



**REVIVING TRADITIONAL SPORTS**

***THE FINAL DECLARATION OF  
THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ETHNOSPORT FORUM  
18-20 APRIL 2025, ST.PETERSBURG, RUSSIA***

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**PREAMBLE**

This Declaration of Intent is made between:

The World Ethnosport Union, established on November 20, 2017, headquartered in Istanbul, Türkiye (hereinafter referred to as “World Ethnosport”),  
and The Ministries of Youth and Sport, hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties.”

Recognizing the cultural importance of traditional sports and games in preserving the heritage and identity of nations, the undersigned institutions express their mutual understanding and shared intent to support the establishment of the Ethnosports Multi-Sport Event as a collaborative and inclusive global initiative.

This Declaration outlines the shared goals and cooperative spirit that the Parties wish to pursue together, without constituting a legally binding agreement.

**ARTICLE I - SHARED OBJECTIVES**

The Parties express their common intent to:

- A. To promote and preserve traditional sports and games as an integral part of world cultural heritage.
- B. To foster international cooperation and cultural exchange through sports.
- C. To encourage youth participation in ethnosports as a means of physical and mental development.
- D. To create a fair, inclusive, and sustainable competitive environment for all participants.
- E. To facilitate knowledge-sharing on the history, rules, and techniques of ethnosports.
- F. Contribute to the success of a recurring global gathering celebrating traditional sports and cultural diversity every four years.



## **ARTICLE II - FOUNDING PARTICIPATION AND GOVERNANCE**

- A. The Parties acknowledge their intention to participate as founding supporters of the Ethnosports Multi-Sport Event.
- B. Other interested countries or institutions may be welcomed as co-supporters in consultation with the World Ethnosport Union.
- C. The event will be coordinated by an Organizing Committee, including representatives of World Ethnosport, and guided by principles of inclusion, collaboration, and respect for cultural diversity.
- D. The Parties may nominate liaison representatives to contribute to the planning and development of the event.

## **ARTICLE III - FREQUENCY AND HOSTING**

- A. The Parties express their support for organizing the Ethnosports Multi-Sport Event every four years.
- B. Hosting locations will be proposed in consultation with interested Parties and determined through cooperative dialogue and mutual consideration.

## **ARTICLE IV - EVENT CHARACTER AND VALUES**

The Parties intend to contribute to an event that includes:

- A. Official and demonstration competitions of traditional sports and games.
- B. Cultural showcases reflecting the heritage and diversity of all participating nations.
- C. Educational and networking programs to promote learning and exchange.
- D. A spirit of mutual respect, celebration, and cultural authenticity.

## **ARTICLE V - AREAS OF COOPERATION**

In the spirit of goodwill, the Parties may consider voluntary cooperation in the following areas:

- A. Promoting awareness of ethnosports within their respective countries.
- B. Facilitating the participation of athletes, practitioners, and cultural groups.
- C. Contributing knowledge and expertise related to their traditional games.
- D. Supporting event promotion and communication efforts.
- E. Exploring opportunities to host or support future editions of the event.
- F. Upholding values of fair play, cultural respect, and inclusivity.

## **ARTICLE VI - NON-BINDING NATURE**

This Declaration is a statement of intent only and is not intended to create any legal obligations or binding commitments. Each Party participates voluntarily and retains full discretion over the level and form of its involvement.



**ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS AND CONTINUITY**

- A. This Declaration may be updated or supplemented through mutual understanding among the Parties.
- B. The Declaration will remain a reference for continued cooperation until superseded by future agreements or initiatives, as determined by the Parties.

**SIGNATURES**

Signed on April 19, 2025, in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, as a gesture of shared vision and cooperative intent for the advancement of traditional sports and cultural unity.

**For the World Ethnosport:**

**Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan**  
*President of the World Ethnosport Union*

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**For the Ministry....**

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