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**On the International Conference of Ministers and
Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport**

Mr. Chairperson,

We should like to draw attention to the International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS-VI), which will be held in Kazan in the Russian Federation from 13 to 15 July 2017.

The Conference is the largest international high-level forum held by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and is aimed at developing intellectual and technical exchange in the field of physical education and sport. This is already the sixth meeting in this format. The first was held in 1976 in France, the next four – in the USSR, Uruguay, Greece and Germany.

This time, Russia has the honour of hosting the Conference. It is expected that it will bring together high-level delegates from the UNESCO Member States and international sports organizations. The purpose of the forum is to assess international trends in the field of sport and to identify strategic issues of international sports policy, including taking into account the UNESCO recommendations formulated in the International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport and the Berlin Declaration, which was approved at the MINEPS meeting in Germany in 2013.

More detailed information can be found on the MINEPS-VI website:
mineps2017.com.

Thank you for your attention.