[ES] Decree Setting Up the Committee for the Broadcasting of Sport Events Complies with the Law

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The Supreme Court has decided that Decree 991/1998 of 22 May 1998 (see IRIS 1998-7: 11) on the setting up of the Committee for the Broadcasting of Sport Events (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") is lawful. The main tasks of the Committee are to list sport events of national interest and to oversee the enforcement of Law 21/1997, on the Broadcasting of Sport Events. The Plenary Meetings of the Committee are attended by 52 members-representatives of the different Ministries concerned, the Government of the Spanish regions, sport federations, media enterprises, media trade unions and consumer associations. According to the Supreme Court, it is lawful that some of the representatives of the Spanish Government belong to Ministries which are not directly dealing with sport, but which nevertheless have responsibilities in the broadcasting of sport events, as, e.g., the Ministerio de Fomento (Ministry of Development), which controls the activity of the national broadcasters. The Supreme Court also considers that the powers entrusted to this Committee do not go beyond what has been authorized by Law 21/1997 that this Decree implements.

Sentencia del Tribunal Supremo, Sala 3a, Sección 3a, de 24 de Enero de 2000.

Decision of the Supreme Court, Sala 3a, Sección 3a, of 24 January 2000.

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