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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 17(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Considering the central place of football in the life of many Europeans and the shared values and principles of the European Union and UEFA, such as respect for the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, in particular human dignity and non-discrimination, as well as respect for tolerance and solidarity.
- (2) The Commission has issued a number of Communications that concern football and activities related to it, such as: 'Europe 2020: A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth'<sup>1</sup>; 'Developing the European Dimension in Sport'<sup>2</sup> ; 'Towards a comprehensive European framework for online gambling'<sup>3</sup>; 'Fighting Corruption in the EU'<sup>4</sup> and 'Report on the assessment of the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing affecting the internal market and relating to cross border activities'<sup>5</sup>.
- (3) Council Decision 2002/348/JHA addresses the issues concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension.
- (4) The autonomy of sport movement and active engagement with the stakeholders is essential for the successful development of the European dimension of sport and the promotion of physical activity through the European Week of Sport, the promotion of women' participation in sport, the promotion of sustainability and legacy of major sport events, sustaining the efforts to improve the good governance in sport and active engagement in social dialogue.
- (5) The Commission and UEFA have concluded an Arrangement for Cooperation in 2014<sup>6</sup>.
- (6) Recalling the resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council on the European Union Work Plan for Sport (2017-2020)<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2010) 2020 final

<sup>2</sup> COM(2011) 12 final

<sup>3</sup> COM(2012) 0596 final

<sup>4</sup> COM(2011)0308

<sup>5</sup> COM(2017) 0340 final

<sup>6</sup> Commission Decision of 14.10.2014 adopting the Arrangement for Cooperation between the Commission and the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), C(2014) 7378 final

<sup>7</sup> Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the European Union Work Plan for Sport (1 July 2017-31 December 2020), 2017/C 189/02, OJ C 189, 15.6.2017, p. 5

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Arrangement for Cooperation attached to this Decision is hereby approved, and shall be signed by the Member of the Commission in charge of Sport or by his designated representative.

Done at Brussels, 19.2.2018

*For the Commission*  
*Tibor Navracsics*  
*Member of the Commission*