



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SIGA and the Portuguese Players' Union sign Cooperation Agreement**

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The Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA) and the Portuguese Players' Union signed a Cooperation Agreement this Wednesday at the new Player's Academy in Odivelas, to unite efforts to promote Sport Integrity and enhance the protection of minors in football.

The agreement covers a wide range of areas, with focus on the following priorities: sports' positive values and social, educational and cultural role; good governance, integrity and transparency in sport; and the development and protection of children and young people in and through sport.

At the signing of the accord, **Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros, CEO of SIGA**, stated: *"I have witnessed the excellent contributions the Portuguese Players' Union has made. Their new training centre is the result of a strong vision, a reformist spirit, an impetus to innovate, and a sense of service to both the community and the players. SIGA looks forward to working side by side with our new partner to promote Sport Integrity."*

**Joaquim Evangelista, President of the Portuguese Players' Union** emphasized that in the headquarters of the Portuguese Players' Union there is great concern with values and also a feeling of protectiveness towards football: *"Today, when it comes to the fight for integrity and defending good practices in Sport, SIGA is a reference at the global level. Our actions in Portuguese football and at the International level have much to do with defending integrity, with the fight against match-fixing, defending equality, protecting minors, and the fight against illegal trafficking... And all these themes are substantiated in the agreement we just signed."*

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#### **About SIGA**

SIGA is the world's largest coalition in the field of sport's governance and integrity. Supported by more than 100 international multi-industry supporters, SIGA is an independent and neutral organisation whose mission is to bring about meaningful reforms and enhance the integrity of all sports through a set of universal standards operated by an independent and neutral body. SIGA is the only organisation to bring together sport, governments, academia, international organisations, sponsors, business, rights holders, NGOs and professional services



companies, from every region in the world, around a common cause of fostering greater integrity throughout sport. For the list of SIGA Members & Committed Supporters, please visit <https://siga-sport.com/members-and-committed-supporters/>.

For more information on SIGA, including its vision, mission and reform agenda, please refer to the website: [www.siga-sport.com](http://www.siga-sport.com).

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### **About the Portuguese Players' Union**

The Portuguese Players' Union's prime objective is to defend the individual and collective interests of football players, especially those concerning contexts of risk which compromise their rights and working conditions.

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