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FOREWORD

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PART ONE: INTRODUCTION, CODE PROVISIONS, INTERNATIONAL STANDARD PROVISIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

1.0 Introduction and Scope

Signatories to the World Anti-Doping Code (the *Code*) commit to comply with a number of legal, technical and operational requirements that are set out in the *Code* and the accompanying *International Standards*. Such compliance is necessary to deliver harmonized, coordinated and effective Anti-Doping Programs at the international and national level, so that *Athletes* and other stakeholders can experience doping-free competition on a level playing field wherever sport is played.

The *Code* makes *WADA* responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance by *Signatories* with the *Code* and the *International Standards*. The *Code* also requires *Signatories* to report on their compliance to *WADA*.

The *International Standard* for *Code* Compliance by *Signatories* sets out:

- the roles, responsibilities and procedures of the different bodies involved in *WADA*'s compliance monitoring function (Part Two, Section 6);
- the support and assistance that *WADA* will offer to *Signatories* in their efforts to comply with the *Code* and the *International Standards* (Part Two, Section 7);
- the means by which *WADA* will monitor compliance by *Signatories* with their obligations under the *Code* and the *International Standards* (Part Two, Section 8);
- the opportunities and support that *WADA* will offer to *Signatories* to correct *Non-Conformities* before any formal action is taken (Part Two, Section 9);
- the process to be followed in determining non-compliance and the consequences of such non-compliance if a *Signatory* fails to correct the *Non-Conformities*. –This process mirrors, insofar as is appropriate and practicable, the process followed in determining *Code* non-compliance and the consequences of such non-compliance for *Athletes* and other individuals (Part Two, Section 10);
- ~~the range of potential consequences that might be imposed for non-compliance, and~~ the principles to be applied to determine the consequences to be imposed in a particular case, depending on the facts and circumstances of that case (Part Two, Section 11); and
- the procedures that *WADA* will follow to ensure that a *Signatory* that has been determined to be non-compliant is *Reinstated* as quickly as possible once it has corrected that non-compliance (Part Two, Section 12).

The ultimate objective is to ensure that strong, *Code*-compliant anti-doping rules and programs are applied and enforced consistently and effectively across all sports and all countries, so that clean *Athletes* can have confidence that there is fair competition on a level playing field, and public confidence in the integrity of sport can be maintained. However, the *International Standard* for *Code* Compliance by *Signatories* is flexible enough to recognize certain priorities. –In particular, it includes specific provisions

(including a special fast-track process) to enable WADA to take urgent and effective action to address instances of deliberate/bad faith non-compliance with critical *Code* requirements. ~~Beyond that, it~~ also gives WADA discretion to prioritize its compliance efforts in particular areas and/or with particular *Signatories*. ~~Most importantly, Signatories who are seeking in good faith to comply with the Code will be encouraged and supported to achieve and maintain full Code Compliance.~~ The desire is always to have *Signatories* address any compliance issues voluntarily. Having a *Signatory* declared non-compliant and *Signatory Consequences* imposed is the last resort, to be pursued only where the *Signatory* has failed, despite every encouragement, to take the necessary corrective actions within the required timelines.

In the interests of transparency and accountability, WADA may publish as much detail as it considers appropriate about its general compliance monitoring program. ~~It may also publish information about activities and outcomes in respect of individual Signatories who have been the subject of specific action under the program.~~

Terms used in this *International Standard* that are defined terms from the *Code* are written in italics. Terms that are defined in this or another *International Standard* (see Part One, Articles 4.2 and 4.3) are underlined.

2.0 Relevant Code Provisions

The following provisions in the *Code* are the most directly relevant to the *International Standard* for *Code* Compliance by *Signatories*: Article 13.6; Article 20; and Article 23.

~~PURPOSE, SCOPE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM AND THE CODE~~

~~The purposes of the World Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Program which supports it are:~~

- ~~• To protect the Athletes' fundamental right to participate in doping-free sport and thus promote health, fairness and equality for Athletes worldwide, and~~
- ~~• To ensure harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs at the international and national level with regard to detection, deterrence and prevention of doping.~~

~~PART ONE DOPING CONTROL~~

~~INTRODUCTION~~

~~Part One of the Code sets forth specific anti-doping rules and principles that are to be followed by organizations responsible for adopting, implementing or enforcing anti-doping rules within their authority, e.g. the International Olympic Committee, International Paralympic Committee, International Federations, National Olympic Committees and Paralympic Committees, Major Event Organizations, and National Anti-Doping Organizations. All such organizations are collectively referred to as Anti-Doping Organizations.~~

All provisions of the *Code* are mandatory in substance and must be followed as applicable by each *Anti-Doping Organization* and *Athlete* or other *Person*. The *Code* does not, however, replace or eliminate the need for comprehensive anti-doping rules to be adopted by each *Anti-Doping Organization*.—...

Article 12 SANCTIONS AGAINST SIGNATORIES AND AGAINST SPORTING BODIES THAT ARE NOT SIGNATORIES

12.1 The International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories sets out when and how *WADA* may proceed against a *Signatory* for failure to comply with its obligations under the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*, and identifies the range of possible sanctions that may be imposed on the *Signatory* for such non-compliance.

12.2 Nothing in the *Code* or the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories restricts the ability of any *Signatory* or government to take action under its own rules to enforce the obligation on any other sporting body over which it has authority to comply with, implement, uphold and enforce the *Code* within that body's area of competence.

Article 13 APPEALS

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13.6 Appeals from decisions under Article 23.5.5

A notice that is not disputed and so becomes a final decision under Article 23.5.5, finding a *Signatory* non-compliant with the *Code* and imposing consequences for such non-compliance, as well as conditions for reinstatement of the *Signatory*, may be appealed to *CAS* as provided in the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.

PART 3 — ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All *Signatories* shall act in a spirit of partnership and collaboration in order to ensure the success of the fight against doping in sport and the respect of the *Code*.

[Comment: Responsibilities for Signatories and Athletes or other Persons are addressed in various Articles in the Code and the responsibilities listed in this part are additional to these responsibilities.]

~~Article 20 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SIGNATORIES~~

~~20.1 Roles and Responsibilities of the International Olympic Committee~~

~~20.1.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping policies and rules for the Olympic Games which conform with the Code.~~

~~20.1.2 To require as a condition of recognition by the International Olympic Committee that International Federations and National Olympic Committees within the Olympic Movement are in compliance with the Code.~~

~~20.1.3 To withhold some or all Olympic funding and/or other benefits from sport organizations that are not in compliance with the Code, where required under Article 23.5.~~

~~20.1.4 To take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the Code, in accordance with Article 23.5 and the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~20.1.5 To authorize and facilitate the Independent Observer Program.~~

~~20.1.6 To require all Athletes and each Athlete Support Person who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in the Olympic Games to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules in conformity with the Code as a condition of such participation.~~

~~20.1.7 To vigorously pursue all potential anti-doping rule violations within its jurisdiction including investigation into whether Athlete Support Personnel or other Persons may have been involved in each case of doping.~~

~~20.1.8 To accept bids for the Olympic Games only from countries where the government has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the UNESCO Convention and the National Olympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee and National Anti-Doping Organization are in compliance with the Code.~~

~~20.1.9 To promote anti-doping education.~~

~~20.1.10 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other Anti-Doping Organizations.~~

~~20.2 Roles and Responsibilities of the International Paralympic Committee~~

~~20.2.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping policies and rules for the Paralympic Games which conform with the Code.~~

~~20.2.2 To require as a condition of membership of the International Paralympic Committee, that International Federations and National Paralympic Committees within the Paralympic Movement are in compliance with the Code.~~

~~20.2.3 To withhold some or all Paralympic funding and/or other benefits from sport organizations that are not in compliance with the Code, where required under Article 23.5.~~

~~20.2.4 To take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the Code, in accordance with Article 23.5 and the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~20.2.5 To authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program*.~~

~~20.2.6 To require all *Athletes* and each *Athlete Support Person* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in the Paralympic Games to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules in conformity with the Code as a condition of such participation.~~

~~20.2.7 To vigorously pursue all potential anti-doping rule violations within its jurisdiction including investigation into whether *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Persons* may have been involved in each case of doping.~~

~~20.2.8 To promote anti-doping education.~~

~~20.2.9 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.~~

~~20.3 Roles and Responsibilities of International Federations~~

~~20.3.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping policies and rules which conform with the Code.~~

~~20.3.2 To require as a condition of membership that the policies, rules and programs of their National Federations and other members are in compliance with the Code, and to take appropriate action to enforce that condition.~~

~~20.3.3 To require all *Athletes* and each *Athlete Support Person* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in a *Competition* or activity authorized or organized by the International Federation or one of its member organizations to agree to be bound by~~

~~anti-doping rules in conformity with the Code as a condition of such participation.~~

~~20.3.4 To require Athletes who are not regular members of the International Federation or one of its member National Federations to be available for Sample collection and to provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information as part of the International Federation's Registered Testing Pool consistent with the conditions for eligibility established by the International Federation or, as applicable, the Major Event Organization.~~

~~[Comment to Article 20.3.4: This would include, for example, Athletes from professional leagues.]~~

~~20.3.5 To require each of their National Federations to establish rules requiring all Athletes and each Athlete Support Person who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in a Competition or activity authorized or organized by a National Federation or one of its member organizations to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules and Anti-Doping Organization results management authority in conformity with the Code as a condition of such participation.~~

~~20.3.6 To require National Federations to report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to their National Anti-Doping Organization and International Federation and to cooperate with investigations conducted by any Anti-Doping Organization with authority to conduct the investigation.~~

~~20.3.7 To take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the Code, in accordance with Article 23.5 and the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~20.3.8 To authorize and facilitate the Independent Observer Program at International Events.~~

~~20.3.9 To withhold some or all funding to their member National Federations that are not in compliance with the Code.~~

~~20.3.10 To vigorously pursue all potential anti-doping rule violations within their jurisdiction including investigation into whether Athlete Support Personnel or other Persons may have been involved in each case of doping, to ensure proper enforcement of Consequences, and to conduct an automatic investigation of Athlete Support Personnel in the case of any anti-doping rule violation involving a Minor or Athlete Support~~

~~Person who has provided support to more than one Athlete found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation.~~

~~20.3.11 To accept bids for World Championships and other International Events only from countries where the government has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the UNESCO Convention and the National Olympic Committee and National Anti-Doping Organization are in compliance with the Code.~~

~~20.3.12 To promote anti-doping education, including requiring National Federations to conduct anti-doping education in coordination with the applicable National Anti-Doping Organization.~~

~~20.3.13 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other Anti-Doping Organizations.~~

~~20.3.14 To cooperate fully with WADA in connection with investigations conducted by WADA pursuant to Article 20.7.10.~~

~~20.3.15 To have disciplinary rules in place and require National Federations to have disciplinary rules in place to prevent Athlete Support Personnel who are Using Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods without valid justification from providing support to Athletes within the International Federation's or National Federation's authority.~~

~~20.4 Roles and Responsibilities of National Olympic Committees and National Paralympic Committees.~~

~~20.4.1 To ensure that their anti-doping policies and rules conform with the Code.~~

~~20.4.2 To require as a condition of membership or recognition that National Federations' anti-doping policies and rules are in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to take appropriate action to enforce that condition.~~

~~20.4.3 To respect the autonomy of the National Anti-Doping Organization in their country and not to interfere in its operational decisions and activities.~~

