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Dear Mr. President of the Organizing Committee

Minister of Sport and Tourism,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Delegates,

As President of IASL, I am very pleased to be here today in Warsaw, the mermaid of the Vistula, the city which hosts the 15th World Congress of International Association of Sports Law.

I am glad that among us are so many colleagues from many countries, working on the sports law, many of which attend closely since 1992 when we established the IASL and held its first Congress in Athens.

Sports law is an object with a large field of knowledge in research and teaching at Universities. It is also a very important tool in daily practice in the world of sports instrument and a valuable tool for those who are occupied in practice in sport as well as active lawyers in sports matters.

Throughout this journey of seventeen years, we gained more knowledge, more experience, we developed friendships, and we can now safely say that IASL is established in the global consciousness as one of the leading scientific bodies of sports law.

15th IASL Congress will discuss a variety of important issues such as Major Sports Events and Law, International Anti-Doping,

European Union Sports Law and Policy Regulation International Sports Jurisdiction, etc.

Issues of great importance, not only leading research on higher edges, but also making sports law science a necessary tool for the resolution of any problem in sports activities.

From the bottom of my heart I thank my dear friend Jacek Foks, special Secretary of IASL, for his initiative to organize with so much success this conference in Warsaw, this beautiful and hospitable city.

I am absolutely sure that this congress will be successful and that its findings will contribute effectively to achieving its purpose.

This Congress is a historical junction in the development of science and research of Sports Law.

On behalf of all, I express my sincere and cordial congratulations.

On behalf of all, thank you for hospitality in your country, near in Warsaw.

Thank you,

Dimitrios P. Panagiotopoulos

President of IASL