

PROTOCOL ON CO-OPERATION IN SPORT

between

the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic

and

Sports Division of the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria

for the period 2006 and 2008

The Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic and the Sports Division of the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria (hereinafter referred as „the Contracting Parties“) desirous to strengthen and to promote mutual co-operation in the field of sport have agreed upon the following measures for the years 2006 – 2008:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate in the field of the infrastructure of sports facilities. A transfer of know-how shall be established between the Austrian Institute for School and Sports Facilities (OISS) and the Slovakian National Sport Center (Národné športové centrum). The OISS will contact the Slovakian experts who will be named by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic, State Section on Sport and will propose a mutual exchange of information.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall exchange information and documentation in the area of anti-doping. The fight against doping in sport shall be coordinated between both Contracting Parties especially in the fore field of international conferences (EU, EC, UNESCO, etc.). For this purpose, national experts shall be encouraged to establish a mutual information and coordination flow.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall exchange information and documentation in the field of sport science and sport medicine. The Contracting Parties shall encourage the national institute in the field of sport sciences and sport medicine to establish direct bilateral contacts.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall invite the national winter sport federations to establish bilateral co- operations in the fields of training and exchange of athletes, as well as in sport medicine.

Article 5

Once in three (3) years, each Contracting Party shall send a delegation of three (3) experts and/or officials to the partner country. The expert visits shall comprise a current exchange of information as well as the coordination of important questions concerning sport policy. The expert visits are generally scheduled for duration of two days. In case of short-dated, sport related issues, of essential mutual bilateral interest, the Contracting Parties may exchange experts on short term base.

Article 6

The sending party shall pay the travel expenses to the destination as well as the health insurance for the members of the delegation. The host party shall assume the costs for the sojourn and local transport of the guests.

Article 7

This protocol shall enter into force on January 14th 2006 and shall expire on December 31st 2008.

Done in Bad Mitterndorf on January 14th 2006, in two original copies in English language.

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of the Slovak Republic

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