

Summary Notes of the 4th Asian Region Intergovernmental Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport

- **Date** Monday, 28 May 2007
- **Time** 09:00-17:00
- **Venue** Ball room, Equatorial Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Participants** Refer to the attached list
- **Agenda** Refer to the attached
- **Resolution** Refer to the attached

1) Introduction

It was announced that 53 representatives from 25 Asian countries took part in the meeting.

2) Opening Speeches

- Mr. David Howman, Director General of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), thanked the Malaysian government for hosting the meeting and congratulated them on the establishment of the Anti-Doping Agency Malaysia (ADAMAS).

- Dato' Seri Azalina Dato' Othman Said, Minister of Youth and Sports, Malaysia, spoke of her expectation of strengthening anti-doping and informed participants that ADAMAS was launched.

3) WADA 2007 Global Activities

Mr. David Howman, Director General of World Anti-Doping Agency, explained the current activities of WADA and in particular referred to the new pathways to fight doping which are areas that Governments have a key role to play, including investigations into the trafficking and manufacture of drugs, and the need for regulatory systems to be put in place so that action can be taken. Also outlined was the revision of the World Code and consultation process underway, as well as the World Conference on Doping in Sport to be held in November 2007, at which the changes to the World Code were expected to be adopted.

4) Asian/Oceania Regional Plan 2007

Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director of the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office, elaborated on the activities of the regional office for 2007 and its goals.

5) UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport and the Conference of Parties meeting report

Mr. Jiang Zhixue, China, provided a brief explanation of the Conference of Parties

meeting held in February 2007 and the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport and the need to ratify as soon as possible.

6) Contributions to WADA

- Mr. Olivier Niggli, Chief Financial Officer and Legal Director of WADA, reported on the government contributions to WADA globally and in the region.
- Mr. Noboru Nishisaka, Japan, presented a new proposal for the Asian region governmental contribution formula.
- Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director of WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office, gave a brief explanation of the new formula proposed by Japan and the data, and calculation used.

Discussion and decision:

- Dr. Naser Al Ansari, Qatar, commented that Qatar had recently hosted the Asian region games and as a result their Sports Indicator was higher than usual and queried the data from the World Bank. They had also put enormous resources into the Games and this should be recognized.
- Dr. Waqar Ahmad, Pakistan, suggested that consideration be given to the number of medals won at the games as part of the sports indicator.
- Dato Paduka Haji Jemat Bin Haji Ampal, Brunei Darussalam, requested clarification of the reason for using the ratio of the Sports indicator.
- Mr. Jiang Zhizue, China, expressed their support for the Japanese proposal.

Based on the verbal explanations provided and the information in the background paper and attachments, the discussion satisfied all the representatives' queries.

It was agreed that the new share split formula for contributions to WADA for 2008 and beyond, would use an economic indicator of GNI per capita of 85%, and a Sports Indicator of 15%. And further, all countries who do not currently contribute to WADA should be encouraged to do so.

7) Asian Region WADA Foundation Board Member Election

H.E. Atef Odibat, President of Higher Council of Youth, Jordan, proposed that the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional office continue to undertake the election process on behalf of the governments and to keep the same eligibility conditions for the candidacy, which was agreed.

8) Anti-Doping Progress Report by each participating country

Progress reports from each country were given by the representatives in attendance. The majority of countries spoke of their intention to ratify the Convention as soon as possible.

9) Anti-Doping Development Program in Asia

An explanation of Regional Anti-Doping Organizations (RADOs) with particular reference to their objectives, roles and responsibilities was given by Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director, WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office.

Mahmoud Khalifa Ali, Kuwait and Director General of Gulf States & Yemen RADO, gave a presentation on the successful activities of the GCC & YEM RADO.

10) Future Meeting

The Representative of the Republic of Korea expressed their wish to host the next meeting in Seoul. All in attendance expressed their thanks and agreement to the proposal.

11) Conclusion

Dato Dr. Ramlan Abdul Aziz read the Conference Resolution and invited the participants to adopt the Resolution which all in attendance approved. He also expressed his gratitude to all of the participants for their active participation in discussions which helped to achieve the successful outcomes for the meeting.

● Press Conference

Mr. David Howman, Director General of WADA, expressed his appreciation to the Malaysian Government for hosting the meeting and for the establishment of its new NADO.

Dato Seri Azalina Dato Othman Said, Minister of Youth and Sports, Malaysia, signed the acceptance of the World Anti-Doping Code as the representative of Anti-Doping Agency Malaysia (ADAMAS).