~~20.4.4 To require National Federations to report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to their National Anti-Doping Organization and International Federation and to cooperate with investigations conducted by any Anti-Doping Organization with authority to conduct the investigation.~~

~~20.4.5 To require as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games that, at a minimum, Athletes~~

~~who are not regular members of a National Federation be available for *Sample* collection and to provide whereabouts information as required by the International Standard for Testing and Investigations as soon as the *Athlete* is identified on the long list or subsequent entry document submitted in connection with the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games.~~

~~20.4.6 To cooperate with their *National Anti-Doping Organization* and to work with their government to establish a *National Anti-Doping Organization* where one does not already exist, provided that in the interim, the *National Olympic Committee* or its designee shall fulfil the responsibility of a *National Anti-Doping Organization*.~~

~~20.4.6.1 For those countries that are members of a *Regional Anti-Doping Organization*, the *National Olympic Committee*, in cooperation with the government, shall maintain an active and supportive role with their respective *Regional Anti-Doping Organizations*.~~

~~20.4.7 To require each of their National Federations to establish rules (or other means) requiring each *Athlete Support Person* who participates as a coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in a *Competition* or activity authorized or organized by a National Federation or one of its member organizations to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules and *Anti-Doping Organization* results management authority in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.~~

~~20.4.8 To withhold some or all funding, during any period of his or her *Ineligibility*, to any *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Person* who has violated anti-doping rules.~~

~~20.4.9 To withhold some or all funding to their member or recognized National Federations that are not in compliance with the *Code*.~~

~~20.4.10 To vigorously pursue all potential anti-doping rule violations within their jurisdiction including investigation into whether *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Persons* may have been involved in each case of doping.~~

~~20.4.11 To promote anti-doping education, including requiring National Federations to conduct anti-doping education in coordination with the applicable *National Anti-Doping Organization*.~~

~~20.4.12 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.~~

~~20.4.13 To have disciplinary rules in place to prevent Athlete Support Personnel who are Using Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods without valid justification from providing support to Athletes within the National Olympic Committee's or National Paralympic Committee's authority.~~

~~20.5 Roles and Responsibilities of National Anti-Doping Organizations:~~

~~20.5.1 To be independent in their operational decisions and activities.~~

~~20.5.2 To adopt and implement anti-doping rules and policies which conform with the Code.~~

~~20.5.3 To cooperate with other relevant national organizations and agencies and other Anti-Doping Organizations.~~

~~20.5.4 To encourage reciprocal Testing between National Anti-Doping Organizations.~~

~~20.5.5 To promote anti-doping research.~~

~~20.5.6 Where funding is provided, to withhold some or all funding, during any period of his or her Ineligibility, to any Athlete or Athlete Support Person who has violated anti-doping rules.~~

~~20.5.7 To vigorously pursue all potential anti-doping rule violations within their jurisdiction including investigation into whether Athlete Support Personnel or other Persons may have been involved in each case of doping and to ensure proper enforcement of Consequences.~~

~~20.5.8 To promote anti-doping education.~~

~~20.5.9 To conduct an automatic investigation of Athlete Support Personnel within their jurisdiction in the case of any anti-doping rule violation by a Minor and to conduct an automatic investigation of any Athlete Support Person who has provided support to more than one Athlete found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation.~~

~~20.5.10 To cooperate fully with WADA in connection with investigations conducted by WADA pursuant to Article 20.7.10.~~

~~[Comment to Article 20.5: For some smaller countries, a number of the responsibilities described in this Article may be delegated by their National Anti-Doping Organization to a Regional Anti-Doping Organization.]~~

~~20.6 Roles and Responsibilities of Major Event Organizations.~~

~~20.6.1 To adopt and implement anti-doping policies and rules for their *Events* which conform with the *Code*.~~

~~20.6.2 To take appropriate action to discourage non-compliance with the *Code*, in accordance with Article 23.5 and the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~20.6.3 To authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program*.~~

~~20.6.4 To require all *Athletes* and each *Athlete Support Person* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel in the *Event* to agree to be bound by anti-doping rules in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation.~~

~~20.6.5 To vigorously pursue all potential anti-doping rule violations within its jurisdiction including investigation into whether *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Persons* may have been involved in each case of doping.~~

~~20.6.6 To accept bids for *Events* only from countries where the government has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the *UNESCO Convention* and the *National Olympic Committee* and *National Anti-Doping Organization* are in compliance with the *Code*.~~

~~20.6.7 To promote anti-doping education.~~

~~20.6.8 To cooperate with relevant national organizations and agencies and other *Anti-Doping Organizations*.~~

~~20.7 Roles and Responsibilities of WADA.~~

~~20.7.1 To adopt and implement policies and procedures which conform with the *Code*.~~

~~20.7.2 To provide support and guidance to *Signatories* in their efforts to comply with the *Code* and the *International Standards*, to monitor such compliance by *Signatories*, to notify *Signatories* of instances of non-conformity and explain what must be done to correct them, to secure the imposition of appropriate consequences when a *Signatory* does not correct the non-conformity, as well as conditions that the *Signatory* must satisfy in order to be reinstated to the list of *Code-compliant Signatories*, and to verify the fulfilment of those conditions, all in accordance with the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~20.7.3 To approve *International Standards* applicable to the implementation of the *Code*.~~

~~20.7.4 To accredit and reaccredit laboratories to conduct *Sample* analysis or to approve others to conduct *Sample* analysis.~~

~~20.7.5 To develop and publish guidelines and models of best practice.~~

~~20.7.6 To promote, conduct, commission, fund and coordinate anti-doping research and to promote anti-doping education.~~

~~20.7.7 To design and conduct an effective *Independent Observer Program* and other types of *Event* advisory programs.~~

~~20.7.8 To conduct, in exceptional circumstances and at the direction of the WADA Director General, *Doping Controls* on its own initiative or as requested by other *Anti-Doping Organizations*, and to cooperate with relevant national and international organizations and agencies, including but not limited to, facilitating inquiries and investigations.~~

~~[Comment to Article 20.7.8: WADA is not a Testing agency, but it reserves the right, in exceptional circumstances, to conduct its own tests where problems have been brought to the attention of the relevant Anti-Doping Organization and have not been satisfactorily addressed.]~~

~~20.7.9 To approve, in consultation with International Federations, *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, and *Major Event Organizations*, defined *Testing* and *Sample* analysis programs.~~

~~20.7.10 To initiate its own investigations of anti-doping rule violations and other activities that may facilitate doping.~~

~~PART FOUR — ACCEPTANCE, COMPLIANCE, MODIFICATION AND INTERPRETATION~~

~~Article 23 ACCEPTANCE, COMPLIANCE AND MODIFICATION~~

~~23.1 Acceptance of the Code~~

~~23.1.1 The following entities shall be *Signatories* accepting the Code: WADA, the International Olympic Committee, International Federations, the International Paralympic Committee, *National Olympic Committees*, National Paralympic Committees, *Major Event Organizations*, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*. These entities shall accept the Code by signing a declaration of acceptance upon approval by each of their respective governing bodies.~~

~~[Comment to Article 23.1.1: Each accepting Signatory will separately sign an identical copy of the standard form common declaration of acceptance and deliver it to WADA. The act of acceptance will be as authorized by the organic documents of each organization. For example, an International Federation by its Congress and WADA by its Foundation Board.]~~

~~23.1.2 Other sport organizations that may not be under the control of a Signatory may, upon WADA's invitation, also become a Signatory by accepting the Code.~~

~~[Comment to Article 23.1.2: Those professional leagues that are not currently under the jurisdiction of any government or International Federation will be encouraged to accept the Code.]~~

~~23.1.3 A list of all acceptances will be made public by WADA.~~

~~23.2 Implementation of the Code~~

~~23.2.1 The Signatories shall implement applicable Code provisions through policies, statutes, rules or regulations according to their authority and within their relevant spheres of responsibility.~~

~~23.2.2 The following Articles as applicable to the scope of the anti-doping activity which the Anti-Doping Organization performs must be implemented by Signatories without substantive change (allowing for any non-substantive changes to the language in order to refer to the organization's name, sport, section numbers, etc.):~~

- ~~• Article 1 (Definition of Doping)~~
- ~~• Article 2 (Anti-Doping Rule Violations)~~
- ~~• Article 3 (Proof of Doping)~~
- ~~• Article 4.2.2 (Specified Substances)~~
- ~~• Article 4.3.3 (WADA's Determination of the Prohibited List)~~
- ~~• Article 7.11 (Retirement from Sport)~~
- ~~• Article 9 (Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results)~~
- ~~• Article 10 (Sanctions on Individuals)~~
- ~~• Article 11 (Consequences to Teams)~~
- ~~• Article 13 (Appeals) with the exception of 13.2.2, 13.6, and 13.7~~

- ~~Article 15.1 (Recognition of Decisions)~~
- ~~Article 17 (Statute of Limitations)~~
- ~~Article 24 (Interpretation of the Code)~~
- ~~Appendix 1—Definitions~~

~~No additional provision may be added to a Signatory's rules which changes the effect of the Articles enumerated in this Article. A Signatory's rules must expressly acknowledge the Commentary of the Code and endow the Commentary with the same status that it has in the Code.~~

~~[Comment to Article 23.2.2: Nothing in the Code precludes an Anti-Doping Organization from adopting and enforcing its own specific disciplinary rules for conduct by Athlete Support Personnel related to doping but which does not, in and of itself, constitute an anti-doping rule violation under the Code. For example, a National or International Federation could refuse to renew the license of a coach when multiple Athletes have committed anti-doping rule violations while under that coach's supervision.]~~

~~23.2.3 In implementing the Code, the Signatories are encouraged to use the models of best practice recommended by WADA.~~

~~23.3 Implementation of Anti-Doping Programs:~~

~~Signatories shall devote sufficient resources in order to implement anti-doping programs that are compliant in all areas with the Code and the International Standards.~~

~~23.4 Compliance with the Code~~

~~Signatories shall not be considered in compliance with the Code until they have accepted and implemented the Code in accordance with Articles 23.1, 23.2, and 23.3. They shall no longer be considered in compliance once acceptance has been withdrawn.~~

~~23.5 Monitoring and Enforcing Compliance with the Code~~

~~23.5.1 Compliance by Signatories with the Code and the International Standards shall be monitored by WADA in accordance with the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~23.5.2 To facilitate such monitoring, each Signatory shall report to WADA on its compliance with the Code and the International Standards as and when required by WADA. As part of that reporting, the Signatory shall provide accurately all~~

~~of the information requested by WADA and shall explain the actions it is taking to correct any non-conformities.~~

~~23.5.3 Failure by a Signatory to provide accurate information in accordance with Article 23.5.2 itself constitutes an instance of non-conformity with the Code, as does failure by a Signatory to submit accurate information to WADA where required by other Articles of the Code or by the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~23.5.4 In cases of non-conformity (whether with reporting obligations or otherwise), WADA shall follow the corrective procedures set out in the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories. If the Signatory fails to correct the non-conformity within the specified timeframe, then (following approval of such course by WADA's Executive Committee) WADA shall send a formal notice to the Signatory, asserting that the Signatory is non-compliant, specifying the consequences that WADA proposes should apply for such non-compliance, and specifying the conditions that WADA proposes the Signatory should have to satisfy in order to be reinstated to the list of Code-compliant Signatories. That notice will be publicly reported in accordance with the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~23.5.5 If the Signatory does not dispute WADA's assertion of non-compliance or the consequences or reinstatement conditions proposed by WADA within twenty one days of receipt of the formal notice, the assertion will be deemed admitted and the consequences and reinstatement conditions will be deemed accepted, the notice will automatically become a final decision, and (subject only to any appeal filed in accordance with Article 13.6) it will be enforceable with immediate effect in accordance with Article 23.5.9. The decision will be publicly reported as provided in the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.~~

~~23.5.6 If the Signatory wishes to dispute WADA's assertion of non-compliance, and/or the consequences and/or the reinstatement conditions proposed by WADA, it must notify WADA in writing within twenty one days of its receipt of the notice from WADA. WADA shall then file a formal notice of dispute with CAS and that dispute will be resolved by the CAS Ordinary Arbitration Division in accordance with the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories. WADA shall have the burden of proving, on the balance of probabilities, that the Signatory is non-compliant. If the CAS Panel decides that WADA has met that burden, and if the Signatory has also disputed the consequences and/or the reinstatement conditions proposed by WADA, the CAS Panel~~

will also consider, by reference to the relevant provisions of the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories, what consequences should be imposed and/or what conditions the *Signatory* should be required to satisfy in order to be reinstated.

