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Part I - General Provisions

Article 1 - Name and Headquarters

1. The organization calls itself **the European Union for Sport for All** , translated into English as "**European Union for Sport for All**" and in French as "**Union Européenne du Sport pour Tous**" , with the acronym **UESpT** .
2. UESpT is a social promotion association (APS) of indefinite nature, registered in the National Third Sector Register (RUNTS), in compliance with the Third Sector Code (Legislative Decree no. 117/2017).
3. The UESpT has its registered office in Italy. The Executive Committee determines the Italian city where the registered office will be located and is responsible for registering the organization with the relevant authorities.
4. An operational headquarters may be established at another location, provided it is approved by the Executive Committee and in any case in compliance with Italian legislation.
5. The headquarters may be transferred to a European State whose National Olympic Committee is an integral part of the European Olympic Committee, with the favorable vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at the Extraordinary General Assembly convened for this specific purpose.
6. Any change of registered office must comply with the procedures set forth in this statute and the Italian national legislation applicable to Third Sector Entities.

Article 2 - Official Language

1. The official languages of the UESpT are Italian and English. Official communications, meeting minutes, and essential administrative documentation must be drafted in both languages.
2. **Italian** text shall prevail .
3. Extraordinary documents, such as official communications or convocations, may be integrated with additional representative languages of the member countries, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
4. At meetings of the UESpT bodies, languages other than the official ones may be used if agreed by those present or by the Executive Committee.

Article 3 - Aims and Purposes

1. The UESpT is the official European confederation for individual members and European national members of the FISpT (International Sport for All Federation). The UESpT represents and protects the interests of all European members of the FISpT.
2. **Definitions :**
 - **European Members** are defined as entities holding the nationality of a European state or organisations registered and recognised in a European country.
 - By **Europe** we mean all countries whose National Olympic Committee is a member of the European Olympic Committee, according to the internationally recognized definition.

3. The UESpT follows the guidelines, directives and principles of the FISpT, fully respecting the statutes of the International Federation, and officially represents its European members in matters of continental and international relevance.
4. **Nature and Fundamental Values :**
 - UESpT is an **apolitical** and **non-denominational association** , guided by the principles of democracy, equality and inclusion.
 - UESpT excludes any form of discrimination, regardless of race, skin color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, personal beliefs, age, disability, political opinion, or any other personal characteristic.
 - UESpT is a **non-profit organization** , pursues objectives of public utility and general interest, and expressly adheres to the principles enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.
 - The duration of the UESpT is **unlimited** .
5. UESpT is established as a **Third Sector Entity and registered in the RUNTS in the Social Promotion Association (APS)** category , in compliance with current Italian national legislation.

Article 4 - Corporate Object and Activities of General Interest

1. The corporate purpose of UESpT is the promotion of "Sport for All" and "Culture Through Sport", according to the FISpT guidelines.
2. The UESpT pursues the following activities of general interest:
 - a) Promote, in collaboration with the institutions of the European Union and in accordance with their directives, initiatives aimed at shaping and strengthening the identity of European citizens, enhancing the diverse cultural identities that characterize the peoples of the European Union;
 - b) Promote the educational development as well as the material, moral, intellectual, and spiritual growth of European citizens by promoting educational programs and initiatives differentiated by age and ability. Access to these activities is guaranteed to all citizens, particularly persons with disabilities, through educational programs tailored to each individual's specific skills and needs, ensuring the broadest possible collective participation;
 - c) Promote cooperation between schools, educational institutions, and sports organizations to integrate sports into teaching in a structured and sustainable way, ensuring the recognition of sport as a tool for achieving the objectives of educational programs;
 - d) Promote an education in the values of freedom, understanding, tolerance, loyalty, respect, and solidarity, in order to develop an attitude oriented towards educational behavior that respects the cultural identity of each individual;
 - e) Encourage the development of a European awareness based on the principles of freedom and human dignity, without any discrimination based on political, religious, economic or social beliefs;
 - f) Promote, through interaction and teamwork, the values of solidarity, tolerance, and mutual understanding in diverse situations, encouraging the development of

cooperative behaviors and the adoption of a lifestyle inspired by the best possible use of physical and spiritual energy, for the purpose of shared growth and progress, in harmony and mutual exchange;

g) Create effective and lasting partnerships with various institutions such as the media, schools, voluntary associations, businesses, public and local authorities, in order to disseminate educational action through sports, arts, and professions;

h) Promote cooperation between educational institutions, sports organizations and public authorities for the creation of educational paths that meet the needs of non-formal education, ensuring an exchange of practical improvements between members of the participating countries;

i) Develop procedures and tools to facilitate the identification, training, licensing, and qualification of professionals in the arts, crafts, professions, and sports sectors, in order to promote mutual recognition among national organizations in European countries, ensuring improved circulation of people, goods, and services. Organize training and refresher courses for Sport for All professionals; create the most favorable conditions for them to carry out their work; promote the "Leader without Frontiers" program. Foster the professional development of professionals in the arts, professions, and sports sectors by promoting activities designed to align their specific tasks with the requirements of European Union policy;

j) Establish a connection between organizations and individuals interested in the goals of the UESpT, promoting the active and informed participation of all members of the community.

