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## Report

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Education, Information and Sport

on sport and the Community

Part A: Motion for a resolution

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The European Parliament referred the following motions for resolutions to the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport as the committee responsible:

- on 11 March 1981, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr HAHN and others on the launching of European school sports competitions (Doc. 1-977/80);

- on 11 March 1982, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr BROK and others on the holding of games in the European Community (Doc. 1-12/82);

- on 13 September 1982, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr VERGES and others on the participation of football teams from the Third World (Doc. 1-514/82), referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation for an opinion;

- on 15 November 1982, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr JUNOT and others on the establishment of a sporting competition to be known as the 'Community Games' (Doc. 1-746/82) and the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr GONTIKAS on the establishment of Community athletic games (Doc. 1-823/82);

- on 16 December 1982, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr CALVEZ and Mr DAMSEAUX on the organization of a European athletics meeting in Strasbourg (Doc. 1-1046/82);

- on 12 September 1983, the motions for resolutions tabled by Mr FERNANDEZ on the training of personnel engaged in physical activities and sport (Doc. 1-571/83), on physical education and sports instruction (Doc. 1-572/83) and on professional sport (Doc. 1-573/83);

- on 12 December 1983, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr PURVIS and Mr SIMMONDS on discipline during and after football matches (Doc. 1-1095/83);

- on 15 December 1983, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr ROMUALDI and others on a common emblem for athletes of the ten Community countries taking part in the next Olympic Games (Doc. 1-1170/83);

- on 13 February 1984, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Lecanuet and others on the participation of European athletes in the forthcoming Olympic Games in Los Angeles (Doc. 1-1324/83);

At its meeting of 12 October 1983, the enlarged Bureau authorized the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport to draw up an own-initiative report on sport, involving an examination of the motions for resolutions on this subject referred to the committee by Parliament.

At its meeting of 19 October 1982, the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport appointed Mr BORD rapporteur on the motion for a resolution (Doc. 1-514/82). On 19 October 1983 it confirmed the appointment of Mr BORD as rapporteur of the draft report.

At its meetings of 25 and 26 January 1984 and 29 February and 1 March 1984 and 20 and 21 March 1984 the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport considered the motion for a resolution.

At this meeting it adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously

On 28 March 1982 the Committee on Development and Cooperation decided not to deliver an opinion.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Beumer, chairman; Mr Fajardie and Mr Hahn, vice-chairman; Mr Bord, rapporteur; Mr Alexiadis, Mr Beyer de Ryke, Mr Brok, Mrs Buchan, Mr Cottrell, Mr Fernandez (deputizing for Mr Bucchini), Mr Gerokostopoulos, Mr Rolland, Mr Simmonds, Mr Vandemeulebroucke (deputizing for Mr Bógh) and Mrs Viehoff.

The report was tabled on 23 March 1984.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report will be indicated in the draft agenda for the part-session at which it will be debated.

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The Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

ON SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
- having regard to the work of the Council of Europe for the promotion of sport,
- having regard to the following motions for resolutions:
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr HAHN and others on the launching of European schools sports competitions (Doc. 1-977/80),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr BROK and Mr PFENNIG and others on the holding of games in the European Community (Doc. 1-12/82),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr VERGES and others on the participation of football teams from the Third World (Doc. 1-514/82),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr JUNOT and others on the establishment of a sporting competition to be known as the 'Community Games' (Doc. 1-746/82),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr GONTIKAS on the establishment of Community athletic games (Doc. 1-823/82),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr CALVEZ and Mr DAMSEAUX on the organization of a European athletics meeting in Strasbourg (Doc. 1-1046/82),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr FERNANDEZ on the training of personnel engaged in physical activities and sport (Doc. 1-571/83),

- . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr FERNANDEZ on physical education and sports instruction (Doc. 1-572/83),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr FERNANDEZ on professional sport (Doc. 1-573/83),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr PURVIS and Mr SIMMONDS on discipline during and after football matches (Doc. 1-1085/83),
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr ROMUALDI and others on a common emblem for athletes of the ten Community countries taking part in the next Olympic Games (Doc. 1-1170/83).
  - . Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr LECANUET and others on the participation of European athletes in the forthcoming Olympic Games in Los Angeles (Doc.1-1324/83)
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport (Doc. 1-53/84 ),
- A - Whereas in the twentieth century sport has become a social phenomenon totally integrated within the cultural, economic and political framework of the ten Member States of the European Community, and the latter cannot therefore ignore its development;
- B - Whereas the development of sport is necessarily linked to that of leisure, tourism and mass communication;
- C - Whereas sport is an eminently suitable means of promoting contacts between individuals and facilitating mutual understanding between nations;
- D - Stressing that international events in particular at European level, such as the European Football Cup, have greatly contributed to arousing interest in sport as a means of communication and contact between the European nations;
- E - Whereas the ever-higher demands that are made on top-class sportsmen and the commercialization of sport leads to situations that are at variance with the objectives of sport, i.e. health, balanced personality, recreation and mutual understanding;

- F - Having regard to the serious financial problems facing clubs and associations with the formation of ever larger groupings, particularly in the field of sport, and the growing demands of an increasingly exacting public;
- 1 - Supports the efforts made by the representatives of clubs and federations and by all associations that seek to promote the development of their particular disciplines and sport in general, while limiting the unfavourable effects of uncontrolled expansion;
  - 2 - Supports all efforts to coordinate the sports policies of the European nations;
  - 3 - Welcomes the declaration by the European Ministers of Sport on practical measures to reduce violence among the public at sporting events, in particular football matches, and calls for greater cooperation between the governments, which are responsible for maintaining public order, the federations and the sports clubs to ensure that the necessary measures are taken to prevent all violence and all practices that run counter to the true sporting spirit;
  - 4 - Draws attention to the possibility of cooperating with the Council of Europe in this field;
  - 5 - Calls on the Commission to assemble the studies drawn up in the various Member States in consultation with the competent bodies on the phenomenon of supporter violence in order to gain insight into what underlies it and thus allow it to be combated in a more direct fashion;
  - 6 - Requests the national sports federations to harmonize their rules in order to facilitate mobility and contacts among sportsmen;
  - 7 - Urges these federations to consider the possibility of introducing rules better suited to ensuring the fair representation of Third World countries at international events;
  - 8 - Requests the Commission of the European Communities to take energetic steps against rules that limit the freedom of movement and establishment of Member State citizens engaged in certain sports and thus run counter to the Treaty of Rome;
  - 9 - Requests the Commission to study the various means employed to finance sports clubs and associations in the Community Member States and to propose, in collaboration with these organizations and the Member State governments, solutions designed to increase the financial resources of clubs, allowing them clearly to meet all their obligations;



- 10 - Requests the Commission of the European Communities to contact the federations, the Member State sports authorities and the Youth Forum with a view to launching 'Community Games' at junior, intermediate, school and university level;
- 11 - Requests that, following the decision to designate 1985 a year of youth, sport be associated with events for young people, thus demonstrating the importance attached by our institutions to young people's sporting activities;
- 12 - Requests the Commission of the European Communities to work out pilot projects for the organization of contacts between young people engaged in sport and also to make an inventory of existing plans in the Member States, as for example Rotterdam municipality's plan to organize an international youth sports festival in 1985, and to provide financial support for these plans;
- 13 - Requests that a special budget heading be introduced for this purpose;
- 14 - Also requests the Commission of the European Communities to consider the possibility of establishing a Community programme for the provision of sports facilities under which a financial contribution is given by the Community to all facilities intended for European sports events;
- 15 - Requests the Commission of the European Communities to hold consultations with all those concerned, that is to say the sports authorities, advertising agencies and television authorities, with a view to adopting a European charter on the allocation to sports clubs and federations of the proceeds from the broadcasting of European sporting events;
- 16 - Welcomes the adoption by the Council of Regulation No. 3/84 introducing arrangements for movement within the Community of goods sent from one Member State for temporary use in one or more other Member States (1) but protests vigorously at the exclusion from these new arrangements of items of sports equipment accompanying sports teams, although they were expressly included in the Commission's proposal (2);

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(1) OJ No. L 2, 4.1.1984, p.1

(2) OJ No. C 227, 8.9.1981, p.3

- 17 - Requests that, when the Lomé Convention is renewed, a special section be devoted to sports events, with the objective of promoting contacts between young people engaged in sport, providing assistance for the provision of facilities and training competent personnel;
- 18- Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Member State governments and the main international sporting federations.