23.5.7—WADA will publicly report the fact that the case has been referred to CAS for determination. Each of the following *Persons* shall have the right to intervene and participate as a party in the case, provided it gives notice of its intervention within 10 days of such publication by WADA: (a) the International Olympic Committee and/or the International Paralympic Committee (as applicable), and the *National Olympic Committee* and/or the National Paralympic Committee (as applicable), where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games (including decisions affecting eligibility to attend/participate in the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games); and (b) an International Federation, where the decision may have an effect on participation in the International Federation's World Championships/*International Events* and/or on a bid that has been submitted for a country to host the International Federation's World Championships. Any other *Person* wishing to participate as a party in the case must apply to CAS within 10 days of publication by WADA of the fact that the case has been referred to CAS for determination. CAS shall permit such intervention (i) if all other parties in the case agree; or (ii) if the applying *Person* demonstrates a sufficient legal interest in the outcome of the case to justify its participation as a party.

23.5.8—CAS's decision resolving the dispute will be publicly reported by CAS and by WADA. Subject to the right under Swiss law to challenge that decision before the Swiss Federal Tribunal, the decision shall be final and enforceable with immediate effect in accordance with Article 23.5.9.

23.5.9—The following decisions are applicable worldwide, and shall be recognized, respected and given full effect by all other *Signatories* in accordance with their authority and within their respective spheres of responsibility: (a) final decisions issued in accordance with Article 23.5.5 (subject to any appeal under Article 13.6) or Article 23.5.8, determining that a *Signatory* is non-compliant, and/or imposing consequences for such non-compliance, and/or setting conditions that the *Signatory* has to satisfy in order to be reinstated to the list of *Code*-compliant *Signatories*; and (b) final decisions issued in accordance with Article 23.5.10, determining that a *Signatory* has not yet met all of the reinstatement conditions imposed on it and therefore is not yet entitled to be reinstated to the list of *Code*-compliant *Signatories*.

~~23.5.10—If a *Signatory* wishes to dispute *WADA's* assertion that the *Signatory* has not yet met all of the reinstatement conditions imposed on it and therefore is not yet entitled to be reinstated to the list of *Code* compliant *Signatories*, the *Signatory* must file a formal notice of dispute with *CAS* (with a copy to *WADA*) within twenty one days of its receipt of the assertion from *WADA*. The dispute will be resolved by the *CAS* Ordinary Arbitration Division in accordance with Articles 23.5.6 to 23.5.8. It will be *WADA's* burden to prove on the balance of probabilities that the *Signatory* has not yet met all of the reinstatement conditions imposed on it and therefore is not yet entitled to be reinstated.~~

~~23.6—Monitoring Compliance with the *UNESCO Convention*~~

~~Compliance with the commitments reflected in the *UNESCO Convention* will be monitored as determined by the Conference of Parties to the *UNESCO Convention*, following consultation with the State Parties and *WADA*. *WADA* shall advise governments on the implementation of the *Code* by the *Signatories* and shall advise *Signatories* on the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the *UNESCO Convention* by governments.~~

3.0 Relevant Provisions of the *International Standard for Laboratories*

The following ~~provisions~~[provision](#) in the *International Standard for Laboratories* ~~are~~[is](#) directly relevant to the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*:

~~4.1—Applying for a *WADA* Laboratory Accreditation~~

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~~Article 4.1.2—Submitting initial application form.~~

~~The candidate laboratory shall complete the necessary information in the Application Form as provided by *WADA* and deliver this to *WADA*. The Application shall be signed by the Laboratory Director and, if relevant, by the Director of the host organization.~~

~~At this stage, *WADA* will verify the existence of a National Anti-Doping Program (compliant with the *Code* and *International Standards*) in the country where the candidate laboratory is located, the ratification of the *UNESCO Convention* against Doping in Sport by the host country of the candidate laboratory, as well as the payment of the nation's financial contributions to *WADA*.~~

4.0 Definitions and Interpretation

4.1 Defined terms from the ~~2015~~2021 Code that are used in the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*

ADAMS: The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a Web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.

Adverse Analytical Finding: A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory that, consistent with the International Standard for Laboratories and related Technical Documents, identifies in a Sample the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the *Use of a Prohibited Method*.

Adverse Passport Finding: A report identified as an *Adverse Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

Aggravating Factors: This term encompasses a deliberate attempt to circumvent or undermine the Code or the International Standards and/or to corrupt the anti-doping system, an attempt to cover up non-compliance, or any other form of bad faith on the part of the Signatory in question; a persistent refusal or failure by the Signatory to make any reasonable effort to correct Non-Conformities that are notified to it by WADA; repeat offending; and any other factor that aggravates the Signatory's failure to comply with the Code and/or International Standards.

Anti-Doping Activities: Anti-doping education and information, test distribution planning, maintenance of a Registered Testing Pool, managing Athlete Biological Passports, conducting Testing, organizing analysis of Samples, gathering of intelligence and conduct of investigations, processing of TUE applications, results management, hearings, monitoring and enforcing compliance with any consequences imposed, and all other activities related to anti-doping to be carried out by or on behalf of a Signatory, as set out in the Code and/or the International Standards.

Anti-Doping Organization: A Signatory (other than WADA) that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the *Doping Control* process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other *Major Event Organizations* that conduct *Testing* at their *Events*, WADA, International Federations, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

Approved Third Party: One or more Anti-Doping Organizations and/or service providers selected or approved by WADA, following consultation with the non-compliant Signatory, to Supervise or Takeover some or all of that Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities. As a last resort, if there is no other suitable body available, then WADA may carry out this function itself.

Athlete: Any *Person* who competes in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation) or the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*). An *Anti-Doping Organization* has discretion to apply anti-doping rules to an *Athlete* who is neither an *International-Level Athlete* nor a *National-Level Athlete*, and thus to bring them within the definition of “Athlete.” ...

Athlete Biological Passport: The program and methods of gathering and collating data as described in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* and *International Standard for Laboratories*.

Athlete Support Personnel: Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent or any other *Person* working with, treating or assisting an *Athlete* participating in or preparing for sports *Competition*.

Atypical Finding: A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory which requires further investigation as provided by the *International Standard for Laboratories* or related Technical Documents prior to the determination of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

CAS: The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Code: The World Anti-Doping Code.

Critical: A requirement that is considered to be critical to the fight against doping in sport. See further Annex A of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*.

Doping Control: All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal and the enforcement of Consequences, including all steps and processes in between ~~such as provision of including but not limited to Testing, investigations,~~ whereabouts information, TUEs, Sample collection and handling, laboratory analysis, ~~TUEs, results management and Results Management,~~ hearings, and appeals, and investigations or proceedings relating to violations of Article 10.13 (Status During Ineligibility or Mandatory Provisional Suspension).

Event: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships, or Pan American Games).

Fine: Payment by the Signatory of an amount that reflects the seriousness of the non-compliance/Aggravating Factors, their duration, and the need to deter similar conduct in future, but in any event the fine shall not exceed the lower of (a) 10% of the Signatory’s annual income and (b) US\$100,000. The fine will be applied by WADA to finance further Code compliance monitoring activities.

High Priority: A requirement that is considered to be high priority but not Critical in the fight against doping in sport. See further Annex A of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*.

Independent Observer Program: A team of observers and/or auditors, under the supervision of WADA, who observe and provide guidance on the *Doping Control* process at prior to or during certain *Events* and report on their observations as part of WADA's compliance monitoring program.

International Event: An *Event* or *Competition* where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a *Major Event Organization*, or another international sport organization is the ruling body for the *Event* or appoints the technical officials for the *Event*.

International Standard: A standard adopted by WADA in support of the *Code*. Compliance with an *International Standard* (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the *International Standard* were performed properly. *International Standards* shall include any Technical Documents issued pursuant to the *International Standard*.

Major Event Organizations: The continental associations of *National Olympic Committees* and other international multisport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other *International Event*.

National Anti-Doping Organization: The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of *Samples*, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's *National Olympic Committee* or its designee.

National Olympic Committee: The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term *National Olympic Committee* shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical *National Olympic Committee* responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

Non-Conformity: Where a Signatory is not complying with the Code and/or the International Standards but the opportunities provided in the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories to correct the Non-Conformity/Non-Conformities have not yet expired and so WADA has not yet formally asserted that the Signatory is non-compliant.

Other: A requirement that is considered to be important to the fight against doping in sport but does not fall into the categories of Critical or High Priority. See further Annex A of the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories.

Person: A natural *Person* or an organization or other entity.

Prohibited Substance: Any substance, or class of substances, so described on the *Prohibited List*.

Regional Anti-Doping Organization: A regional entity designated by member countries to coordinate and manage delegated areas of their national Anti-

Doping Programs, which may include the adoption and implementation of anti-doping rules, the planning and collection of Samples, the management of results, the review of TUEs, the conduct of hearings, and the conduct of educational programs at a regional level.

Registered Testing Pool: The pool of highest-priority *Athletes* established separately at the international level by International Federations and at the national level by *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, who are subject to focused *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* as part of that International Federation's or *National Anti-Doping Organization's* test distribution plan and therefore are required to provide whereabouts information as provided in Article 5.6 and the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

Reinstatement: When a Signatory that was previously declared non-compliant with the Code and/or the International Standards is determined to have corrected that non-compliance and to have met all of the other conditions imposed in accordance with Article 12 of the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories for reinstatement of its name to the list of Code-compliant Signatories (and Reinstated shall be interpreted accordingly).

Representatives: Officials, directors, officers, elected members, employees, and committee members of the Signatory or other body in question, and also (in the case of a National Anti-Doping Organization or a National Olympic Committee acting as a National Anti-Doping Organization) representatives of the government of the country of that National Anti-Doping Organization or National Olympic Committee.

~~**Regional Anti-Doping Organization:** A regional entity designated by member countries to coordinate and manage delegated areas of their national Anti-Doping Programs, which may include the adoption and implementation of anti-doping rules, the planning and collection of Samples, the management of results, the review of TUEs, the conduct of hearings, and the conduct of educational programs at a regional level.~~

Sample or Specimen: Any biological material collected for the purposes of *Doping Control*.

Signatories: Those entities signing the *Code* and agreeing to comply with the *Code*, as provided in Article 23.

Special Monitoring: Where, as part of the consequences imposed on a non-compliant Signatory, WADA applies a system of specific and ongoing monitoring to some or all of the Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities, to ensure that the Signatory is carrying out those activities in a compliant manner.

