

President
World Anti-Doping Agency
Sir Craig Reedie

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Olivier Niggli

Dear Sir Craig Reedie!

Dear Mr. Olivier Niggli!

Thank you for the letter of 22 June 2018 and therefore I inform you.

In close cooperation with WADA, with your direct support and participation over the course of three years, a fundamentally new model of anti-doping system was created in the Russian Federation.

Thanks to our joint efforts, the anti-doping mechanism has been completely reformed. Amendments aimed at increasing liability for anti-doping rule violations have been made to the legislation of the Russian Federation, the Russian Anti-Doping Agency has been completely reformed, the National Plan on Fight against Doping has been approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

At present, the system of organizing anti-doping work by all-Russian sports federations and executive authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation in the field of physical culture and sports has been completely revised.

We continue to do everything to ensure that the new anti-doping mechanism works as efficiently as possible. In 2018, the largest number of events in the history of the Russian Federation is scheduled to be held in the Russian Federation. The goal is not only to inform the various target audiences about the anti-doping rules, but also to create zero tolerance for doping in the society.

So, in 2018 the following events devoted to the issues of anti-doping were held: the Forum of Young Olympians; International Anti-Doping Seminar, organized jointly with the International Weightlifting Federation; International research-to-practice conference “Sport in the National Legal and International Legal Dimension: Current Problems”. By the end of the year, the International research-to-practice conference “The Future of Clean Sports: Current Issues, Challenges, Solutions”; Forum of Young Paralympians and the conference on anti-doping issues in the framework of the International Forum “Russia is a Sports Power” are planned.

We hope that representatives of WADA will be able to participate in the mentioned events.

Regarding the work of RUSADA.

1. We are sure that it is thanks to our joint efforts that RUSADA is currently effectively implementing all the functions of the national anti-doping organization provided for by the World Anti-Doping Code.

Your assessment of the current situation is also important for us. Are you sure that RUSADA currently effectively performs all the functions of the anti-doping organization?

2. We have accepted and executed the decision of the IOC, based on the findings of the the Schmid Commission, and at the same time we believe that the processes of identifying and punishing the perpetrators must be carried out in accordance with the adopted procedures. The Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation continues the investigation. Information about possible persons whose guilt will be established accordingly will be transferred to the courts and these persons will be punished. We assure you that we will do our best to continue the work of identification and punishing the perpetrators.

3. We propose to separate the issues of assessing the current state of RUSADA from the work on assessing the negative processes that occurred in the past.

We hope that you are in agreement with our position on the desirability of separating these issues, and we are asking to consider the issue of restoring the status of RUSADA's compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Sincerely yours,

P.Kolobkov