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PACE and UEFA team up in Strasbourg to "Play Fair with Sport"

Strasbourg, 26.09.2006 - Sports ministers of Council of Europe member states, parliamentarians and representatives of UEFA, FIFA and professional federations, leagues and clubs from all over Greater Europe will take part in a "Play Fair with Sport" conference organised by the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) and UEFA on 29 September in Strasbourg.

PACE President René van der Linden and UEFA Treasurer Mathieu Sprengers, will open the Conference at 9 a.m. in the debating chamber of the Palais de l'Europe. The participants will include Vyacheslav Fetisov, Chairman of the Federal agency for physical culture and sport of the Russian Federation, Tanja Saarela, Minister of Culture of Finland, Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and Lars-Christer Olsson, Chief Executive of UEFA.

Topics for discussion will include ways of forging an alliance between politics and sport in Europe, good governance in sport and the future of European cooperation in this sphere. Coming in the run-up to the Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport of the Council of Europe to be held in Moscow on 20 and 21 October 2006, the meeting will draw up recommendations for deepening co-operation at European level and better publicising the Council of Europe instruments in the sphere of sport (conventions to combat doping and violence at sports events, the Code of Sports Ethics and the European Sport Charter).

The conference is open to the press. [Programme](#)

A press conference will be held on Friday 29 September at 2 pm in Room 1.

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The Parliamentary Assembly brings together 315 members from the national parliaments of the 46 member states.

President: René van der Linden (Netherlands, EPP/CD); Secretary General of the Assembly: Mateo Sorinas.

Political Groups: SOC (Socialist Group); EPP/CD (Group of the European People's Party); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe); EDG (European Democratic Group); UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).