Article 5 - Minimum Assets and Legal Personality

1. The UESpT is established as a collective entity without initial legal personality.
2. The initial assets consist of membership fees, donations, and other assets contributed by the founders and members.
3. By registering with the RUNTS, the UESpT acquires legal personality and becomes fully capable of appearing in court, acquiring and selling assets, and fully exercising the rights and obligations provided by law.

Part II - Rights and Obligations of Members

Article 6 - Membership Categories

1. The UESpT is open to:
 - a) **Individual Members** : natural persons with European nationality who adhere to the aims of the UESpT and subscribe to this statute and who are Individual Members of FISpT;
 - b) **National Members** : organisations, associations, European national sports federations and other representative bodies of European countries that adhere to the aims of UESpT and that are National Members of FISpT;
 - c) **Associate Members** : entities, organizations, institutions or individuals interested in supporting the activities of the UESpT even though they do not have deliberative rights and are not obliged to be recognized / be members of the FISpT.

2. Admission is subject to compliance with the following non-discriminatory criteria, consistent with the objectives pursued:
 - Signing of this statute;
 - Payment of the membership fee in the amount determined by the General Assembly;
 - Confirmation of commitment to pursuing the goals of the UESpT;
 - Absence of relevant conflicts of interest with the tasks of the UESpT.

Article 7 - Members' Rights

1. Members are entitled to:
 - Participate in General Assemblies with the right to vote, with the exception of associate members who are observers without the right to vote;
 - Receive communications and information on UESpT activities;
 - Propose initiatives and projects consistent with the objectives of the UESpT;
 - Enjoy the benefits of membership in the UESpT.
2. The rights may be exercised provided that the member is up to date with the payment of membership fees and is not subject to disciplinary sanctions.

Article 8 - Obligations of Members

1. Members must:
 - Pay membership fees regularly according to the established methods and times;
 - Respect this statute and the resolutions of the UESpT bodies;
 - Refrain from behaviors contrary to the values and purposes of the UESpT;
 - Maintain confidentiality of sensitive information;
 - Actively contribute to the pursuit of the goals of the UESpT according to one's possibilities.
2. Failure to comply with these obligations may constitute grounds for suspension or exclusion from membership, in accordance with the disciplinary procedures set forth in this statute.

Article 9 - Suspension and Exclusion

1. A member may be suspended or excluded from the UESpT in the event of:
 - Serious violation of this statute;
 - Discriminatory behavior or behavior contrary to the fundamental values of the UESpT;
 - Failure to pay membership fees for more than two consecutive years;
 - Actions damaging to the reputation or interests of the UESpT;
 - Having lost the requirements for your recognition class.
2. Suspension or exclusion is decided by the General Assembly, after formally notifying the member and granting them the opportunity to express their defense.

3. The excluded member has the right to appeal to the Executive Committee within 30 days of notification of the resolution.

Part III - Bodies of the UESpT

Article 10 - Bodies of the Association

1. The bodies of the UESpT are:
 - a) The General Assembly;
 - b) The Executive Committee;
 - c) The President;
 - d) The Board of Auditors (where required by applicable legislation).

Article 11 - General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the sovereign body of the UESpT and is composed of all registered and paid members.
2. The General Assembly is competent for:
 - Elect and dismiss members of the Executive Committee;
 - Approve and amend this statute;
 - Approve annual reports and budgets;
 - Determine the strategic lines of the UESpT;
 - To deliberate on matters of extraordinary importance;
 - Decide on the admission, suspension and exclusion of members;
 - Decide on the transfer of the headquarters;
 - To resolve the dissolution of the UESpT and the destination of the residual assets.
3. The General Assembly meets in ordinary session at least once a year, convened by the President. Extraordinary sessions may be convened by the President or at the request of at least one-fifth of the members.
4. The meeting is convened at least 15 days before the date of the meeting, via written notice, certified email, or through official UESpT channels, indicating the agenda.
5. The General Assembly is duly constituted when a majority of members with voting rights are present. If the first meeting fails to reach a quorum, a second meeting will be held after at least seven days, without the requirement of a quorum.
6. Resolutions of the General Assembly are adopted by a simple majority of those present, except as provided for amendments to the bylaws and decisions of extraordinary importance, which require a two-thirds majority.
7. The proceedings of the General Assembly are recorded in minutes and the minutes are signed by the President and at least one other member of the Executive Committee.
8. The General Assembly meets preferably in person, except in documented exceptions, in which case it may also meet via videoconference or other means of telecommunications that ensure the identification of participants and effective participation.

