economic development, legacy factors and multi-sectorial approaches;
 - d) engage one another on relevant initiatives of common interest, such as the ICSS Interregional Platform designed to facilitate the exchange of best practice across regions and promote the implementation of international tools, such as the ICSS-Sorbonne Guiding Principles, to preserve the integrity of sport.
 - e) develop joint specific actions aimed at sharing knowledge and enhancing the secure design of sport facilities as well as safety and security standards.
 - f) to promote the highest standards in terms of good governance, financial and sporting integrity, safety and security;
2. Furthermore, with a view to contributing to the efforts developed by the international community in the field of sport ethics, sport integrity and security the Parties agree to:
- a) initiate, participate in or contribute to international activities, including in the educational field, to preserve the ethics and social values of sport and its safety, security and integrity;
 - b) initiate and collaborate in activities to disseminate the values of sport, especially among children and youth;
 - c) promote the development of an international mechanism to facilitate multi-sectorial cooperation and information exchange against sport competitions' manipulation;
 - d) designate a contact point to facilitate the implementation of possible initiatives within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

C. Financial implications

The signature of this Memorandum of Understanding has no financial implications for both parties.

In case any of these activities described by this Memorandum of Understanding envisages any financial implication, its implementation will be subject to the availability of the necessary financial and human resources of both parties and their approval.

D. Final considerations

This Memorandum of Understanding:

- a) Will come into effect from the date of signing by both parties.

- b) will be valid for one year from the date of the signature and will be automatically renewed for the same period
- c) may be terminated by either party by giving six months written notice to the other party.
- d) its termination should not jeopardise any action involving the bilateral cooperation of the parties which has been formalised during the implementation
- e) has no legal obligations or any other obligations in the field of international law for either parties.
- F) It constitutes an expression of good faith intent of each party to comply with the terms thereof, it doesn't, in the absence of further contractual undertakings, represent a binding legal commitment on either party.

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