



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF HUNGARY  
Committee on Sports and Tourism

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Budapest, the 21st of September 2009.

Karin Nødgaard  
Chairwoman  
Cultural Affairs Committee  
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Denmark

Dear Ms Chairwoman

The Sports and Tourism Committee of the National Assembly of Hungary is committed to discuss issues related to International Sport as a high priority, enabling our members to understand key developments in the world of sports and if needed to support all necessary steps to encourage a healthier, fairer and more equal condition for Sport.

In the last months international sport leaders and senior representatives of the IOC and FIFA visited Hungary with whom we had the opportunity to discuss the most pressing issues of the Sports World. One of the key topics for our discussions was how to safeguard and preserve the autonomy of sport and how we can ensure it's specificity within major international integrations, more specifically within the European Union which deals primarily with economic issues.

We are of the opinion, that the direct and non-critical application of the general rules governing economic activity and employment in the area of sport endanger the maintenance of the national character of sport and hinders the position and future of grassroots programs. It seems necessary to adopt such a regulation which would enable that more young players and young talents should have a role in the national leagues and championships.

Our negotiations led to our belief, that it would be highly beneficial to discuss the above issues in a wide circle and to organize a Conference involving high level representation from all EU Member States and from International Sports Organizations. This would seem timely especially after the Irish referendum with an emphasis to the circumstances around the Lisbon Treaty.

Based on the above I hereby invite you and 2 members of your Committee To Budapest for the 20-21st of October 2009 to participate at a Conference supported by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) with the theme:

**International Conference on the Specificity and Autonomy of Sport in the European Union**

**Invited participants to the Conference:**

3 member delegations from the Committees dealing with Sport matters from the National Parliaments of the 27 EU Member States

Presidents of the Member Federations of UEFA

Doris Pack, Chairwoman of the Cultural and Educational Committee of the European Parliament and her colleagues

Ján Figel, Commissioner responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth of the European Union and his colleagues

Jacques Rogge, President of the IOC and his colleagues

Joseph S. Blatter President of FIFA and his colleagues

Michel Platini President of UEFA and his colleagues

Hassan Moustafa President of the International Handball Federation and his colleagues

Bob Elphinston President of the International Basketball Federation and his colleagues

René Fasel President of the International Ice Hockey Federation and his colleagues

**Confirmed Keynote Speakers:**

Mr.Pál Schmitt Vice-President of the European Parliament, President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee

Mr. Mario Pescante Member of the Exco of the IOC, Chairman of the EU Committee of the Italian Parliament

Joseph S. Blatter President of FIFA

The venue of the Conference is at the Houses of Parliament, Budapest, Republic of Hungary

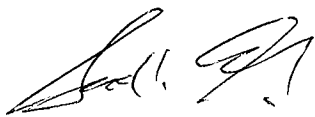
The Conference starts with an official dinner reception from 20.00 hours on the 20th of October 2009. The plenary session of the Conference begins from 9.00 am on the 21st of October 2009. Once you can confirm your participation a detailed information package will be sent to you on the logistics, hotel arrangements, schedule of the conference, etc.

Further technical details can be obtained from Mr. Tamás Bárdossy, secretary of my Committee either by phone, mail, fax, or e-mail. (Budapest 1054 Széchenyi rkp. 19. Phone: + 36 1 441 5054, fax + 36 1 441 5057 or [tamas.bardossy@parlament.hu](mailto:tamas.bardossy@parlament.hu))

I would be honoured if you could accept our invitation and please confirm your availability and participation asap, but latest until the 9th of October 2009. either by fax or e-mail as referred to above.

I look forward to greet you in Budapest and to a very successful conference dealing with the most pressing issue effecting the world of sport in the European Union.

With kind regards,



Erik Bánki

Chairman

Sports and Tourism Committee  
of the Hungarian National Assembly

