

FIFTH COMMONWEALTH SPORTS MINISTERS MEETING  
(5 CSMM)  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2010, New Delhi, India

## Delhi Communiqué

Ministers congratulated the host country India for the spectacular opening ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Games, and its gracious hospitality in bringing together 71 nations for the Games.

The Fifth Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting discussed the key contribution that sport and physical activity can make to the realisation of the Commonwealth goals of democracy and development, as well as the Millennium Development Goals. Ministers agreed the importance of 'mainstreaming' sport in all appropriate government policy and programmes, to achieve these ends.

Ministers also received reports from the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace on its working group on children and youth; the World Anti-Doping Association on its efforts to strengthen the culture of health and fairness in Commonwealth sport; and the Commonwealth Games Federation on the Commonwealth Games.

Ministers:

- **Affirmed** their conviction on the importance of Sport for Development and Peace ('SDP'), as set out in previous reports and communiqués, especially those of the 2008 meetings of Commonwealth Sports Ministers, and Commonwealth Youth Ministers.
- **Commended** the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport (CABOS) for its commitment, advocacy and advice.
- **Requested** the Commonwealth Secretariat to:
  - Explore ways to 'mainstream' SDP within the programmes of the Youth Affairs Division (YAD); and to
  - Explore ways to 'mainstream' SDP into the work of other Commonwealth Secretariat Divisions and initiatives, and the planned Commonwealth Partnership Platform Portal (CP3) with special emphasis on Gender Equality and integration of Youth, Sports, Health and Education Policies.
- **Agreed** to strengthen the 'mainstreaming' of SDP within their own governments. They requested the Commonwealth Secretariat to prepare a guide to mainstreaming, for the sixth Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting in London in 2012.

- **Agreed** to participate in a process to develop and agree upon appropriate priorities, targets, strategies and mechanisms for Monitoring and Evaluation in SDP, by the sixth Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting in London in 2012. They requested the Commonwealth Secretariat to take the lead in this process, and, to this end and within resources available, to collect base-line, country-by-country data on participation in sports, and to conduct regional and other meetings for the purpose of identifying priorities and drafting targets. They affirmed that member countries would contribute staff time and appropriate resources where needed.
- **Resolved** unanimously that all national sporting bodies should adopt internationally accepted good governance principles, as Sports development is a public service. Ministers further emphasized that transparency and accountability by adopting good governance principles would be the appropriate way to secure and protect the autonomy of sport.
- **Encouraged** the Commonwealth Games Federation to deliberate on how it can make a significant, sustainable contribution to SDP.
- **Encouraged** all Commonwealth governments to accept, access, approve, ratify and implement the UNESCO Convention Against Doping in Sport.
- **Thanked and commended** the Government of India for providing the resources for the continuation of the position of the Commonwealth Sports Development Adviser in the Commonwealth Secretariat for the period 2010-2013, and expressed the hope that such an arrangement will be continued by host governments of the future Commonwealth Games.
- **Agreed** to meet again in the margins of the Olympic Games to be held in London in 2012.