Supervision: Where, as part of the consequences imposed on a non-compliant Signatory, an Approved Third Party oversees and supervises the Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities, as directed by WADA, at the Signatory's expense (and Supervise shall be interpreted accordingly).

Takeover: Where, as part of the consequences imposed on a non-compliant Signatory, an Approved Third Party takes over all or some of the Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities, as directed by WADA, at the Signatory's expense.

Target Testing: Selection of specific Athletes for Testing based on criteria set forth in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

Testing: The parts of the *Doping Control* process involving test distribution planning, *Sample* collection, *Sample* handling, and *Sample* transport to the laboratory.

TUE: Therapeutic Use Exemption, as described in Article 4.4.

UNESCO Convention: The International Convention against Doping in Sport adopted by the 33rd session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October 2005, including any and all amendments adopted by the States Parties to the Convention and the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

WADA: The World Anti-Doping Agency.

4.2 Defined terms from the 2021 International Standard for Testing and Investigations that are used in the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories

Sample Collection Authority: The organization that is responsible for the collection of *Samples* in compliance with the requirements of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, whether (1) the Testing Authority itself; or (2) another organization (for example, a third party contractor) to whom the Testing Authority has delegated or sub-contracted such responsibility (provided that the Testing Authority always remains ultimately responsible under the *Code* for compliance with the requirements of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* relating to collection of *Samples*).

Sample Collection Personnel: A collective term for qualified officials authorized by the Sample Collection Authority to carry out or assist with duties during the Sample Collection Session.

Test Distribution Plan: A document written by an *Anti-Doping Organization* that plans *Testing* on Athletes over whom it has Testing Authority, in accordance with the requirements of Article 4 of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, including but not limited to the outcomes of a Risk Assessment, defining International Level Athletes and National Level Athletes within the Anti-Doping Organization's anti-doping program, followed by appropriate prioritization between sport(s) and/or sport disciplines, between categories of Athletes, between types of Testing and Samples collected, and types of Sample analysis including the requirements of the TDSSA.

Testing Authority: The organization that has authorized a particular Sample collection, whether (1) an Anti-Doping Organization (for

~~example, the International Olympic Committee or other Major Event Organization, WADA, an International Federation, or a National Anti-Doping Organization); or (2) that authorizes Testing on Athletes it has authority over. It may authorize another organization conducting to conduct Testing pursuant to the authority of and in accordance with the rules of the Anti-Doping Organization (for example, a National Federation that is a member of an International Federation). The Anti-Doping Organization authorizing Testing remains the Testing Authority and ultimately responsible under the Code to ensure the organization conducting the Testing does so in compliance with the requirements of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.~~

4.3 Defined terms specific to the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories

~~**Aggravating Factors:** Applicable only in cases involving non-compliance with one or more Critical requirements, this term encompasses a deliberate attempt to circumvent or undermine the Code or the International Standards and/or to corrupt the anti-doping system, an attempt to cover up non-compliance, or any other form of bad faith on the part of the Signatory in question; a persistent refusal or failure by the Signatory to make any reasonable effort to correct Non Conformities that are notified to it by WADA; repeat offending; and any other factor that aggravates the Signatory's failure to comply with the Code and/or International Standards.~~

~~**Anti-Doping Activities:** Anti-doping education and information, test distribution planning, maintenance of a Registered Testing Pool, managing Athlete Biological Passports, conducting Testing, organizing analysis of Samples, gathering of intelligence and conduct of investigations, processing of TUE applications, results management, hearings, monitoring and enforcing compliance with any consequences imposed, and all other activities related to anti-doping to be carried out by or on behalf of a Signatory, as set out in the Code and/or the International Standards.~~

Anti-Doping Program: The legislation, rules, regulations, processes and procedures, and other activities (including Anti-Doping Activities) that a Signatory is required to implement in order to achieve Code Compliance.

~~**Approved Third Party:** One or more Anti-Doping Organizations and/or service providers selected or approved by WADA, following consultation with the non-compliant Signatory, to Supervise or Takeover some or all of that Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities. As a last resort, if there is no other suitable body available, then WADA may carry out this function itself.~~

Code Compliance: Compliance with all of the requirements in the Code and/or the International Standards that apply to the Signatory in question.

Code Compliance Questionnaire: A self-assessment survey issued by WADA in the form of a questionnaire through which a Signatory reports to WADA on its Code Compliance.

Compliance Audit: A formal assessment conducted by WADA of all or part of a *Signatory's* Anti-Doping Program, in accordance with Article 8.7.

Compliance Review Committee or **CRC:** As described in Article 6.2.1.

Corrective Action Plan: A plan drafted by a *Signatory*, setting out how the *Signatory* will implement the corrective actions identified by WADA in a Corrective Action Report within the timelines set in that report.

Corrective Action Report: A report produced by WADA that identifies *Non-Conformities* by a *Signatory* and the corrective actions that the *Signatory* must take to correct them within set timelines.

~~**Critical:** A requirement that is considered to be critical to the fight against doping in sport. See further Annex A.~~

Event of Force Majeure: An event affecting a *Signatory's* ability to achieve full Code Compliance that arises from or is attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents that are beyond the reasonable control of the *Signatory*. Such events may include any natural physical disaster, war, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, terrorist action, or civil commotion. In accordance with Article 9.4.3, however, such events shall not in any circumstances include lack of resources on the part of the *Signatory*, changes in elected officials or personnel, or any interference or failure to provide support or other act or omission by any governmental or public agency.

~~**Fine:** Payment by the *Signatory* of an amount that reflects the seriousness of the non-compliance/*Aggravating Factors*, their duration, and the need to deter similar conduct in future, but in any event the fine shall not exceed the lower of (a) 10% of the *Signatory's* annual income and (b) US\$100,000. The fine will be applied by WADA to finance further Code Compliance monitoring activities.~~

~~**High Priority:** A requirement that is considered to be high priority but not *Critical* in the fight against doping in sport. See further Annex A.~~

Mandatory Information Request: A request that WADA may send to a *Signatory*, requiring the *Signatory* to provide specified information by a specified deadline to enable WADA to assess the *Signatory's* Code Compliance.

~~**Non-Conformity:** Where a *Signatory* is not complying with the *Code* and/or the *International Standards* but the opportunities provided in the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories* to correct the *Non-Conformity/Non-Conformities* have not yet expired and so WADA has not yet formally asserted that the *Signatory* is non-compliant.~~

~~**Other:** A requirement that is considered to be important to the fight against doping in sport but does not fall into the categories of *Critical* or *High Priority*. See further Annex A.~~

~~**Reinstatement:** When a *Signatory* that was previously declared non-compliant with the *Code* and/or the *International Standards* is determined to have corrected that non-compliance and to have met~~

~~all of the other conditions imposed in accordance with Article 12 for reinstatement of its name to the list of *Code* compliant *Signatories* (and **Reinstated** shall be interpreted accordingly).~~

~~**Representatives:** Officials, directors, officers, elected members, employees, and committee members of the *Signatory* or other body in question, and also (in the case of a *National Anti-Doping Organization* or a *National Olympic Committee* acting as a *National Anti-Doping Organization*) representatives of the government of the country of that *National Anti-Doping Organization* or *National Olympic Committee*.~~

~~**Signatory Consequences:** One or more of the consequences set out in Article ~~11.123.5.12~~ 12 of the *Code* that may be imposed on a *Signatory* as a result of its failure to comply with the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*, based on the particular facts and circumstances of the case at hand, and the provisions of Article 11 of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*.~~

~~**Special Monitoring:** Where, as part of the *Signatory Consequences* imposed on a non-compliant *Signatory*, *WADA* applies a system of specific and ongoing monitoring to some or all of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities*, to ensure that the *Signatory* is carrying out those activities in a compliant manner.~~

~~**Supervision:** Where, as part of the *Signatory Consequences* imposed on a non-compliant *Signatory*, an *Approved Third Party* oversees and supervises the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities*, as directed by *WADA*, at the *Signatory's* expense (and **Supervise** shall be interpreted accordingly).~~

~~**Takeover:** Where, as part of the *Signatory Consequences* imposed on a non-compliant *Signatory*, an *Approved Third Party* takes over all or some of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities*, as directed by *WADA*, at the *Signatory's* expense.~~

~~**WADA Auditor:** A suitably experienced *WADA* staff member or external anti-doping specialist who has been trained by *WADA* to collect information in support of the assessment of a *Signatory's Code Compliance*. The external anti-doping specialist should be free of any conflict of interest in respect of each *Compliance Audit* that he/she undertakes.~~

~~**WADA Privileges:** The benefits listed at Article ~~11.1.1.123.5.12.1~~ 12.1 of the *Code*.~~

4.4 Interpretation

4.4.1 The official text of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories* shall be maintained by *WADA* and shall be published in English and

French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.

4.4.2 Like the *Code*, the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories* has been drafted giving due consideration to the principles of respect for human rights, proportionality, and other applicable legal principles. It shall be interpreted and applied in that light.

4.4.3 The comments annotating various provisions of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories* shall be used to guide its interpretation and application.

4.4.4 Unless otherwise specified, (a) references to Sections and Articles are references to Sections and Articles of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*; and (b) references to days are to calendar days, not working/business days.

4.4.5 The Annexes to the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories* have the same mandatory status as the rest of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*.

