

## **Resolution of the 15<sup>th</sup> Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport**

*18 June 2018 Colombo*

*Sri Lanka*

*Meeting Chaired by Professor Arjuna De Silva*

The Governments participating in the 15<sup>th</sup> Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport having examined, discussed and fully considered the documents and presentations from the meeting wish to adopt the following resolutions:

1. Acknowledge the messages given by Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister for Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sport of Sri Lanka and WADA President Sir Craig Reedie and Tan Sri Dr Jegathesan Manikavasagam, Chairman of the Medical Committee of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).
2. Appreciate the anti-doping country reports and presentations given by participating representatives on anti-doping policies and activities, in particular, the report of the host country presented by Professor Arjuna De Silva, and participants' strong wish to continue to work together in the fight against doping in sport.
3. Recognize and commend the Sri Lankan Anti-Doping Agency and the Ministry of Provincial Councils, Local Government and Sports of Sri Lanka, for hosting and organizing an effective meeting.
4. Recognise the support given by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), and appreciate representation by Tan Sri Dr Jegathesan Manikavasagam, Chairperson of the OCA Medical Committee at the meeting, and the OCA's continued commitment in providing assistance to regional anti-doping programs to achieve anti-doping policy goals 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 Code) and recognize and support a strong WADA.

6. Giving due consideration to the presentations by Governments, in cooperation with the Sports Movement, shall undertake the following actions:
  - 6.1. Encourage the three 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 and support the work of the UNESCO Secretariat and the Working Group tasked to develop draft Operational Guidelines and a Framework of Consequences for Non-compliance with the Convention, to be presented at the Conference of the Parties meeting in 2019;
  - 6.2. 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 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;
  - 6.3. Acknowledge that the review of the World Anti-Doping Code (2015) and International Standards is underway and encourage all stakeholders to provide their comments to strengthen the anti-doping framework, noting that the fifth World Conference on Doping in Sport is to be held in November 2019 in Katowice, Poland where the final revised 2021 Code and International Standards will be approved in which all stakeholders are invited to attend;
  - 6.4. 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, where appropriate;
  - 6.5. Encourage and recognize, within the Asian and Oceania regions, the strength of NADO-to-NADO and NADO-to-RADO relations enabling the sharing of knowledge, building capacity and strengthening the anti-doping system;
  - 6.6. Approve the WADA Asia/Oceania Office to continue to coordinate the election process for the Asian Regional WADA Foundation Board member representatives, 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. Agree 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 2015-2018 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. Request the voting criteria be reviewed by the WADA Regional office in conjunction with Singapore and other invited observers for consideration at the next Asian Regional intergovernmental meeting in 2019;

- 6.7. 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 and also note the progress of the new Education Standard to be approved at the fifth World Conference in 2019;
  - 6.8. Note the decision made at the 14<sup>th</sup> Asian Region intergovernmental meeting in Hangzhou, China that for the Asian region the following 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;
  - 6.9. Approve an 8% WADA budget increase for 2019 supported by Governments, and in preparing their respective budgets, are invited to account for their regular contribution to the WADA budget for 2019 and also acknowledge and support the decision by the WADA Foundation Board in May 2018 of an 8% increase for years 2019 – 2022;
  - 6.10. 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;
7. Note the major international sports events coming up this year, i.e. the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia in August-September, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Para Games in Jakarta, Indonesia in October, and the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN University Games in Naypyidaw, Myanmar in December. 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.

8. Appreciate and accept the kind offer by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 16<sup>th</sup> Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport in 2019. The WADA Asia/Oceania Office will liaise with all stakeholders on the proposed dates and duly advise Governments.

**Participant countries (27):**

Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam

**Guests:** UNESCO and OCA representatives

**Approved on 18 June 2018 by Participants**