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### **Response to the Consultation on on-line gambling in the Internal Market**

**INTERNATIONAL SPORT AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION** ISCA is an international non-governmental association open to youth, sport and culture organisations from all over the world and has 146 affiliated members in 5 countries, totalling some 39 million individual members. ISCA has 41 European member organizations, most of which are national umbrellas for grassroots sport.

As an international sport for all association we advocate for the benefits of engaging citizens in sport and physical activity via local sport clubs and sport offers. These include citizen's health, social inclusion, sustainable development, promoting volunteering and the role of sport in education and training.

In many European countries, the financial support that national grassroots sport associations receives from national lotteries and sports gambling, including online gambling, is very significant for the well-functioning of these associations, which are the backbone of the grassroots sport sector.

ISCA would like to underline that this support thus has significant positive societal impact, and we would strongly encourage stakeholders in the European Union to bear this in mind when addressing the broad issue of online gambling.

I remain at your disposal with further information on the issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J.S.', is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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