PART TWO: STANDARDS FOR WADA'S MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF CODE COMPLIANCE BY SIGNATORIES

5.0 Objective

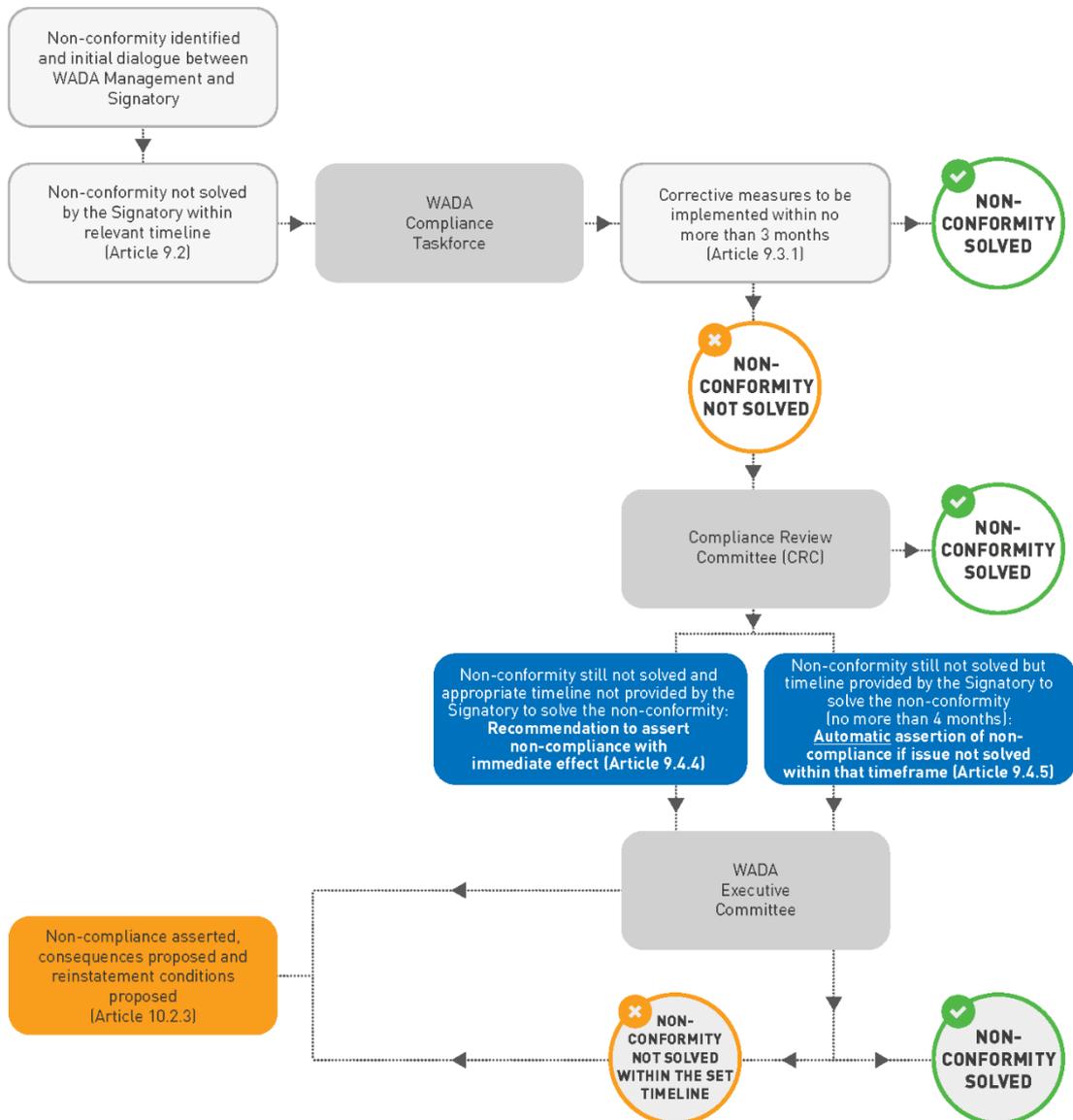
5.1 The objective of Part Two of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories* is to ensure that *Signatories* deliver Anti-Doping Programs within their respective spheres of responsibility that meet the requirements of the *Code* and the *International Standards*, so that there is a level playing field wherever sport is played.

5.2 To emphasize, the desire is always to have *Signatories* address any compliance issues voluntarily. Having a *Signatory* declared non-compliant and Signatory Consequences imposed is the last resort, to be pursued only where the *Signatory* has failed, despite every encouragement, to take the necessary corrective actions within the required timelines.

5.3 Therefore, the focus of WADA's compliance monitoring program is on dialogue and communication with *Signatories*, assisting them in their efforts to ensure full Code Compliance and providing them with guidance for the continuous improvement of their Anti-Doping Programs. Where instances of *Non-Conformity* are identified, the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories* establishes objective, pre-determined, and transparent procedures and standards that give the *Signatory* the opportunity to correct those *Non-Conformities*, and that lead (if the *Non-Conformities* are not corrected) to a determination of non-compliance and the imposition of predictable, graded and proportionate Signatory Consequences. It also sets out a clear pathway to *Reinstatement*.

6.0 WADA's Compliance Monitoring Program

Figure One: Flow-chart depicting process from identification of Non-Conformity to assertion of non-compliance (Articles 6.1 to 6.3)



6.1 Operational Oversight of Code Compliance

6.1.1 Operational oversight of Code Compliance is provided by WADA Management through an internal WADA taskforce consisting of staff from different WADA departments.

6.1.2 WADA Management is responsible for coordinating and directing the development of all activities related to WADA's Code Compliance monitoring program in coordination with the Compliance Review CommitteeCRC, and in accordance with any prioritization of effort approved by the Compliance Review CommitteeCRC further to Article 8.2. This includes:

6.1.2.1 coordinating the provision of ongoing support and assistance by WADA to *Signatories* in meeting their obligations under the *Code* and the *International Standards* (see Article 7);

6.1.2.2 using all tools at WADA's disposal to monitor Code Compliance by *Signatories*, including but not limited to *ADAMS*, Code Compliance Questionnaires, Mandatory Information Requests, Compliance Audits, and any other relevant information received or collected by WADA (see Article 8);

6.1.2.3 where *Non-Conformities* are identified, opening a dialogue with the *Signatory*, identifying corrective actions to be taken by the *Signatory* to correct the *Non-Conformities*, and providing guidance to help the *Signatory* to complete the corrective actions within the set timelines (see Article 9);

6.1.2.4 assessing whether the *Signatory's* corrective actions have corrected the *Non-Conformities* in full, referring cases where the *Non-Conformities* have not been corrected in full to the Compliance Review CommitteeCRC, providing reports with relevant supporting information to facilitate CRC discussions, and implementing and following up on CRC recommendations (see Article 10);

6.1.2.5 where a *Signatory* fails to correct the *Non-Conformities* within the required timeframe, and following the recommendation of the Compliance Review CommitteeCRC, obtaining the approval of WADA's Executive Committee to notify the *Signatory* formally of the non-compliance asserted, with such notice also specifying the Signatory Consequences that it is proposed should apply for such non-compliance and the conditions that it is proposed the *Signatory* should have to satisfy in order to be *Reinstated* (see Articles 10, 11 and 12); and

6.1.2.6 monitoring the *Signatory's* efforts to satisfy the *Reinstatement* conditions imposed on it, in order to report to the CRC on whether and when to recommend that the *Signatory* be *Reinstated* (see Article 12).

6.2 Independent Review and Recommendations

6.2.1 The Compliance Review Committee is an independent, non-political WADA Standing Committee that oversees WADA's Code Compliance monitoring efforts and enforcement activities, and provides advice and recommendations on such matters to WADA's Executive Committee.

6.2.1.1 The CRC is governed by by-laws designed to ensure the independence, political neutrality and specialization of its members that underpin the credibility

of its work. The by-laws include strict conflict of interest provisions that require CRC members to declare any potential conflicts of interest and to exclude themselves from all deliberations of the CRC in any matter in which they may have a conflict of interest.

6.2.2 The CRC follows standardized procedures encompassing review, assessment, communication, and the making of recommendations to WADA's Executive Committee on matters relating to Code Compliance and Reinstatement. These procedures (see Articles 9, 10 and 12) are designed to support a transparent, objective, and consistent approach to the assessment and enforcement of Code Compliance.

6.2.2.1 Where WADA Management reports apparent *Non-Conformities* to the CRC, a procedure is followed that gives the *Signatory* in question time and opportunity to explain and address the *Non-Conformities* within a specified timeframe and so achieve full Code Compliance (see Article 9).

6.2.2.2 If the *Signatory* does not correct the *Non-Conformities* within the framework of that procedure, the CRC will review the case in detail and decide whether to recommend to WADA's Executive Committee that a formal notice be issued to the *Signatory*, (a) asserting that the *Signatory* is non-compliant; (b) proposing Signatory Consequences for such non-compliance in accordance with Article 11; and (c) proposing conditions that the *Signatory* should be required to satisfy in order to be *Reinstated*, in accordance with Article 12.

6.2.3 In addition to reviewing and assessing compliance-related issues raised with it by WADA Management, at any time the CRC may identify compliance-related issues of its own accord to be addressed by WADA Management.

6.3 Independent Determination of Non-Compliance and Consequences

6.3.1 In accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.4, upon the recommendation of the CRC, WADA's Executive Committee may decide that a *Signatory* should be formally notified of its asserted non-compliance with the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*, with such notice also specifying the Signatory Consequences that it is proposed should apply for such non-compliance, and the conditions that it is proposed the *Signatory* should have to satisfy in order to be *Reinstated*. (See Figure One above).

6.3.2 If the *Signatory* accepts or does not dispute the contents of that notice within twenty-one days of its receipt, the assertion of non-compliance will be deemed admitted and the consequences and *Reinstatement* conditions will be deemed accepted, and (unless appealed in accordance with *Code* Article 13.6) the notice will automatically become a final decision enforceable with immediate effect in accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.9. If the *Signatory* disputes any part of the notice, the dispute will be resolved by CAS in accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.76.

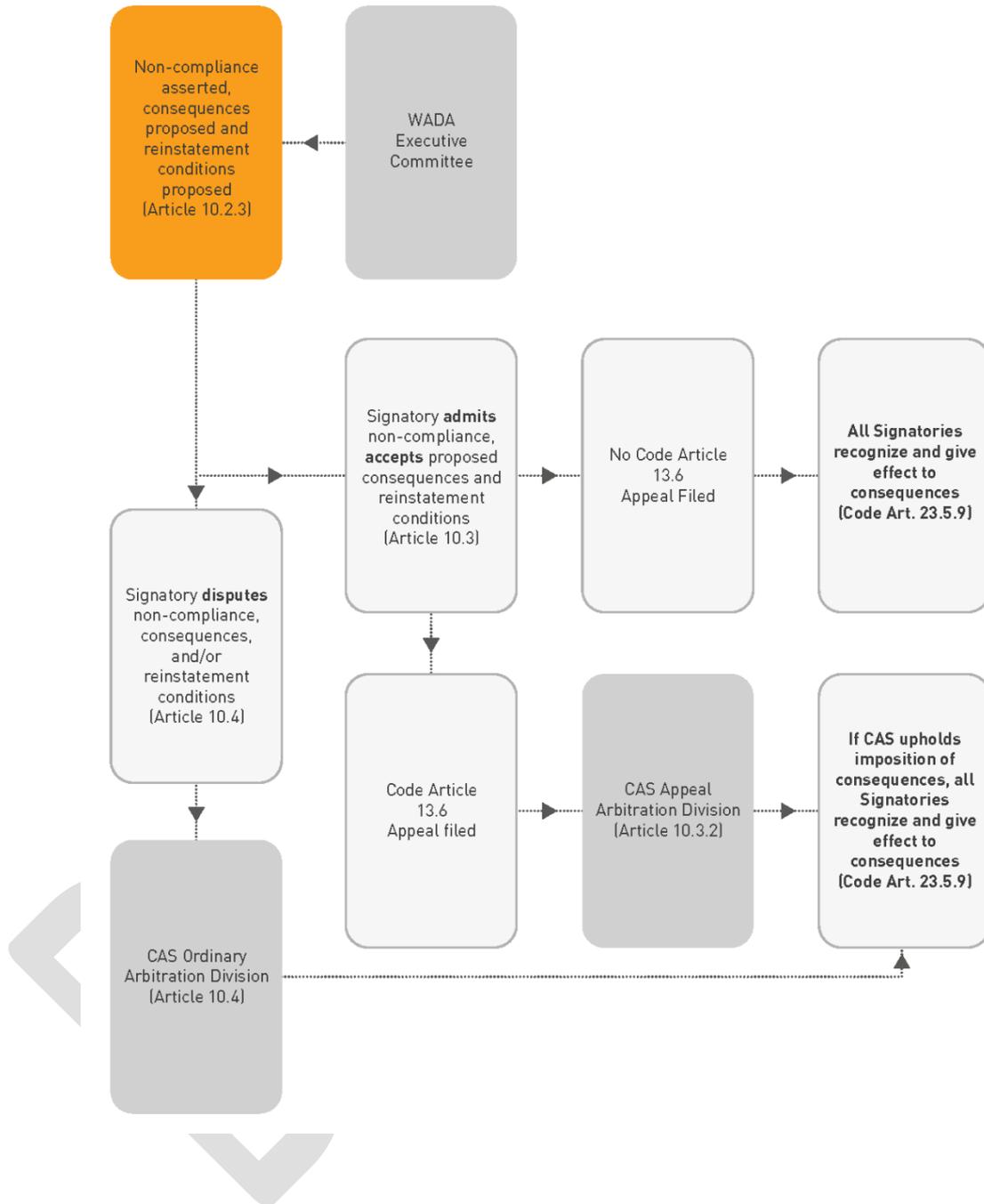
6.3.3 Once the notice is accepted as a final decision by the *Signatory*, or (if disputed) once a final decision is issued by CAS, if that decision includes consequences being imposed on the *Signatory*, then, in accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.9, that decision shall be applicable worldwide and shall be recognized, respected and given effect by all other *Signatories* in accordance with their authority and within their respective

