

Summary Notes of the 7th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport

Date:	May 24, 2010
Time:	9:00-17:00
Venue:	Ashok Hotel, Delhi, India
Participants:	Refer to the attached list
Agenda:	Refer to the attached
Resolution:	Refer to the attached

1) Opening

- Mr. Rahul Batnagar, Director General of the National Anti-Doping Agency of India, welcomed participants from Asia and Oceania.
- Mr. David Howman, Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency thanked the Indian government for hosting the 7th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental meeting.
- Dr. M. S. Gill, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, welcomed all participants.

2) WADA 2010 Global Activities

Mr. David Howman gave a presentation on WADA's global anti-doping activities and issues.

3) Anti-Doping Program in India

- Mr. Rahul Bathnagar introduced the National Anti-Doping Agency of India and its activities.
- Mr. Injeti Srinivas, Chief Executive Officer of the National Dope Testing Laboratory introduced the laboratory and its activities.

4) Presentation on Commonwealth Games, Delhi 2010

Dr. Munish Chandar, Deputy Director General, Doping Control Division of the Commonwealth Games 2010 Secretariat, introduced the doping control program for the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games.

5) Asia/Oceania Regional Plan 2010

Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director of the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office, outlined the activities of the regional office for 2010 and its goals.

6) WADA Asian Region Foundation Board Member Election

- Prof. Kamal Hadidi, WADA Foundation Board member for the Asian region, explained the election process for 2010 and proposed that the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional office continue to undertake the election process on behalf of the governments, which was agreed.

Conclusion:

- It was requested that the WADA Regional Office continue to institute the election process according to the proposed timetable.

- In order to be a candidate and to vote a country must have made a full contribution (2005-2010 inclusive) and be a State Party to the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport in order to be a candidate and to vote.

7) UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport

- Mr. Jiang Zhixue, Vice Chairperson of the 2nd COP meeting, reported the outcomes of the 2nd COP meeting held in Paris, France on 26-28 October 2009.
- Ms. Anne Jansen, Senior Manager, WADA Government Relations, provided updates on the UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport and the Voluntary Fund.

8) Contributions to WADA

Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi explained current status of contributions to WADA from the Asian region, the expected budget for 2011 and he anticipated level of contribution by each country for 2011.

Questions and Discussion:

After the presentation by Mr Hayashi, the following concerns were raised by the participants;

- The increase for some countries in recent years has been dramatic.. It is very difficult to justify this increase to the Finance departments of government and ask for increases which are so high.
- The current formula goes against certain countries, who have a small population.
- The increases in Europe are between 1 and 5% is there any way to make the increases gradual? What is Europe's formula?
- Some developed countries in anti-doping keep the same amount of payment annually, whilst some developing countries are now required to pay almost the same amount, which does not seem to be fair.
- Financial contributions to the international organizations are normal however, it is not clear what benefits we are getting based on this current formula.

Following the discussion, Mr Hayashi provided the following information and explanations:

- Any decision regarding contributions and the policy of how it is agreed should come from the Asian governments, not from WADA and he encouraged the participants to make proposals.

Participants made the following suggestions:

- To appoint a small committee to examine the issues and make a recommendation to the next Intergovernmental meeting;
- To keep a fixed amount for contribution each year by a country, with only the annual WADA budget increase added as necessary;
- To review the formula and find a new one from 2012
- To change the indicator (Economic & Sport) and/or each weighting

NB: There were some requests to review the formula for the 2011 contributions, however, it was recommended and finally agreed that the current formula for 2011 be kept due to the resolution of Amman meeting last year.

Conclusion:

The agreements reached were as follows:

- Keep the current contribution formula and the amounts shown in the spreadsheet for 2011;
- Establish a finance committee to examine appropriate funding formulas and make a recommendation to the 8th Intergovernmental Meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 2011. The committee to be composed of the Chairs of the RADO's in Asia and the WADA Foundation Board members with the secretariat provided by the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office
- Encourage non-paying countries to contribute to WADA;

9) Individual Country Anti-Doping Progress Report

Progress reports from each country were given by the representatives in attendance. The majority of countries had made progress in their anti-doping activities.

10) Future Meeting

Saudi Arabia offered to host the next meeting at the end of March 2010 (timing to be confirmed).

11) Conclusion

The Resolution of the 7th Asia/Oceania Regional Intergovernmental Meeting was read and agreed by all participants.