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THE BOARD OF GLISA INTERNATIONAL VOTES FOR ONE QUADRENNIAL EVENT IN 2018!

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Statement approved by the Board of GLISA International on 19 March 2010:

Following a meeting of the Co-Presidents of the Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association (GLISA International) and the Federation of GayGames on 5 March, 2010, in Manchester, UK, to discuss the future of worldwide LGBT sport, culture and human rights events, the Board of GLISA International affirms that One Quadrennial Event in 2018 is our joint goal.

Sports, Culture, and Human Rights will be essential components of the joint event in 2018, as they have been in the past.

Preserving the legacy and accomplishments and honouring the past will be key aspects, while evolving to reflect the continual world societal changes.

We see a number of steps needed to move in this direction:

- Both organizations have committed to supporting and participating in the upcoming scheduled events: FGG: GayGames in Cologne, Germany and Cleveland, USA; GLISA: Continental Outgames in Wellington, New Zealand and Vancouver, Canada in 2011 and the 3rd World Outgames in Antwerp, Belgium in 2013.
- More discussions and collaboration are needed between the two organizations and all the members and communities which we all represent.
- A joint taskforce comprised of members from each organization will be set up between the two organizations to continue the discussions required to carry out our intended joint goal of one quadrennial event in 2018.

We, the board of GLISA International recognize that this is an important step to ensure that the legacy of global LGBT Sports, Culture and Human Rights events continues to grow and reflect the desire of our international community.

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