Article 12 - Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee is the management and representative body of the UESpT and is composed of at least 5 and no more than 13 members, elected by the General Assembly.
2. The Executive Committee includes:
 - A President;
 - A Vice President;
 - A Secretary;
 - Additional members if required by the election.
3. The term of office of Executive Committee members is four years. Re-election is permitted.
4. The Executive Committee:
 - Implements the resolutions of the General Assembly;
 - Manages the assets of the UESpT;
 - Manages the organization's day-to-day activities;
 - Appoints representatives to FISpT and other international bodies;
 - Approves annual programs and projects;
 - Decides on the opening and management of operational offices;
 - Name any employees and collaborators;
 - Manages the budget and financial reporting;
 - Convene the General Assembly.
5. The Executive Committee meets at least four times a year or when called by the President. Meetings are convened with at least seven days' notice, except in urgent cases.
6. Resolutions of the Executive Committee are adopted by a simple majority of those present. A quorum is constituted by the presence of an absolute majority of members.
7. The Executive Committee's meetings are minuted. The minutes are signed by the President and the Secretary.
8. The Executive Committee is the custodian of the articles of association, the bylaws, and all official documentation of the UESpT.
9. Members of the Executive Committee do not receive compensation for performing their duties, except for any reimbursement of expenses actually incurred on behalf of the UESpT, upon presentation of suitable documentation.

Article 13 - President

1. The President legally represents the UESpT, chairs its collegiate bodies, oversees the implementation of resolutions, and signs the UESpT's documents.
2. The President is elected by the General Assembly from among the members of the Executive Committee for a 4-year term.

3. The President:

- Represents the UESpT towards third parties, the Public Administration, international institutions and the FISpT;
 - Signs all official UESpT documents;
 - Authorizes spending and cash movements within the limits established by the Executive Committee;
 - Appoints a Vice President who replaces him in case of absence or impediment;
 - Convene the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.
4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall temporarily assume the duties until an extraordinary General Assembly is convened to elect a new President.

Article 14 – The Secretary

1. The Secretary is responsible for the administrative and documentary management of the European Union for Sport for All (UESpT). The Secretary performs the following tasks:
 - Draws up and maintains the minutes of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee;
 - Maintains and updates official archives, correspondence, member registers, and corporate documentation;
 - Ensures that meetings are properly convened, sending members the official communications required by the statute;
 - Assists the President in implementing the resolutions of the association bodies and is responsible for transmitting documents to the competent offices, including those required for registration and management with the RUNTS;
 - Oversees compliance with administrative deadlines, management of bureaucratic obligations, and the drafting and filing of official documents;
 - He may be delegated by the President to carry out further administrative or representative tasks.
2. The Secretary holds office for the duration of the Executive Committee's term and may be re-elected. The Secretary may be replaced by the General Assembly in the event of temporary or permanent inability to perform his duties.
3. The Secretary is responsible for the financial, asset, and accounting management of the European Union for Sport for All (UESpT). The Secretary performs the following tasks:
 - Manages the association's financial resources and assets, keeping regular records of income and expenditure in accordance with the provisions of the law and the bylaws;
 - Draws up the annual budget and financial statements to be submitted to the Executive Committee and the General Assembly for approval;
 - It manages the association's funds, bank accounts, and procedures for paying fees, donations, and other contributions;
 - Ensures the correct documentation of financial transactions, ensuring the transparency and traceability of the association's economic activities;

- Oversees, in collaboration with the Board of Auditors if present, internal control and verification procedures;
- Promptly report to the Executive Committee any financial problems, asset risks, or need to adjust administrative directives;
- It collaborates with the other UESpT bodies to achieve the association's goals, in compliance with the principles of economy, legality, and responsibility.

