Resolution of the 6th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport

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Amman, Jordan

Meeting Chaired by the Higher Council for Youth

The governments participating in the 6th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental 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. Respect the messages given by, HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein, President of Jordan Olympic Committee, Mr Atef Odibat, Minister of Higher Council For Youth, Jordan and Mr Rob Koehler, Director, Education & Program Development of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to continue to work together in the fight against doping in sport.

2. Appreciate the progress reports and presentations given by participating countries on the recent development of anti-doping policy and activities in each of their countries.

3. Appreciate the report on the anti-doping work undertaken in preparation for the 2009 Asian Youth Games and 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore presented by Mr Eddie Ang, Senior Executive of Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee.

4. Agree that the governments of all participating countries recognize the importance of each governments commitment to carry out the fight against doping in sport in cooperation with the sports movement and will undertake the following actions:

4.1 Urge and encourage the 22 remaining countries in Asia and 10 in Oceania who have not yet ratified the UNESCO International
Convention against Doping in Sport (the Convention) to urgently become a State Party, preferably before the 2nd Conference of Parties meeting held in Paris, in October 2009, or as soon as possible thereafter;

4.2 Encourage their National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) and National Olympic Committee (NOC) to take part in and complete as expeditiously as possible the Code compliance process by providing WADA, where appropriate, with the signed Code acceptance form, the anti-doing rules, and the prompt completion of the WADA on-line survey on Code compliance;

4.3 Provide support to and cooperate with the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office to attain the goals of the Asian Regional Plan for 2009;

4.4 Agree with the contributions to WADA for 2010 and encourage all countries who do not currently contribute to do so.

4.5 Agree that the current funding formula, as agreed in Kuala Lumpur 2007, shall remain in force until 2012 and will be applied to the 2013 WADA budget. It was further agreed that governments would review the current formula and consider other formula options by 31 December, 2012*, with an implementation date for the 2014 WADA budget. It was also agreed that any newly agreed formula will be in-force for a five year period.

4.6 Agree that the WADA Regional Office continue to coordinate the election process of the Asian Regional WADA Foundation Board member representative at the request of the governments present. It was further agreed that countries must have made a full financial contribution to WADA (2005-2009) and have become a State Party to the UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport in order to be able to vote and to be a candidate.
5. Assist and promote the activities of the Regional Anti-Doping Organisations (RADOs) and the development of National Anti-Doping Organisations through enhanced regional cooperation.

6. Appreciate and accept the kind offer from the government of India to host the next meeting proposed for the end of September (timing to be confirmed) in 2010 on the occasion of Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

*The representatives from Bahrain and Qatar expressed their reservations with respect to delaying the review of the current funding formula referred to in article 4.5.

**Participant countries (20):**
Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, China, Cook-Islands, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi-Arabia, Singapore, Syria, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam

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