Resolution of the 13th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport

30 May 2016
Doha, Qatar
Meeting Chaired by the President of the Qatar Anti-Doping Commission

The Governments participating in the 13th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport having examined, discussed and fully considered the documents and presentations from the meeting and wish to adopt the following resolutions:

1. Acknowledge the welcome messages given by H.E. Salah bin Ghanem bin Nasser Al Ali, Minister for the Ministry of Culture and Sports and Mr Abdulrahman Al-Dorsar, Director of Sports Affairs of Qatar, Ms. Gunilla Lindberg, Secretary General of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and Mr David Howman, Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

2. Appreciate the progress reports and presentations given by participating representatives on the recent development of anti-doping policy and activities in each of their countries, in particular, the report of the host country presented by of Dr. Nasser Al A. Al Ansari, President of Qatar Anti-Doping Commission (QADC), Dr. Mohammed Alsayrafi, General Manager, Anti-Doping Lab Qatar (ADLQ), and participants’ strong wish to continue to work together in the fight against doping in sport and protect the rights of clean athletes.

3. Appreciate and commend the work of the organizing committee for the meeting, comprising the Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC), the Qatar Ministry of Culture and Sports, and the Anti-doping Laboratory of Qatar (ADLQ) for effectively and efficiently preparing and organizing the meeting.

4. Recognize the support given by ANOC, Olympic Solidarity and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), to support regional anti-doping programs and recognize the importance of the continued promotion and cooperation with the Sport Movement to achieve the anti-doping policy goals and to protect the rights of the clean athlete.

5. Agree that the Governments of all participating countries recognize the importance of each respective Government’s commitment to support the fight against doping in sport, in particular the responsibilities described in the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport (the Convention) and the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code (2015
5.1 Urge and encourage the five remaining countries in Asia and one in Oceania that have not yet ratified the Convention to become a State Party. For countries that are States Parties to the Convention, to promote the implementation of the obligations stipulated in the Convention including completion of the biennial monitoring report requirement i.e. completing the UNESCO ADLogic questionnaire and achieving a 60% compliance benchmark rating with the questionnaire in order to be compliant with the Convention;

5.2 Encourage countries that require assistance with anti-doping projects, in particular United Nations recognized Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to apply to the UNESCO Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport (Voluntary Fund) in cooperation with UNESCO and WADA, recognizing that a country must have ratified the Convention to make an application to the Fund and completed the UNESCO Anti-Doping Logic questionnaire, the biennial monitoring requirement to be able to receive funds;

5.3 Encourage Signatories to the 2015 Code i.e. the National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs), the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), and the Regional Anti-Doping Organisations (RADOs) in the Asian and Oceania regions to implement anti-doping programs focusing on practice pursuant to the 2015 Code and International Standards;

5.4 Provide support to and cooperate with the activities of the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office;

5.5 Agree that the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office continue to coordinate the election process for the Asian Regional WADA Foundation Board member representative at the request of the Governments present, noting that in order to be a candidate for membership be a Minister or individual designated by the relevant government authority of the country to have Ministerial level status. It was also re-confirmed that in order to be able to vote and be considered as a candidate for election, a country must have fulfilled the following three (3) criteria: 1) Made a full financial contribution to WADA for at least the 2013-2016 years (inclusive); 2) Be a State Party to the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport; and 3) The Signatory, i.e. the NADO, in a country be compliant
with the 2015 Code. Noting that consideration be given in the future to an
ditional criteria, that a State Party be compliant with the Convention following
the decision of the Fifth Session of the UNESCO Conference of Parties in October
2015, Resolution 5CP/3 where a State Party must complete the biennial reporting
requirement notable the UNESCO ADLogic Questionnaire and achieve a 60%
compliance benchmark rating with it to be compliant;

5.6 Support and confirm resolution 6.5 of the 9th Asia/Oceania Region
Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2012 that a
formula for the Asia region be applied from 2013 – 2017 and be calculated as
follows: Japan and Brunei Darussalam maintain their 2012 contribution amounts;
the Least Developed Countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia,
Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Yemen (nine) pay at least USD 5000, and
agree that any WADA budget increase from 2016 to 2017 and beyond be shared
by equal ratio across all other countries. An estimated 5% WADA budget increase
for 2017 was supported and governments were invited to prepare their respective
budgets in order to be able to make their contribution to WADA for 2017 and,
where applicable, pay any outstanding contributions from past years;

5.7 Agree a Taskforce be established comprising Professor Kamal Al Hadidi of Jordan
as the Chairperson together with representatives from the governments of Brunei
Darussalam, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait and Singapore. The
Taskforce is to review the current Asian Region share formula and propose
appropriate formula options for consideration and decision at the 14th
Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in
Sport (2017) to apply to years 2018-2022 (five years) with the WADA
Asia/Oceania Regional Office requested to act as the Secretariat;

5.8 Recognize the progress of the Asian Anti-Doping Foundation (AADF) and
appreciate the financial contributions made by China, Japan, Republic of Korea and
Saudi Arabia and request their continued support, and that of other Governments
thereby promoting the AADF growth as well as the implementation of programs for
the benefit of anti-doping development in the region;

5.9 Assist and promote the activities of the RADOs and the development of NADOs,
where appropriate, through enhanced regional cooperation activities such as the
Anti-Doping Seminars held in Japan, Korea and Qatar already in 2016.
6. Request that the Sporting Movement, comprising the IOC, NOCs, International Federations and National Federations, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to work in partnership and continue to provide further support and assistance to NADOs, RADOs and WADA.

7. Support WADA financially to conduct full and complex investigations by making an additional voluntary contribution to a dedicated WADA Special Investigations Fund, acknowledging the countries within Asia and Oceania that have made a public commitment to contribute - Japan and New Zealand and consideration be given by the AADF to also make a contribution, recognizing the WADA President has indicated he would request the IOC President match all government contributions.

8. Note the major international sports events this year, i.e. the 31st edition of the Olympic Games and the 15th edition of the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the 5th Asian Beach Games in Danang, Vietnam. All Governments are encouraged to cooperate with the Sport Movement to ensure the success of these Games and that they be doping free.

9. Appreciate the kind offer from the Government of China indicating their interest to potentially host the 14th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport in 2017. The WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office will liaise with all stakeholders on, the proposed dates and agenda, and duly advise Governments.

Participant countries (32):
Bahrain, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, New Caledonia, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam.

Guests:
ANOC representative, OCA representative

Approved on 30 May 2016 by the Participants