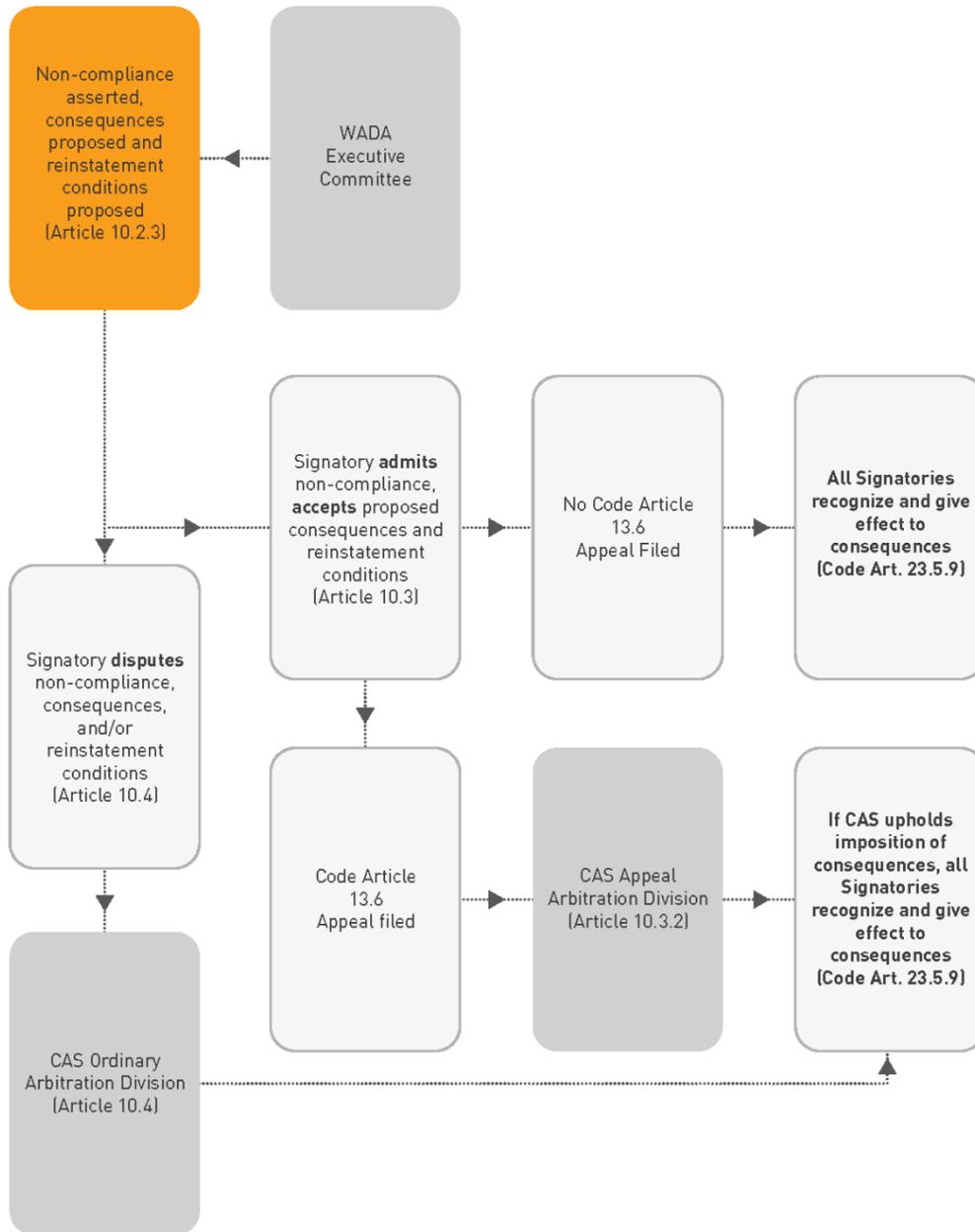
spheres of responsibility. (See Figure Two below).

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Figure Two: Flow-chart depicting process following formal assertion of non-compliance (Articles 6.3.1 and 6.3.3)

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6.4 Reinstatement Procedures

6.4.1 Where applicable, WADA Management will report to the CRC on the Signatory's implementation of the Reinstatement conditions, and the CRC will then make recommendations to WADA's Executive Committee as to whether or not the Signatory has satisfied those conditions and should be Reinstated.

6.4.2 If WADA's Executive Committee asserts that a Signatory has not yet satisfied its Reinstatement conditions and so should not yet be Reinstated, if the Signatory disputes that assertion, the dispute will be resolved by CAS in accordance with Code

Articles 23.5.6 to 23.5.9¹⁰. In accordance with Code Article 23.5.9, CAS's decision shall be applicable worldwide and shall be recognized, respected and given effect by all other *Signatories* in accordance with their authority and within their respective spheres of responsibility.

7.0 WADA's Support for *Signatories'* Efforts to Achieve/Maintain Code Compliance

7.1 Objective

7.1.1 WADA's priority is to support *Signatories* in strengthening their Anti-Doping Programs, thereby increasing the protection that they provide to clean *Athletes*. It shall remain at all times the *Signatory's* obligation to achieve full Code Compliance, and it shall not be a defence or excuse that others did not help the *Signatory* to comply. However, WADA will use all reasonable endeavours to provide support and assistance to *Signatories* seeking to achieve, maintain or return to full Code Compliance.

7.2 Operational and Technical Support

7.2.1 WADA will provide operational and technical support to *Signatories* to assist them to achieve, maintain, or (where applicable) return to full Code Compliance, including by providing advice and information, by developing resources, guidelines, training materials, and training programs, and by facilitating partnerships with other *Anti-Doping Organizations* where possible. Where the WADA budget allows, this support shall be provided without cost to *Signatories*.

7.2.2 By way of illustration, WADA has developed a number of documents and tools to assist *Signatories* to understand their responsibilities under the Code and the *International Standards*, and to achieve and maintain full compliance with those responsibilities, including:

7.2.2.1 Technical Documents, such as the Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis;

7.2.2.2 model rules for the implementation of the Code and the *International Standards* within the *Signatory's* area of competence;

7.2.2.3 guideline documents covering the implementation of various components of a Code-compliant Anti-Doping Program, including (without limitation) *Testing*, *TUEs*, results management, education, and intelligence and investigations;

7.2.2.4 template documents and forms; and

7.2.2.5 online educational tools.

7.2.3 WADA has also developed the Code Compliance Questionnaire and the Compliance Audit program, which are designed to help *Signatories* to identify *Non-Conformities* in their Anti-Doping Programs and to devise and implement plans to correct those *Non-Conformities*. WADA will provide various forms of support and assistance to *Signatories* in understanding its Code Compliance Questionnaire, its

Compliance Audit program, and all other aspects of its compliance monitoring program, including information sessions; a dedicated section of its website where materials relevant to the compliance monitoring program will be posted, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions; and other support resources.

7.2.4 A *Signatory* may seek assistance from another *Signatory* to help it achieve full Code Compliance. WADA will seek to assist *Signatories* in setting up such partnerships, including providing further information and guidelines on partnership agreements on its website. A *Signatory* may also appoint a third party to carry out Anti-Doping Activities on its behalf. In accordance with Article 9.4.3, however, the *Signatory* shall always remain fully liable for any *Non-Conformities* arising as a result. The *Signatory* shall ensure that it is able to require the third party to cooperate in full with (and to enable the *Signatory* to cooperate in full with) all of WADA's compliance monitoring efforts, including (without limitation) properly addressing Code Compliance Questionnaires, Mandatory Information Requests, and Compliance Audits.

7.2.5 As set out in Article 9, when *Non-Conformities* are identified, whether in a completed Code Compliance Questionnaire or in a Compliance Audit or otherwise, the focus of *WADA Management* will be on assisting the *Signatory* in question through dialogue and support to achieve full Code Compliance. The *Signatory* will be given adequate opportunity to dispute or to address and correct the *Non-Conformities*, including (if necessary) by WADA providing a Corrective Action Report that sets out which corrective actions are required, and specifies set timelines for their completion. The Corrective Action Report may also include recommendations as to best practice, and may refer where appropriate to resources and materials posted on WADA's website that may assist the *Signatory* in responding to the report and strengthening its Anti-Doping Program. In addition, WADA will review any Corrective Action Plan provided by a *Signatory* and provide comments as necessary to ensure that it is fit for purpose.

8.0 Monitoring *Signatories*' Compliance Efforts

8.1 Objective

8.1.1 In accordance with its obligation under *Code* Article 20.7.2 to monitor Code Compliance by *Signatories*, WADA reviews *Signatories*' rules and regulations (and/or legislation, if that is how the *Code* has been implemented in a particular country) to ensure that they are compliant with the *Code* and the *International Standards*. It also assesses whether *Signatories* are implementing their rules, regulations and legislation through Anti-Doping Programs that meet all of the requirements of the *Code* and the *International Standards*. The purpose of this Section 8 of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories* is to set out the standards that will govern these monitoring activities. The objective will always be to make the monitoring process as efficient and cost-effective as possible.

8.2 Prioritization Between Different *Signatories*

8.2.1 The following parties are all *Signatories* to the *Code*:

8.2.1.1 the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee;

8.2.1.2 other *Major Event Organizations*;

8.2.1.3 International Federations;

8.2.1.4 *National Olympic Committees* and National Paralympic Committees;

8.2.1.5 *National Anti-Doping Organizations*; and

8.2.1.6 various other organizations listed on WADA's website, including but not limited to associations of *National Olympic Committees*, associations of International Federations, organizations for *athletes* with an impairment that are not International Federations, and national Commonwealth Games Associations.

8.2.2 Given the large number of *Signatories* and WADA's limited resources, the CRC may approve proposals by WADA Management to prioritize the monitoring for Code Compliance (a) of certain categories of *Signatories*, based on the scope of the Anti-Doping Activities required of such categories of *Signatories* under the *Code*; and/or (b) of certain specific *Signatories*, based on an objective risk assessment. The following is a non-exhaustive list of factors that may be considered in such assessment:

8.2.2.1 (where the *Signatory* is an International Federation) the physiological risk of doping in a particular sport/discipline;

8.2.2.2 (where the *Signatory* is an International Federation) participation of the *Signatory* in the Olympic and/or Paralympic Games;

8.2.2.3 performances by *Athletes* from a particular country in *International Events*;

8.2.2.4 a history of doping in a particular country or a particular sport/discipline;

8.2.2.5 a *Signatory's* response to a Mandatory Information Request or a Code Compliance Questionnaire;

8.2.2.6 receipt of credible intelligence or the results of an investigation suggesting there may be significant *Non-Conformities* in the *Signatory's* Anti-Doping Program;

8.2.2.7 a *Signatory's* breach of *Critical* or *High Priority* requirements under the *Code* or an *International Standard*;

8.2.2.8 a *Signatory's* failure to implement recommendations following collaboration programs in which WADA acted as a facilitator or a party;

8.2.2.9 a *Signatory's* failure to implement measures (e.g., *Target Testing*) following a recommendation made or endorsed by WADA (e.g., in relation to *Testing* in the lead-up to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games or other *Event*);

8.2.2.10 (where the *Signatory* is a *NADO* or a *National Olympic Committee* acting as a *NADO*) the fact that the *Signatory's* country hosts a *WADA*-accredited laboratory and/or is bidding to host or has won the right to host a major sporting event;

8.2.2.11 where a *Signatory* that has been found to be non-compliant is seeking to be *Reinstated*; and/or

8.2.2.12 a request by *WADA's* Executive Committee and/or *WADA's* Foundation Board.

