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INTERNATIONAL University Sports

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Declaration of the 10th FISU FORUM 2010 in Vigo

The International University Sport Federation (FISU), held the 10th FISU FORUM in the period 21 – 26 June 2010, in Vigo/Spain.

The 280 students and officials (41% female and 59% male) from 71 countries underlined the unique importance and special opportunities which university sport, in the widest terms, can contribute to the educational process within higher education. The main theme: **"University Sport: A platform for change"**, was chosen in the context of the new "knowledge society", but also in the context of the economical, societal and ecological crisis affecting the whole world.

Participants focused on the fact that sport is much more than a tool for education: it should be established as a human right and part of human responsibilities.

As Sport is a human right, the Forum recognizes that:

I. The sports context, when approached with due sensitivity, is presented as the ideal place for the introduction and promotion of values and best practice amongst our youth.

II. Self-evidently, it has proven to be an instrument for progress on such important dimensions as equity of opportunity between genders and between generations, respecting and educating environmental awareness.

III. It wishes to underline the social importance and the educational value of sport, namely: personal values, personal and communication skills, health care, incorporating more active lifestyles.

IV. Universities in their strategic planning should be sensitive to the contribution of the sporting experience in the integral formation of persons who will guide the future. Sport has increasingly become a substantial element of university life.

V. Participants supported and urged FISU to continue to develop a strategy in support of the above, which would utilize its international links with members and partners to develop a capacity building platform for accreditation and life long learning through university sport. In particular,

it is suggested that FISU should establish formal links and collaborative partnerships with:

- Formal academic structures existing in each continent, namely: the councils of rectors of Asia, America, Europe, Africa and Oceania.
- UNESCO, the leading world organization in the essential fields of education, culture and ethical values. FISU should be active in participating in the works of **IAU**, the UNESCO-based worldwide association of higher education institutions, **CISEPS**, the UNESCO permanent inter-governmental Committee for physical Education and Sport.
- WADA, the leading world organization for antidoping education.
- CIFP, the International Committee for Fair Play.

VI. FISU should positively promote worldwide international understanding and dialogue among universities, and notably through its continental structures.

Vigo, 26th June 2010