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INFORMATION NOTE

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Subject: European dimension of the Olympic and Paralympic Games of Paris 2024
- *Information from the French delegation*

Delegations will find attached an information note from the French delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under ‘Any other business’ of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting of 15-16 May 2023.

**European dimension
of the Olympic and Paralympic Games of Paris 2024**

Information from the French delegation

With fifteen months to go before the Olympic and Paralympic Games return to the European Union for the first time in 20 years, France wishes to strengthen the European dimension of this unique major sports event.

The first objective is to make the European Union visible before and during the Games, while fully respecting the autonomy of the sports movement, the prerogatives of the Organising Committee and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), but also the universal aspiration of the Games. This will send a strong signal of cohesion around sports values that are also reflections of the European project. On this occasion, we want to strengthen popular mobilisation, not only in Brussels but also throughout the Union. In addition, the call for volunteers launched on 15 March by the Organising Committee has been massively relayed in the Member States of the Union, and we wish to highlight this European mobilisation in the organisation and smooth running of the Games.

Beyond the European visibility of the Olympic and Paralympic Games themselves, we want them to pass on a legacy at European level in the fields of education, youth, culture, health, social inclusion, disability, research and sustainable development. Our objective is to disseminate the sports dimension in all EU policies, mirroring what France is planning in its National Legacy Plan.

This AOB item at the Sport Council on 15 May will be an opportunity to present this positive and ambitious agenda in which the European Commission and all the Member States will have a decisive role to play.