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and
PORTUGAL**

Sports Protocol. Signed at Lisbon on 22 December 1976

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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Protocole d'accord dans le domaine des sports. Signé à Lisbonne le 22 décembre 1976

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SPORTS PROTOCOL¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF PORTUGAL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In discussions carried out between representatives of the Governments of Portugal and the United States of America concerning relations between these two countries in the field of physical education and sports and recognizing that (within the United States sports activities are conducted by private individuals and institutions free of governmental influence, guidance and regulations, where in Portugal there is a ministry which supervises non-governmental activities) there is great interest in strengthening relations. Therefore it is the intent of both governments:

1. To encourage the people of Portugal and the people of the United States of America to meet in friendly competition and cooperation through sports, and by this means to foster mutual understanding between them;
2. To encourage the expansion of knowledge within each country of the accomplishments and skills of the other country in the field of sports and leisure time activities;
3. To promote and facilitate exchanges in various sports activities such as basketball, swimming, track and field, tennis, rowing, hockey on roller skates, handball, soccer and other sports, to the extent permitted by available private or public resources; specifically, exchanges of
 - A) Coaches, trainers, and instructors for clinics and workshops;
 - B) Players and teams, for purposes of friendly competition and mutual professional experience;
 - C) Umpires and referees;
 - D) Training films on sports techniques;
4. To promote and facilitate exchanges of information, to the extent permitted by available private or public resources; specifically
 - A) Information and experiences in specialized areas, such as, but not limited to, sports for the handicapped and medical science sports information;
 - B) Information and techniques for the organization of academic sports programs and physical fitness programs;
 - C) Information on life-long physical fitness programs;
 - D) Information on the umpiring and refereeing of sports;
 - E) Information on the organization and management of recreational sports facilities;
5. To facilitate these exchanges by encouraging private institutions to engage in them to the maximum extent possible and to make available information on facilities, courses of instruction, or sports-related opportunities which may be of interest to nationals of the other country;
6. Twice yearly, in July and December, representatives of both governments will meet to discuss program activities within this agreement.

The responsibilities assumed by each party will be executed within the framework of its domestic policy and legislation, procedures and practices.

¹Came into force on 22 December 1976 by signature.

This Protocol was signed in Lisbon, December 22, 1976.

For Portugal:

[*Signed*]

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For the United States of America:

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