

The Nordic meeting of the sports organisations has unanimously decided on the following statement:

Voluntary organisations are the backbone of civil societies, engaging people who give their time and their hearts for the benefit of others. The Nordic Sport Model contributes greatly to our Nordic societies. At the base of this model lie the sovereignty of sport, its autonomy and independence – in close co-operation with the authorities. This model needs to be supported and protected, and what the authorities have already done, should be enhanced.

In order to maintain and further develop our Nordic Sport Model, we, the sport associations of the Nordic countries, wish to appeal to our governments to co-operate closely with sports in our respective countries. The dialogue must be based on equality, partnership, and mutual respect for the different roles and responsibilities of the organisations and the public authorities.

The authorities at all levels of government should understand the needs and requirements of voluntary organisations and civil society and work together with them in their exercise of authority.

To obtain the benefits of sport to society, society need to invest in sport with respect for the independent and valuable position of the sport organisations.