Article 15 - Board of Auditors

1. The Board of Auditors is appointed by the General Assembly where required by applicable law or at the request of at least one fifth of the members.
2. The Board of Auditors, composed of at least 3 members, has the task of:
 - Verify the correct administrative and financial management of the UESpT;
 - Monitor compliance with this statute and current legislation;
 - Review annual financial statements and reports before their approval;
 - Formulate opinions and recommendations to the Executive Committee and the General Assembly;
 - Prepare an annual report on the control activities carried out.
3. The members of the Board of Auditors may not hold other positions within the UESpT and are independent.

Part IV - Administrative and Financial Management

Article 16 - Financial Resources

1. The financial resources of the UESpT come from:
 - Membership fees paid by members;
 - Donations and inheritances;
 - Funding from public and private entities;
 - Revenue from initiatives, courses, conferences and various activities;
 - Contributions from FISpT;
 - Other resources that are lawful and consistent with the purposes of the UESpT.
2. All resources must be managed transparently, according to the principles of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, in compliance with applicable legislation.
3. The assets are inalienable and bound to the pursuit of the public utility purposes established by this statute.

Article 17 - Budget and Reporting

1. The UESpT prepares an annual financial statement or cash flow statement, according to the criteria established by the Third Sector Code and applicable Italian national legislation.
2. The financial year coincides with the calendar year (January 1 - December 31).
3. The balance sheet and financial statements are filed with the RUNTS by 30 June of each year, according to the methods established by the Registry's electronic platform.

4. If the UESpT exceeds the revenues set by law, it must also prepare a social report, documenting the general interest activities carried out.
5. The budget is approved by the General Assembly and, where required, submitted to the Board of Auditors for review.

Article 18 - Use of Funds

1. UESpT funds are used exclusively to pursue the public utility purposes established in this statute.
2. It is prohibited:
 - The distribution of budget surpluses, profits or assets among members;
 - The use of assets for purposes other than those set out in the bylaws;
 - The remuneration of members for their membership or for their governance activities.
3. Any budget surpluses that arise are reinvested in pursuing the objectives of the UESpT.

Article 19 - Destination of the Estate in the Event of Dissolution

1. In the event of dissolution of the UESpT, resolved by the General Assembly with a qualified majority (at least two-thirds), the residual assets, after payment of debts, cannot be distributed among the members.
2. The assets will be donated, according to the indications of the General Assembly, to public utility organizations, third sector entities, public bodies or to programs of general interest consistent with the purposes of the UESpT, preferably in favor of the FISpT or affiliated organizations.
3. The transfer must be registered and notified to the RUNTS according to the procedures established by current legislation.

Part V - Regulatory Compliance

Article 20 - Compliance with the Third Sector Code and the RUNTS

1. The UESpT operates in compliance with Legislative Decree no. 117/2017 (Third Sector Code) and the provisions of the National Register of the Third Sector (RUNTS).
2. The UESpT is classified as a **Social Promotion Association (APS)** and is registered in the relevant section of the RUNTS.
3. The UESpT is required to comply with the transparency, reporting, and communication obligations set forth by current legislation, including:
 - Registration of the articles of association and the bylaws at the competent offices;
 - Registration for RUNTS;
 - The electronic communication of data relating to administrators, volunteers and employees;
 - The annual filing of the budget and financial statements at the RUNTS;
 - Communication of any statutory or organizational changes.

Article 21 - Amendments to the Statute

1. This statute may be amended only by the General Assembly, convened in extraordinary session, with a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.
2. Any changes to the bylaws must be communicated to the RUNTS within 30 days of the resolution, according to the methods established by the online platform.
3. Amendments to the bylaws become effective only after approval by the competent RUNTS office.

Article 22 - Final Provisions

1. For anything not covered by this statute, the provisions of the Third Sector Code, Italian national legislation on associations, and common law apply.
2. Disputes between members or between members and the UESpT, concerning the interpretation or application of these bylaws, shall be resolved first through informal conciliation. If this attempt is unsuccessful, disputes shall be resolved in accordance with Italian law.
3. The UESpT adopts a code of ethics that further specifies the principles of transparency, fairness and social responsibility, attached to this statute as Appendix A.
4. UESpT ensures respect for the privacy and protection of its members' personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and national data protection laws.
5. All UESpT records, documents, and archives are kept at the registered office and are available for consultation in accordance with the procedures established by law.

Signature and Approval

This Statute comes into force from the date of approval by the Constituent General Assembly of the European Union for Sport for All (UESpT) and the subsequent registration in the National Register of the Third Sector (RUNTS).

This statute is drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Third Sector Code (Legislative Decree no. 117/2017) and related implementing regulations, specifically for Social Promotion Associations.

Approval date : _____

Signature of the President : _____

Signature of the Secretary : _____