



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FROM THE BRICS SPORTS GROUP

Preamble

The Ministry of Sport of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the General Administration of Sport of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia, the Ministry of Sport and Youth of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Sports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Ministry of Sport, Arts and Culture of the Republic of South Africa and the Ministry of Sports of the United Arab Emirates hereinafter referred to as the «Parties»,

HAVING IN MIND the accession to BRICS as of January 1, 2024 of the following new Member States: the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the United Arab Emirates, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the accession to BRICS as of January 1, 2025 of the following new Member State: the Republic of Indonesia,

DESIRING to strengthen the mutual trust, friendly relations and equal cooperation between the Parties in the field of physical culture and sport,

CONSIDERING the need to develop and foster relations in the field of physical culture and sport as a means to contribute to the achievement of sustainable social and economic development of the citizens of BRICS countries,

NOTING the interest of the Parties in organization of the joint sports events and of their positive impact in the BRICS countries,

RECOGNIZING the unique strengths of each BRICS Member State and the desire to strengthen cooperation beyond multilateral engagement by enhancing existing bilateral programmes and serving as a framework for new and inclusive partnerships,

ACKNOWLEDGING the requirement of a BRICS States Sport Cooperation Framework



for supporting the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, thereby promoting clarity, consistency, and a coordinated approach to the fulfillment of its objectives and commitments,

RESTATING the commitment to the promotion of sustainable development with a view to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

REAFFIRMING the shared commitment to upholding integrity, fair play, and transparency in sport, and recognizing the serious threats posed by match fixing, doping, corruption, and violence,

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of joint efforts in promoting inclusive, ethical, and rights-based sport, notably through ethics education, athlete protection, the equitable and voluntary sharing of data and information, recognition of traditional sports, and enhanced cooperation in capacity building, monitoring and enforcement mechanisms, in accordance with the national legislation and mutual respect for national sovereignty,

EXPRESSING the interest in supporting the development of a voluntary BRICS Model of Integrity in Sport as a reference framework for cooperation, under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Have reached the following understanding:

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to strengthen and to develop the cooperation in the field of physical culture and sport within the framework of BRICS on the basis of mutual benefit.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

1) The Parties will encourage cooperation in the framework of implementation of sport projects that contribute to the strengthening of relations between the BRICS countries.

2) Within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties will strengthen cooperation in the following areas:

a) social integration through physical culture and sport;



- b) hosting the BRICS Games in the country in which the BRICS Chair resides or by any other Member States, provided there is full consensus among the members;
- c) the exchange of athletes, coaches and sports professionals between the concerned organizations of the countries of the Parties, in accordance with the applicable legal and administrative measures in the relevant sports bodies, federations, clubs and other concerned authorities;
- d) encouraging the organization of centralized sports training camps by the countries of the Parties for athletes, coaches, and sports professionals;
- e) encouraging athletes to participate in international sporting events held on the territory of the countries of the Parties;
- f) cooperation in the field of high performance sport, sport for all and leisure sport;
- g) development of national, traditional and non-Olympic sports;
- h) exchange of views on issues of common concern in the field of physical culture and sport, considered at the international platforms;
- i) facilitation of the holding of seminars, congresses, lectures and workshops, in order to exchange experience on implementation strategies and practices adopted by the Parties in the fields of physical culture, sport, education, leisure, and sports event management, including aspects such as crowd control;
- j) exchange of research results and systematization of knowledge on the effectiveness of projects or programmes aimed at the development and promotion of sport; including their contribution to the growth of the sports industry;
- k) exchange of scientific research and good practices on anti-doping, as well as information and technologies in the framework of anti-doping educational programs;
- l) exchange of information on implementation and maintenance processes of sports venues;
- m) other areas of cooperation by mutual agreement of the Parties.



3. FINANCING

The Parties will jointly decide on financing cooperation programs and projects in advance through consultations in accordance with the domestic laws of the Parties and their budgetary capabilities, while transitioning towards standardized hosting guidelines to emphasize technical support from Member States over full logistical services.

4. SETTLEMENT OF DISCREPANCIES

Any discrepancies among the Parties related to the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled through consultations or direct negotiations between the Parties.

5. AMENDMENTS

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

6. APPLICATION AND DURATION

1) This Memorandum of Understanding is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations of the Parties under international law.

2) The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Sport of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Ministry of Sports of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India, the General Administration of Sport of the People's Republic of China, and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture of the Republic of South Africa on cooperation in the field of physical education and sport, endorsed and adopted (via videoconference) by the Parties on August 25, 2020 at the BRICS Sports Ministers Meeting within the framework of the Russian Federation Chairship in BRICS, terminates from the date of the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding.

3) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signing and will remain valid for a period of 5 (five) years. The duration of this Memorandum will be automatically extended for subsequent five-year periods. Each Party may terminate the application of this Memorandum of Understanding by sending to the depositary a written notification no later than six months prior to the expiration of the respective five-year period. The depositary will notify the other Parties of the receipt of such notification.



4) This Memorandum of Understanding is open for accession by any BRICS State and any State represented by a public authority in the field of sport joining BRICS in the future and will apply to this State Party on the date of receipt of the instrument of accession to the Memorandum by the depositary.

The termination of the application of this Memorandum of Understanding by one Party will not affect the continuation of application of this Memorandum of Understanding by the other Parties.

5) The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the completion of any project undertaken by the Parties prior to the termination thereof, or the full execution of any activity that has not been fully executed at the time of termination, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

6) The Depositary of this Memorandum of Understanding referred to in clause 3 and 4 of regulation 6 will be the Party chairing at the time of signature of the Memorandum.

Signed in

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