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WORLD CONFERENCE ON DOPING IN SPORT RESOLUTION

Adopted by the World Conference on Doping in Sport, Copenhagen,
Denmark, 5 March 2003

Recalling that doping in sport is contrary to the spirit of sport, and that the fight against doping in sport shall be intensified, accelerated, harmonized and unified;

Noting that doping in sport is the concern of the olympic movement, sport organizations, governments, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, athletes throughout the world and their support personnel;

Considering that doping practices constitute violations of sport and of medical ethics as well as of the fundamental principles of the olympic movement;

Concerned by the threat that doping poses to fair-play as well as to the health of all athletes and of the youth of the world;

Recognizing the necessity for sustained efforts directed at the creation of awareness, education and prevention to eliminate doping in sport;

Noting that the solution to the problem of doping requires the cooperative and complementary efforts of the sport movement, governments, intergovernmental and non governmental organizations;

Acknowledging the efforts previously undertaken by various entities and bearing in mind the World Conference on Doping in Sport held in Lausanne and its declaration of 4 February 1999, the creation of the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), and the remarkable work it has accomplished;

Noting that the Foundation Board of WADA has adopted the World Anti-Doping Code ("Code") after broad consultation throughout the world;

Recognizing that the support, adoption, implementation and ongoing review of the Code is fundamental and crucial for an efficient fight against doping in sport;

Acknowledging the need for support and solidarity for all countries in their anti-doping efforts;



The World Conference on Doping in Sport held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 3 - 5 March 2003, ("World Conference") with the participation of athletes, ministers and other high-level representatives of governments, inter- and non-governmental organizations, the International Olympic Committee, International Sports Federations, National Olympic Committees, International Paralympic Committee, national anti-doping agencies and WADA, hereby adopts the following resolution:

1. The World Anti-Doping Code

The World Conference accepts the World Anti-Doping Code ("Code") as the basis for the fight against doping in sport throughout the world.

2. Olympic Movement and other interested parties

The International Olympic Committee, International Sports Federations, National Olympic Committees, International Paralympic Committee, national anti-doping organizations and major event organizers shall confirm their acceptance of the Code by signing a formal declaration of acceptance upon approval by each of their respective competent bodies. They undertake to implement the Code before the first day of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in 2004 in Athens.

3. Governments

- a) Governments have adopted the Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sport and by signing the Declaration they:
- recognize the role of, and support, WADA;
 - support the Code;
 - sustain international and inter-governmental co-operation in advancing harmonization in anti-doping policies and practices in sport;
 - support a timely process leading to a convention or other obligation concerning, among other things, the Code, to be implemented through instruments appropriate to the constitutional and administrative contexts of each government on or before the XX Olympic Winter Games in Turin in 2006.



b) The World Conference urges all governments to:

- confirm their commitment to the Code before the first day of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens in 2004;
- implement the contents of the Code before the first day of the XX Olympic Winter Games in Turin in 2006.

4. The World Anti-Doping Agency

The Olympic Movement recognizes the role of, and supports WADA and will continue to provide collectively 50% of WADA's approved annual core budget.

The Governments recognize the role of, and support WADA and will continue to provide collectively 50% of WADA's approved annual core budget in accordance with a formula that they will determine.

The World Conference commends WADA for the excellent work achieved since its creation and reconfirms its full support to WADA. The World Conference encourages and invites all parties concerned to intensify their support of WADA.

5. Harmonization and acceleration of the fight against doping in sport

Recognizing the work and the efforts undertaken to date in the fight against doping in sport, the World Conference notes the urgent need for harmonization in the fight against doping in all sport, including professional leagues, throughout the world. All parties are urged to accelerate their efforts and programs to that effect.