

Resolution of the 14th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport

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Hangzhou, People's Republic of China

Meeting Chaired by Mr Zhang Xiaoning, General Administration of Sport

The Governments participating in the 14th 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 H.E. Li Yingchuan, Vice Minister of Sport, General Administration of Sport (GAS) of China and WADA Foundation Board member, Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland, Vice President of WADA and the Minister for Culture of Norway, Mr Rob Koehler, Deputy Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and Mr Cheng Yuechong, Vice Governor of Zhejiang Province.
2. Appreciate the anti-doping country reports and presentations given by participating representatives on anti-doping policy and activities, in particular, the report of the host country presented by Dr Hu Yahuan, Director of Anti-Doping for GAS, and participants' strong wish to continue to work together in the fight against doping in sport.
3. Appreciate and commend the work of the GAS and the Chinese Anti-Doping Agency (CHINADA) for hosting and efficiently preparing and organizing the meeting.
4. Recognise the support given by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), with appreciation for representation by Tan Sri Dr Jegathesan Manikavasagam, Chairman of the OCA Medical Committee at the meeting, and the OCA's continued assistance for regional anti-doping programs and the importance of the continued promotion and cooperation with the Sport Movement 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 as the only international regulator in the field of anti-doping.

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 including completion of the revised 2017 UNESCO ADLogic questionnaire and participation in the VIth session of the Conference of the Parties meeting to be held on 25 and 26 September 2017 in Paris;
 - 6.2. Encourage countries that require assistance with anti-doping projects, in particular United Nations recognized Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to apply to the UNESCO Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport (UNESCO Voluntary Fund) in cooperation with UNESCO and WADA, recognizing that a country must have ratified the Convention to make an application to the Fund;
 - 6.3. 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;
 - 6.4. Co-operate with WADA and provide strong support for the activities of the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office and continue to assist, support and promote the activities of the RADOs and the development of NADOs, where appropriate;
 - 6.5. Request and agree the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office 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 2014-2017 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. Note that following the September 2017 UNESCO Conference of the Parties meeting in Paris, at which compliance with the Convention is to be discussed,

consider whether another criteria be added, namely that a State Party be in compliance with the Convention. Also of note, for 2018 it was proposed that the WADA Asian Region Foundation Board Members discuss the contribution criteria for voting for 2019;

- 6.6. Commend the work of the Taskforce, comprising Professor Kamal Al Hadidi of Jordan (Chairperson) with representatives of the governments of Brunei Darussalam, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, and Singapore established by resolution 5.7 of the 13th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport, Qatar 2016, to review the Asian Region share formula and propose appropriate formula options for decision to this meeting;
- 6.7. Agree, following due consideration of the three Taskforce recommended formula options, that formula option One for the Asian region apply from 2018 – 2022 (five years) as follows: 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;
- 6.8. Note and agree that a 5% WADA budget increase for 2018 was supported and used for the Taskforce formula options presented, whilst also recognising that WADA priority activities will increase for 2018 and beyond, to reflect stakeholders expectations, and that substantial additional resources will be needed. Governments in preparing their respective budgets are invited to account for their regular contribution to the WADA budget for 2018, and also take into account that there maybe a significant budget increase for 2018 and future years.
- 6.9. 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 organisations 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;
- 6.10. Note the "One Voice" project to be organised via a small adhoc working group, representative of the five regions, which will aim to establish a permanent system of information exchange between government representatives. The aim is to achieve consensus and speak with one voice at WADA Board meetings, with a decision on a

permanent system to be made by the November 2017 WADA Foundation Board meeting in Seoul, and be operational by January 2018.

7. Note the major international sports events coming up this year, i.e. The 5th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, in September with first time participation by 17 NOCs from Oceania, the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Port Vila, Vanuatu in December and the ongoing preparations for the 23rd Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea in February 2018. 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 the very kind offer from the Sri Lankan Government indicating their interest to host the 15th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport in 2018. The WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office will liaise with all stakeholders on the proposed dates and duly advise Governments.

Participant countries (27):

Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, and Vietnam

Guests:

UNESCO and OCA representatives

Approved on 22 May 2017 by the Participants