Resolution of the 4th Regional Anti-Doping Organization Conference

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14 Regional Anti-Doping Organizations (RADOs), along with the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and the Association of African National Olympic Committees (ANOCA) participated at the 4th RADO Conference, hosted by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in cooperation with the Sport Authority of Thailand and the OCA. After examination, discussion and careful consideration of the information presented during the three days, all participants agreed to adopt the following resolutions:

1) To acknowledge the changes in the anti-doping environment in which RADOs operate, including their recognition in the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code and the increased expectations placed on RADOs and RADO member countries to implement quality anti-doping programs.

2) To recognize the increasingly important role the RADOs play in protecting the clean athlete.

3) To conduct a thorough evaluation of each RADO and work together in developing a way forward through revised strategic and operational plans for the future of each individual RADO.

4) To evaluate, on a continuous basis, each RADO member country’s activities within the RADO and monitor their compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.

5) To ensure clear objectives are identified in advance for the RADO Board Meetings and various Trainings.

6) To ensure Board Members and RADO Member Countries take ownership and are held accountable for their commitment and activity within the RADO.

7) To ensure that appropriate Board Members are nominated by implementing changes to the RADO Board Member nomination process as follows:

   a. As a principle, if a RADO member country has a NADO (or equivalent), then that NADO’s Chairperson (or designate) shall be that country’s RADO Board Member.

   b. If no NADO exists, then RADO Board Members will be jointly nominated by both the NOC and Government (as is currently the case).

   c. Each RADO, in consultation with WADA, has the right to refuse a member country’s Board Member nomination should he/she not meet the requirements of the RADO.
8) To review and clearly outline the roles and responsibilities of the Board Members, Chairpersons, Staff and experts, in line with the evolution of the RADO’s role.

9) To increase training and capacity building programs for RADOs, including their Staff, Board Members and experts.

10) To further develop partnerships with key partners such as the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), Olympic Solidarity, Continental NOC Associations, Governments and socially responsible corporate entities.

11) To empower, develop and support RADO Staff, including evaluating staffing needs in order to provide the required conditions for success.

12) To express thanks and appreciation to the Sport Authority of Thailand and the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand for hosting this 4th RADO Conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

13) To convene the 5th RADO Conference in early 2018.