

**Declaration of Intention**  
**between**  
**The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and**  
**Sport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and**  
**Northern Ireland**  
**and**  
**The Minister of Sport of the French Republic**  
**on Sports Cooperation**

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

and

The Minister of Sport of France,

Hereinafter referred to as the “Signatories”, seek to further strengthen existing bilateral relations and cooperation between our two countries in the field of sport, based on the following understanding:

## **1. Areas of Cooperation in the field of sport**

1.1 Main areas of cooperation and exchange of expertise, best practice and information between the Signatories may include, but are not limited to:

- sports governance and integrity, including:
  - good governance in sport,
  - anti-doping,
  - combating match-fixing and illegal and irregular sports betting,
  - cooperation on the fight against corruption in sport,
  - safeguarding and duty of care,
  - cooperation between sports federations and associations (on technical and/or funding matters),
  - sports sciences, including cooperation in the development of innovative sports technologies (including but not limited to biomechanics, nutrition and physiology), notably into elite sports development
- training and development of elite athletes and support personnel, including:
  - athlete welfare,
  - sports education, curriculum development, and dual career,
  - training camps and coach and referee education, organised between federations,
  - digital research in the field of sport
- grassroots participation in sports, in particular:

- increasing participation across society, including amongst women and girls, disabled people, young people, those in the workplace and those living in disadvantaged areas,
- working across government to promote sport for health and wellbeing
- funding for sports, including:
  - making sports economically self-sustainable, sports patronage and sponsorship

1.2 Given that both the United Kingdom and France have hosted, or will host, major international sporting events (such as the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 and 2024), areas of cooperation may include insight on the following:

- exchange of information on the roles and responsibilities between delivery authorities and government bodies by:
  - supporting and inviting the international sports movement and relevant sport, governmental and inter-governmental stakeholders to actively promote the International Partnership Against Corruption (IPACS) in Sport
  - working on the development of a common understanding regarding bids to host major sport events with all the relevant stakeholders
  - sharing a common vision to deliver a sustainable, secure and safe event
- ensuring events have a long-term legacy by:
  - maximising an economic, social, cultural and volunteering legacy
  - spreading the benefits of the event to all citizens and areas of the host country
  - developing facilities (design and construction of new facilities and stadiums) that are 'multipurpose' and can generate revenue

- encouraging cooperation between host cities

## **2. Forms of Cooperation**

2.1 The two countries will endeavour to encourage and promote:

- the exchange of programmes, experience, skills, knowledge, technology and personnel in the aforementioned priority areas, and notably between sport federations,
- the development of partnerships including within and between the industry, sports institutes and sports universities,
- the joint organisation of seminars, conferences and all other initiatives of mutual interest; and
- any other activities deemed appropriate and desirable for mutual benefits and within the framework of this Declaration of Intention.

Done at Sandhurst, 18 January 2018, in two original copies in the English and French Language.

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