Summary Notes of the 8th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport

Date: 21 May 2011  
Time: 9:00-18:00  
Venue: Conference Palace, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
Participants: Refer to the attached list  
Agenda: Refer to the attached  
Resolution: Refer to the attached

1) Introduction  
Dr. Saleh Al Konbaz, Chairman, Saudi Arabia Anti-Doping Committee, welcomed all participants from 23 countries. Before starting the agenda, Mr. Fujiwara, a representative of the Japanese government expressed his special gratitude to all the governments who kindly supported and assisted Japan with regard to the recent disaster.

2) WADA 2011 Global Activities  
Mr. David Howman, Director General, World Anti-Doping Agency, gave a presentation on WADA's global anti-doping activities and issues.

3) Anti-Doping Policy Development in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Dr. Saleh Al Konbaz, Chairman, Saudi Arabia Anti-Doping Committee, gave a presentation on anti-doping activities in Saudi Arabia.

4) Asian Region WADA Foundation Board Member Election Process in 2011  
Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director, WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office, on behalf of the Asian Foundation Board Member from Malaysia, introduced the Asian Region WADA Foundation Board Member Election Process for 2011.

Discussion:  
The question of whether the number of the votes should be disclosed or not. The WADA Regional Office would follow the decision made by the Governments. The Chairman recommended that instead of making a decision as all countries with the right to vote right were not present, all governments should be asked after the meeting about it by the WADA Regional Office.

Conclusion and decisions:  
1. The WADA Asian Regional Office continues to coordinate the election process according to the proposed timeline.  
2. Countries must have made a full financial contribution to WADA (2005-2011) and have become a State party to the UNESCO Convention in order to be able to vote and be a candidate.  
3. In case of tie, another vote will be taken. If there is still a tied situation, the WADA Executive Committee member, (currently Japan) will undertake a draw.
4. The WADA Regional Office will consult with Governments on whether the number of votes each country receives, should or should not be released to each candidate.

5) Contributions to WADA for 2012 and beyond
Prof. Kamal, Chairman, of the Asian Region Finance Committee, reported the discussions and recommendations made by the Committee which had examined new share split formulas since last Intergovernmental Meeting in India.
Mr. Kazuhiro Hayashi gave a brief explanation of the recommendations put to the Governments by the Asia Finance committee. Following discussions

The participants were asked to express which formula they supported. This was not a vote for each of the formulas, but was for the information of the participants only. The outcome was that countries present were divided into two groups, those which supported Option A (using the current formula i.e. GNI per capita as the economic indicator with a weighting of 85%, and the Athlete number attending the Asian & Summer Olympic Games as the sport indicator with a weighting of 15%); and the other the Option F (using the European formula i.e. GDP as the economic indicator with a weighting of 5, and Population as the other indicator with a weighting of 1).

Discussion:
The composition of the Asian Region Finance committee* was questioned as the majority of members were not from those who had experienced a sharp increase in contributions. Further it was noted that the contribution is a governmental issue and has nothing to do with RADOs.
*NOTE: The Finance Committee was composed of Asian Foundation Board members (Japan, China, Jordan, Malaysia) and 5 RADO Chairs in Asia.
The Chairman of the Asian Finance Committee noted that all governments had been consulted on the issue including the new formulas and were asked to provide comments. All comments provided prior to and at the meeting were taken into consideration and factored into the recommendation by the Finance Committee.

India and Brunei Darussalam suggested finding a compromise as the purpose of discussion and agreement was not to divide the Asian governments into two opposing groups.

It was recommended and agreed that an Ad hoc Committee be established consisting of two representatives from each group (supporting Options A and F) and Chairman of Asian Region Finance Committee should meet with the assistance of WADA RO as a secretariat to discuss and find a consensus for the Asian governments for 2012 contributions.

Conclusion:
Ad hoc Committee (Brunei Darussalam, China, India, and Qatar) recommended the following formula for 2012 contributions and this was approved by participating countries;
- Brunei Darussalam, China, Japan and Least Developed Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Yemen) keep their 2011 contributions;
- The budget increase from 2011 to 2012 will be allocated equally in ratio to the other countries
It was agreed that the contributions for 2013 and beyond will be discussed by the Ad hoc Committee in the coming months and will give recommendation at the 9th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial meeting in 2012.

6) Official Opening Ceremony and Remarks, and Introduction of Participants
Dr Saleh Al Konbaz, Chairman, Saudi Arabia Anti-Doping Committee, welcomed all participants.
Mr. David Howman, Director General, World Anti-Doping Agency, thanked the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its hospitality and generous hosting of the meeting.
H.R.H Prince Nawwaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, President, General Presidency of Youth Welfare, welcomed all delegates and expressed his strong and continued support on anti-doping in sport.

7) Sports Drug Agency Presentation
Dr. Saleh Bawazeer, Vice President for the Saudi Food and Drug Authority, gave a presentation on Medicines Regulations in Saudi Arabia.

8) Individual Country Anti-Doping Progress Report
Progress reports from each country were given by the representatives in attendance. The majority of countries had made a considerable progress in their anti-doping policy development and activities.

9) WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Plan
Kazuhiro Hayashi, Director, WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office, introduced its activities and its plan for 2011.

10) Future Meeting
Both Pakistan and Iran * kindly offered to host the next Asia/Oceania Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting in 2012. It was agreed that the Regional Office would liaise and coordinate with both countries for the hosting of the next meeting and advise all governments of the outcome.

*NOTE: Immediately after the meeting concluded, Brunei Darussalam also made a kind offer to host the next meeting. The Regional Office would like to consider this offer in concert with the other offers and liaise with stakeholders accordingly.

11) UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport (22 May 2011)

12) Conclusion
The Resolution of the 8th Asia/Oceania Regional Intergovernmental Meeting was read and agreed*. (22 May 2011).
*NOTE: Singapore – the representative noted they could not yet adopt 6.5 of the Resolution as the representative was not mandated to do so but would consult with the government on their return from the meeting.