

**STATEMENT OF INTENT ON CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS
UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE STATE COMMITTEE OF PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORTS
UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

With a view to further developing bilateral sports exchange and co-operation, and promoting the mutual understanding between the peoples of the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Armenia on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, the Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the State Committee of Physical Culture and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties") have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Both parties shall encourage their sports institutions, national sports federations, unions and associations to establish direct links and to strengthen mutual co-operation and exchange for the development of sports in both countries. The program for exchanges will be decided by respective sports organizations or sports federations, unions or associations of both parties through consultation.

ARTICLE II

Both parties agree to organise friendly matches of their national teams on the basis of exchange.

ARTICLE III

Both parties shall support long-term study visits of their coaches in both countries. The financial terms shall be decided through consultation.

ARTICLE IV

Both parties, if necessary, shall discuss and support the studies of their athletes in physical education institutions of Lithuania and Armenia.

ARTICLE V

Both parties shall hold joint conferences and seminars for coaches and sport specialists to exchange experience and information. Leading lecturers of both countries shall be invited to speak at these conferences and seminars.

ARTICLE VI

Both parties shall support the initiatives and encourage their athletes to participate in international and open sports competitions organized by the other party for the purpose of raising their level of training and performance.

ARTICLE VII

Both parties shall encourage exchange and co-operation between specialists and researchers in the field of sports science and research, sports medicine and sports information.

ARTICLE VIII


Both parties shall dedicate themselves to establishing an intergovernmental working group on physical education and sports of Lithuania and Armenia.

ARTICLE IX

This Statement of Intent on Co-operation between the Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the State Committee of Physical Culture and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as the "Statement of Intent on Co-operation") shall come into effect on the date of signature.

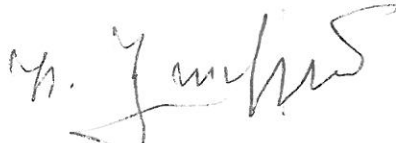
This Statement of Intent on Co-operation is signed on 13 April 2006 in duplicate in the English language, each text being equally authentic.

**Department of Physical Education and
Sports under the Government of the
Republic of Lithuania**



Algirdas Raslanas, Director General

**State Committee of Physical
Culture and Sports under the
Government of the Republic of
Armenia**



Harutyun Yavryan, Vice-Chairman