8.2.3 *Code* Article 20 requires International Federations, *National Olympic Committees* and National Paralympic Committees to monitor and enforce [Code Compliance](#) by their members/recognized bodies. Accordingly, *WADA* will not actively monitor [Code Compliance](#) by those members/recognized bodies, but rather will expect the *Signatories* in question to do so. If in the course of its monitoring activities *WADA* learns of apparent non-compliance with the *Code* by a member/recognized body of such *Signatory*, it will notify the *Signatory* for appropriate follow-up and action in accordance with the *Signatory's* obligations under the *Code*.

8.2.4 In addition, again given the large number of *Signatories* and *WADA's* limited resources, the *CRC* may approve proposals by *WADA* Management to prioritize enforcement of *Critical* and (in certain circumstances) *High Priority* requirements of the *Code* and/or the *International Standards* (including, where necessary, by asserting non-compliance and proposing imposition of [Signatory Consequences](#)), while giving *Signatories* additional opportunity to take corrective action to ensure compliance with other requirements of the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*. The greatest priority will be given to pursuing the imposition of appropriate [Signatory Consequences](#) in cases involving non-compliance with *Critical* requirements and *Aggravating Factors*.

8.2.5 *WADA* may also enlist the support of other bodies to assist it in its monitoring tasks.

8.2.6 For the avoidance of doubt, a *Signatory* shall remain required to comply in full at all times with its obligations under the *Code* and the *International Standards*, whether or not it is prioritized for monitoring by *WADA*.

8.3 Cooperation With Other Bodies

8.3.1 *WADA* may cooperate as appropriate with other relevant bodies in promoting full [Code Compliance](#) by *Signatories*, including (without limitation) with UNESCO in its efforts to promote governments' compliance with the *UNESCO Convention*, with the Council of Europe in its efforts to promote governments' compliance with its Anti-Doping Convention, and/or with any other intergovernmental organization or initiative. The purpose of such cooperation will be to facilitate and maximize the efficacy of *WADA's* own efforts in monitoring [Code Compliance](#) by *Signatories*. [Such cooperation shall be conducted in a manner that respects all applicable data protection laws.](#)

8.3.2 Such cooperation may include (without limitation) co-ordinating with the other body's compliance monitoring activities in relation to a specific country (e.g., joint site visits, co-ordinated questionnaires), exchange of relevant information that may be of assistance in such activities, and co-ordinating actions aimed at assisting and encouraging compliance by relevant parties.

8.4 WADA's Monitoring Tools

8.4.1 WADA may make use of all legal means at its disposal to monitor Code Compliance by *Signatories*, including (without limitation):

8.4.1.1 requiring each *Signatory*, in accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.2, to complete and submit Code Compliance Questionnaires and/or other reports on its Code Compliance within reasonable and clearly communicated timelines. Such reports shall provide all information requested by WADA accurately and completely, explain the reasons for any *Non-Conformities* identified, and describe the efforts the *Signatory* has made and/or proposes to make to correct such *Non-Conformities*;

8.4.1.2 conducting Compliance Audits of *Signatories'* ongoing Anti-Doping Programs, in accordance with Article 8.7, in order to assess their Code Compliance, to identify and categorize *Non-Conformities*, and to identify corrective actions required to correct the *Non-Conformities* and so achieve full Code Compliance;

8.4.1.3 conducting *Independent Observer Programs* (a) at the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games, and (b) at other selected *Events*;

8.4.1.4 reviewing the adequacy of *Signatories'* responses to recommendations made or endorsed by WADA to implement *Target Testing* and/or other measures in the lead-up to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games or other *Event*;

8.4.1.5 reviewing the following key documents:

(a) *Signatories'* rules and regulations (and/or relevant legislation, if that is how the *Code* has been implemented in a particular country);

(b) *Signatories'* risk assessments and Test Distribution Plans provided in accordance with *Code* Article 5.4-2;

(c) *Signatories'* annual statistical reports of their respective *Doping Control* activities provided in accordance with *Code* Article 14.4;

(d) *Doping Control* forms, *TUE* decisions, and other data filed in *ADAMS* (including assessing compliance with requirements to file such information in *ADAMS* within specified timeframes, and reviewing *TUE* decisions for compliance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions);

(e) reports compiled by other relevant bodies (e.g., reports from country visits conducted by the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention of the Council of Europe); and

(f) any other documents or data requested by WADA Management from the *Signatory* in order to assess the *Signatory's* Code Compliance;

8.4.1.6 reviewing results management decisions made by *Signatories* and communicated to WADA in accordance with *Code* Articles 7.106 and 14.1.4 and under Article 12.4.3 of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, including (without limitation) decisions by *Signatories*:

- (a) not to bring an *Atypical Finding* forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*;
- (b) not to bring an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or an *Adverse Passport Finding* forward as an anti-doping rule violation;
- (c) not to bring whereabouts failures or other apparent violations forward as anti-doping rule violations;
- (d) to withdraw the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation; and
- (e) to agree on the outcome of proceedings asserting an anti-doping rule violation without first holding a hearing;

provided that, save in exceptional cases, WADA will not assert that a *Signatory* is non-compliant based solely on a single non-compliant results management decision. Instead, WADA will (1) notify the *Signatory* within a reasonable period following receipt of the decisions of results management decisions that WADA Management considers to be non-compliant; and (2) only take further action against the *Signatory* for non-compliance if, notwithstanding such notification, a material number of results management decisions issued by that *Signatory* continue to be non-compliant;

8.4.1.7 assessing and processing intelligence about potential *Non-Conformities* obtained from reliable sources, including but not limited to WADA's Intelligence and Investigations Department, *Signatories* and other stakeholders, WADA-accredited laboratories and other laboratories approved by WADA, Sample Collection Authorities and/or Sample Collection Personnel, law enforcement and other relevant authorities (including other regulatory and/or disciplinary bodies), *Athletes* and other *Persons*, whistleblowers, the media, and members of the public;

8.4.1.8 using the powers given to WADA under *Code* Article 10.67.1 to encourage *Athletes* and other *Persons* to provide information in relation to non-compliance by *Signatories*;

8.4.1.9 asking WADA's Intelligence and Investigations Department to follow up on intelligence regarding, and/or to investigate potential instances of, non-compliance by *Signatories*; and

8.4.1.10 using any other relevant and reliable information or data available to it.

8.4.2 Where a *Signatory* is required to provide compliance information to WADA (e.g., in response to a Code Compliance Questionnaire or a Mandatory Information Request) that is the *Signatory's* proprietary and confidential information, WADA will

treat that information confidentially, and will use it only to monitor Code Compliance and not for any other purpose.

8.5 Code Compliance Questionnaires

8.5.1 *Code* Article 23.5.2 requires *Signatories* to report to WADA on their Code Compliance when requested by WADA's Executive Committee.

8.5.2 As and when determined by WADA's Executive Committee on the recommendation of the CRC (but no more than once every three years, unless exceptional circumstances arise), WADA will send Code Compliance Questionnaires to *Signatories* to enable them to self-assess and self-report on their Code Compliance and any potential *Non-Conformities*. The Code Compliance Questionnaire may require the *Signatory* to provide documentation to support and supplement its responses to the questions in the Code Compliance Questionnaire.

8.5.3 WADA will specify a reasonable deadline for return of the completed Code Compliance Questionnaire, including any accompanying documentation. It will send reminders to *Signatories* as the deadline approaches.

~~8.5.3.1 — Where the *Signatory* is a *Major Event Organization*, WADA may ask it to complete and submit a Code Compliance Questionnaire in advance of the *Event*, describing the Anti-Doping Program it proposes to put in place for the *Event*, so that any *Non-Conformities* can be identified and corrected in advance.~~

8.5.4 Further to *Code* Article 23.5.3, a failure by a *Signatory* to return an accurate and complete Code Compliance Questionnaire to WADA by the specified deadline is itself a failure to comply with *Code* Article 23.5.2 that will trigger the process outlined in Article 9.3.1.

8.5.5 WADA will review the information provided in a completed Code Compliance Questionnaire to assess the *Signatory's* degree of Code Compliance. WADA shall seek to verify a *Signatory's* responses to specific questions in the Code Compliance Questionnaire by reference to information obtained from other, reliable sources, such as data filed in ADAMS, and independent investigation reports. WADA will discuss any apparent discrepancies between the *Signatory's* responses and such data with the *Signatory* prior to drawing any conclusions.

8.5.6 Where WADA determines that the Code Compliance Questionnaire does not reveal any *Non-Conformities*, the *Signatory* will be duly notified in writing. If in fact there are (and were at the time) *Non-Conformities* that WADA was not able to identify in its review of the *Signatory's* completed Code Compliance Questionnaire, but instead identified as part of its other compliance monitoring activities, WADA's original conclusion shall not constrain in any way its ability to take the steps specified in this International Standard for Code Compliance by *Signatories* to have the *Non-Conformities* corrected by the *Signatory*.

8.5.7 Where WADA identifies *Non-Conformities* based on the *Signatory's* completed Code Compliance Questionnaire, it will issue a Corrective Action Report in accordance with Article 9.2.

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8.6 Mandatory Information Requests

8.6.1 Independently of any other monitoring activity, where WADA receives information indicating that a *Signatory* may not be complying with *Critical or High Priority* requirements, WADA Management may send the *Signatory* a Mandatory Information Request requiring it to provide information that enables WADA to confirm the actual position. WADA shall only request information that is necessary for WADA to assess the *Signatory's Code Compliance* effectively, and that is not already available to WADA through other sources (such as ADAMS). The request will explain why WADA Management is asking for the information and will specify the deadline for the *Signatory* to provide it (which deadline shall be no less than twenty-one days later).

8.6.2 WADA Management will assign a WADA Auditor to review the response received from the *Signatory* and to provide an assessment and recommendation, including (where appropriate) a recommendation to issue a Corrective Action Report in accordance with Article 9.2.

8.6.3 If the *Signatory* fails to provide the required response to a Mandatory Information Request within the timeline specified in the Corrective Action Report, that will trigger the process outlined in Article 9.3.1.

8.7 The Compliance Audit Program

8.7.1 WADA Management will decide (subject to CRC oversight) which *Signatories* shall undergo a Compliance Audit. The factors listed at Article 8.2.2 may trigger a Compliance Audit. *Signatories* may also be selected for a Compliance Audit based on any other relevant reason or credible intelligence collected or received by WADA.

8.7.2 The Compliance Audit will be conducted by WADA Auditors. The Compliance Audit may be conducted in person (i.e., where the audit team visits the *Signatory* and conducts the assessment of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Program* in the presence of relevant members of the *Signatory's* team) or via an exchange of written information initiated by a request from WADA, such as a Mandatory Information Request.

