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*Meeting Chaired by
Dr Mohammed Saleh Al Konbaz, President of the Saudi Arabian Anti-Doping Committee*

The Governments participating in the 16th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport having examined, discussed and fully considered the documents and presentations wish to adopt the following resolutions:

1. Acknowledge the messages given by H.R.H Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Alfaisal, Chair of the Board of Directors of the General Sports Authority (GSA) of Saudi Arabia who expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy to the Republic of Sri Lanka and the victims of the terrorist bombings. Also acknowledging the messages of Mr Olivier Niggli Director General of the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) and thank the kind hosts, the GSA and the Saudi Arabia Anti-Doping Committee (SAADC) for so effectively organizing the meeting.
2. Appreciate the anti-doping country reports and presentations by participating representatives on anti-doping policies and activities, with particular regard for the report of the host country presented by Dr Mohammed Saleh Al Konbaz, President of the SAADC and participants' strong wish to continue to work together in the fight against doping in sport.
3. 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 Code) and recognize and support WADA.
4. Giving due consideration to the presentations, the Governments in cooperation with the Sports Movement, shall undertake the following actions:
 - 4.1. Encourage the three remaining countries in Asia (two) and Oceania (one) that have not yet ratified the Convention to become a State Party.
 - 4.2. For the countries that are States Parties to the Convention, to promote the implementation of their obligations stipulated in the Convention and complete the UNESCO Anti-Doping Questionnaire by 15 May 2019, which is mandatory.
 - 4.3. Support the work of the UNESCO Secretariat, the Bureau of the Conference of the

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Parties to the Convention and in particular the Working Group tasked to develop draft Operational Guidelines and a Framework of Consequences for Non-compliance with the Convention, which are to be presented at the Conference of the Parties meeting to be held in Paris on 29-31 October 2019.

- 4.4. Acknowledge and support the review of the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards are in the final stages of revision, including the adoption of two new Standards for Education and Results Management. All documents are to be approved at the fifth WADA World Conference on Doping in Sport to be held on 5-7 November 2019 in Katowice, Poland to which all stakeholders are invited to attend. The revised Code (2021) and International Standards will come into effect in January 2021.
- 4.5. Encourage Signatories to the 2015 Code i.e. the National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) acting as NADOs with the assistance of the Regional Anti-Doping Organizations (RADOs) in the Asian and Oceania regions to continue to implement the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards through the provision of quality anti-doping programs, and fulfil the monitoring requirements under the guidance of WADA.
- 4.6. Co-operate with WADA and provide strong support for the activities of the WADA Asia/Oceania Office and continue to assist, support and promote the activities of the RADOs and the development of NADOs, particularly through NADO-to-NADO and NADO-to-RADO relationships which facilitate knowledge sharing, building capacity and strengthening the anti-doping system overall.
- 4.7. Agree the WADA Asia/Oceania Office continue to coordinate the election process for the Asian Regional WADA Foundation Board member representatives, noting that to be a candidate for membership the representative must be a Minister or individual designated by the relevant government authority of the country to have Ministerial level status. Agree that to be able to be considered as a candidate for election and to be eligible to vote, a country must have fulfilled the following three (3) criteria: 1) Made a full financial contribution to WADA for at least the 2016-2019 years (four 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.

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- 4.8. Acknowledge and support the drafting of the *Anti-Doping Charter of Athletes Rights* (the Charter) lead by the WADA Athlete's Committee and encourage Governments to support the development of such a Charter.
- 4.9. Note the decision made at the 14th Asian Region intergovernmental meeting in Hangzhou, China that for the Asian region the following funding formula is to apply from 2018 – 2022 (five years): Japan and Brunei Darussalam maintain their 2017 contribution amounts, the Least Developed Countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Yemen (nine) pay at least USD 5000, and any WADA budget increase from 2017 to 2018 and beyond be shared by equal increasing ratio across all other countries.
- 4.10. Approve an 8% WADA budget increase for 2020 in accordance with the decision by the WADA Foundation Board in May 2018 of an 8% increase for years 2019 – 2022 and for each government to prepare their regular WADA budget contribution for 2020 accordingly.
- 4.11. Agree that when it is considered appropriate, the Asian Region Finance Committee (ARFC), comprising the Chair, Professor Kamal Al Hadidi of Jordan, and the four WADA Asian Region Foundation Board members – China, Japan, Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia, together with other interested Government representatives be invited to review the funding formula.
- 4.12. Recognize the progress of the Asian Anti-Doping Foundation (AADF) and appreciate the financial contributions made by China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia, and that of other organizations and Governments, and request their continued support to promote the AADF growth as well as the implementation of programs for the benefit of anti-doping development in the region. We also wish to acknowledge and appreciate the intention by Saudi Arabia to contribute USD 100,000. in 2019 to the AADF.
5. Note the major international sports events coming up in 2019 and 2020 in the regions notably; the 16th Pacific Games, in Apia, Samoa in July 2019, the 30th Southeast Asian Games in November 2019 and the 2020 ASEAN Para Games in January 2020, both to be held in the Philippines and the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020. All Governments in the region are encouraged to cooperate with the Sport Movement to ensure the success of these Games and that they be doping free.

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6. Appreciate the interest shown by Kyrgyzstan and other informal offers by Governments to host the 17th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport in 2020. The WADA Asia/Oceania Office will liaise with all stakeholders on the proposed host and dates, to duly advise all Governments of the decision.

Participant countries (29):

Afghanistan, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, India, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nauru, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Yemen.

Guests:

UNESCO representative, Chairperson of UNESCO Working Group for Operational Guidelines and Consequences Framework, Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organization (ORADO) representative, Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committee representative.

Observers:

South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SA RADO) representatives, West Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (WA RADO) representative

Approved on 29 April 2019 by Participants