DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT

For the creation of the European Padel Association

WHEREAS

On May 12th and 13th representatives of the Austria Padel Federation, Padel Belgium, Czech Padel Federation, Finnish Padel Federation, Deutscher Padel Verband, British Padel Association, Nederlandse Padelbond, Portuguese Padel Federation, Spanish Padel Federation and Swiss Padel gathered in Madrid to discuss the formation of the European Padel Association;

On June 9th and 10th representatives of the Austria Padel Federation, Padel Belgium, Czech Padel Federation (represented by the Austria Padel Federation), Finnish Padel Federation (online), Danish Padel Association (represented by the Svenska Padelförbundet), Deutscher Padel Verband, British Padel Association, Nederlandse Padelbond, Polish Padel Association, Portuguese Padel Federation, Spanish Padel Federation, Svenska Padelförbundet and Swiss Padel Federation gathered in Lisbon to further discuss the formation of the European Padel Association and discuss the topics that were agreed upon during the first meeting;

Minutes of these two meetings have been drafted to register the discussions held between the present federations;

The structure of the European Padel Association Bye-Laws has been discussed and agreed upon during these meetings, as well as the European Padel Association working structure and organization. All relevant documents will now be prepared and finalized in accordance with all founding members agreement;

It is intention of all the federations that have been present in the meetings in Madrid and Lisbon to proceed with the creation of the European Padel Association.
IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS

a) The Association name is European Padel Association;

b) The European Padel Association will be also referred to as EPA;

c) The EPA intends to be the highest padel authority and the arbitrator of all such related matters in Europe;

d) The EPA is an association of member European based Padel Federations or Associations, and if recognized as such when existing, the European Coaches Padel Association, the European Referees Padel Association, and the Professional Players Association or Professional Circuit.

e) The objectives for which the founding member federations choose to associate are:

A. Protect and uphold the European Federation Members, with its rights, interests, independence and identity
B. Promote relationships within the EPA and with other Continental Associations
C. Organize and rule European Competitions
D. Produce and disseminate the technical knowledge of the sport
E. Help the development of the sport in rising European countries
F. Have the associations of coaches, referees and players represented - with member rights to be further decided
G. Set equivalencies for coaches' and teachers' program levels
H. Promote youth development programs, and support developing countries
I. Enforce sportsmanship at all EPA activities
J. Represent the European countries in official institutions
K. Strengthening friendship and sporting ties between the different members
L. Act as arbitrator and resolve all disputes between members
M. Accept all EPA's sanctions
f) The founding member federations agree to finalize the EPA's Bye-Laws and develop all other relevant regulations until the end of July 2018 at the latest;

g) The founding member federations agree that the EPA must be starting its official activity until the beginning of September 2018 at the latest;

h) EPA's members will nevertheless initiate their activity as the representatives of padel in Europe as of the signature of this document with the main objective of protecting padel as an independent sport.

Lisbon, 10th June 2018

ON BEHALF OF THE FOUNDING MEMBER FEDERATIONS (SIGNATURES):

Austrian Padel Federation

British Padel Association

by delegate

Danish Padel Association

Finnish Padel Federation

Polish Padel Association

Spanish Padel Federation

Swiss Padel Federation

Belgium Padel Federation

Czech Padel Federation

Deutscher Padel Verband

Nederlandse Padelbond

Portuguese Padel Federation

Svenska Padelförbundet

Estonia Padel Federation