8.7.3 In each case, the *Signatory* shall cooperate with WADA and the WADA audit team in all aspects of the Compliance Audit. A lack of cooperation may be referred by WADA Management to the CRC for consideration as a potential Non-Conformity.

8.7.4 Arranging an in-person Compliance Audit:

8.7.4.1 WADA will send the *Signatory* a notice of its selection for a Compliance Audit, the names of the lead auditor and the other members of the audit team, and the dates on which the audit team proposes to visit the *Signatory's* offices to conduct the audit (which is usually 2-3 days in duration). The dates identified should give the *Signatory* at least one month to prepare for the audit visit.

8.7.4.2 The *Signatory* has twenty-one days to respond to the notice with confirmation that the dates proposed for the audit are convenient, or explaining why those dates are not convenient and proposing alternative dates that are as close as possible to the dates proposed by *WADA*. The *Signatory* cannot refuse to be audited, and if it does not cooperate in finding appropriate dates then ultimately *WADA* may specify the dates on which the audit visit will take place.

8.7.4.3 Once the dates are confirmed, *WADA* will send the *Signatory* an audit plan providing guidance on the scope of the audit to be conducted and on how to prepare for the audit visit.

8.7.4.4 At least fourteen days prior to the audit visit, the lead auditor should communicate directly (e.g., by telephone call or by in-person meeting) with the *Signatory's* main contact for compliance matters, in order to confirm all necessary arrangements, answer any questions on the audit, and discuss how information should be prepared and presented by the *Signatory* to the audit team.

8.7.5 In all cases, the *Signatory* shall facilitate the visit of the *WADA* audit team, including arranging for appropriate staff to be present during the audit visit, and providing the necessary meeting and related facilities for the *WADA* audit team to carry out the Compliance Audit.

8.7.6 At the opening meeting of the audit, the audit team will explain the approach it will take for the Compliance Audit, confirm the scope of the audit, and what it expects from the *Signatory* in terms of cooperation and support for the audit. It will give the *Signatory* the opportunity to ask any questions the *Signatory* may have in relation to the audit.

8.7.7 During the Compliance Audit, the audit team will assess the *Signatory's* Anti-Doping Program using information held on file from different sources, including the *Signatory's* completed Code Compliance Questionnaire, data filed in *ADAMS*, independent investigation reports, intelligence collected or received, media reports that *WADA* considers reliable, and any other reliable information available to it. The audit team will seek out representative examples and evidence of the work conducted by the *Signatory* as part of its Anti-Doping Program, noting any discrepancies between such examples and evidence and the information that the *Signatory* has provided (e.g., in its Code Compliance Questionnaire). The *Signatory* shall cooperate in providing the audit team with full access to all information, procedures and systems required to complete the Compliance Audit.

8.7.8 At the closing meeting, the audit team will verbally present its preliminary findings to the *Signatory*, including identifying any apparent *Non-Conformities* (focusing on *Critical* and *High Priority* requirements). The *Signatory* will be given an opportunity to note any disagreement with the audit team's preliminary findings during the closing meeting. The audit team will also outline the likely follow-up process and timeframes in terms of corrective actions, so that the *Signatory* may start addressing the findings immediately, i.e., without waiting for the Corrective Action Report. Following completion of the audit, the lead auditor will present the audit findings in a draft Corrective Action Report to *WADA* Management. As soon as practicable thereafter, a final Corrective Action Report will be issued to the *Signatory* in accordance with Article 9.2.

8.7.9 WADA will pay the costs of the Compliance Audit in the first instance, subject to potential reimbursement by the *Signatory* in accordance with Article 12.2.1.4 of the costs of a Compliance Audit.

8.7.10 WADA may publish on its website a list of *Signatories* that have undergone a Compliance Audit. Once an audit is complete, and the *Signatory* in question has received the final Corrective Action Report, WADA may publish a summary of the audit outcomes.

8.8 Special Provisions Applicable to Major Event Organizations

8.8.1 Major Event Organizations are subject to the same Code Compliance monitoring and enforcement rules and procedures set out in this International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories as all other *Signatories*. However, Major Event Organizations may also be made the subject of one special monitoring tool (Independent Observer Programs); and the normal procedures for identification and correction of Non-Conformities may have to be expedited for them, due to the timing of their Events.

8.8.2 WADA may send to a Major Event Organization a Code Compliance Questionnaire at least one year prior to its Event, to be completed and returned to WADA within two months, describing the Anti-Doping Program that the Major Event Organization proposes to put in place for the Event, so that any Non-Conformities can be identified and corrected in advance.

8.8.3 Where WADA identifies Non-Conformities based on the Major Event Organization's completed Code Compliance Questionnaire, it will issue a Corrective Action Report in accordance with Article 9.2.2, save that where the Corrective Action Report:

8.8.3.1 identifies Non-Conformities with requirements that are considered to be Critical, the Signatory must correct them within a timeline specified by WADA of no more than two months; and/or

8.8.3.2 identifies Non-Conformities with requirements that are considered to be High Priority, the Signatory must correct within a timeline specified by WADA of no more than four months; and/or

8.8.3.3 identifies Non-Conformities with Other requirements, the Signatory must correct them within a timeline specified by WADA of no more than six months.

8.8.4 Where a Major Event Organization fails to correct Non-Conformities within the timeline specified by WADA, if WADA Management considers that the timing of the Event means that the standard corrective procedures and timelines set out in Articles 9.1 to 9.3 are not appropriate, WADA Management may refer the case to the CRC for urgent consideration without following all of the steps set out in Articles 9.1 to 9.3. Alternatively, if time allows, WADA Management may follow some or all of those steps but with shortened timelines, according to the urgency of the matter, and refer the case to the CRC if the Signatory has not corrected the Non-Conformities within the shortened timelines.

8.8.5 In such cases, *WADA Management shall give the Major Event Organization an opportunity to explain the apparent Non-Conformities within a specified deadline and shall communicate any explanation provided by the Signatory within that deadline to the CRC.*

8.8.6 When *WADA Management* refers a case to the CRC in accordance with this Article 8.8:

8.8.6.1 The CRC will convene (in person or otherwise) as soon as possible to consider the matter. It will consider *WADA Management's* assessment, and any explanation or comments provided by the *Major Event Organization* in accordance with Article 8.8.5.

8.8.6.2 Following such review, if the CRC considers that an expedited procedure is not required, it may recommend:

(a) that a mission in the framework of the *Independent Observer Program* be conducted at the *Major Event Organization's Event* (if not planned already); and/or

(b) that a Corrective Action Report be issued to the *Signatory*, to be followed up in accordance with expedited procedures that ensure the *Non-Conformities* are corrected well in advance of the next edition of the *Event* in question.

8.8.7 If, however, the CRC considers that an expedited procedure is required, then Articles 9.5.4.3 and 9.5.4.4 shall apply.

8.8.8 Whether or not Article 8.8.6.2(a) applies:

8.8.8.1 In accordance with Article 8.4.1.3, as an additional means of monitoring *Code Compliance* by *Major Event Organizations*, *WADA* may (at its discretion) conduct *Independent Observer Programs* (a) at the *Olympic Games* and the *Paralympic Games*, and (b) at other selected *Events*.

8.8.8.2 At least two of the members of the *Independent Observer Program* at the *Olympic Games* and the *Paralympic Games* will be *WADA Auditors*, who will be responsible for confirming whether the *International Olympic Committee* or *International Paralympic Committee* (as applicable) have implemented the corrective actions identified in the *Corrective Action Report* issued in accordance with Article 8.8.3. If the corrective actions have not been properly implemented, they will be included in the report issued by the *Independent Observer Program* and published by *WADA* after the Games, along with any other *Non-Conformities* identified by the *Independent Observer Program* during the Games.

8.8.8.3 When the report is completed, the *WADA Auditors* will include the *Non-Conformities* in a new *Corrective Action Report*, requiring (as *WADA* sees fit) either (a) implementation of the corrective actions within specified deadlines (which may or may not be the same deadlines as are set out in Article 8.8.3), or (b) a commitment to implement the corrective actions before the next edition of the *Major Event Organization's Event*.

9.0 Giving *Signatories* the Opportunity to Correct *Non-Conformities*

9.1 Objective

9.1.1 When *Non-Conformities* are identified, the objective will be to assist the *Signatory* through dialogue and support to correct the *Non-Conformities* and so achieve and maintain full Code Compliance.

9.1.2 This Section 9 of the International Standard for Code Compliance by *Signatories* sets out the procedures that *WADA* will follow in giving the *Signatory* adequate opportunity to address and correct the *Non-Conformities* identified. The various steps in the process are presented in flow-chart format in Figure One (Article 6 above).

9.2 Corrective Action Reports and Corrective Action Plans

9.2.1 Where the *Signatory's* rules or regulations (or applicable legislation, where that is the means that has been used to implement the *Code*) are not compliant with the *Code*, *WADA* Management will give the *Signatory* written notice of the *Non-Conformities* and a three-month deadline to correct them without unnecessary delay (or to provide draft corrections and a confirmed timeline for their adoption).

9.2.2 Where *WADA* identifies *Non-Conformities* in any other aspects of a *Signatory's* Anti-Doping Program (whether as a result of a Code Compliance Questionnaire or a Compliance Audit, or as a result of information provided in response to a Mandatory Information Request, or otherwise), *WADA* Management will send the *Signatory* a Corrective Action Report that:

9.2.2.1 identifies *Non-Conformities* with requirements that are considered to be *Critical*, which the *Signatory* must correct within a timeline specified by *WADA* of no more than three months; and/or

9.2.2.2 identifies *Non-Conformities* with requirements that are considered to be *High Priority*, which the *Signatory* must correct within a timeline specified by *WADA* of no more than six months; and/or

9.2.2.3 identifies *Non-Conformities* with *Other* requirements, which the *Signatory* must correct within a timeline specified by *WADA* of no more than nine months;

save that if the *Signatory* is a *Major Event Organization*, then the above timelines will not apply. Instead the matter will be addressed in accordance with the [fast track](#) procedures set out at Article [9-58.8](#).

9.2.3 Having sent the Corrective Action Report, *WADA* Management will establish a dialogue with the *Signatory* (or ask the relevant *WADA* Regional Office to do so) to ensure that the *Signatory* has received the Corrective Action Report, and that the *Signatory* understands what it needs to do to implement the required corrective actions within the specified timelines.

9.2.4 If the *Signatory* disputes the *Non-Conformities* identified in the Corrective Action Report, and/or their classification as *Critical* or *High Priority*, WADA Management shall review the position. If the position is maintained following that review, the *Signatory* may request that the dispute be referred to the Compliance Review Committee in accordance with Article 9.4.1. If the CRC agrees with the view of WADA Management, and the matter proceeds to an assertion of non-compliance, the *Signatory* may continue to dispute the *Non-Conformities* and/or their classification in the CAS proceedings. If the CRC does not agree with the view of WADA Management, WADA Management may take the issue to WADA's Executive Committee for decision.

9.2.5 Subject to Article 9.2.4, the *Signatory* shall correct the *Non-Conformities* within the timelines specified in the Corrective Action Report. The Corrective Action Report will include within it a Corrective Action Plan section for the *Signatory* to complete to assist the *Signatory* in planning who within its organization will implement each of the corrective actions, how, and by when. It is not mandatory for the *Signatory* to provide a Corrective Action Plan to WADA but it is strongly recommended. If the *Signatory* provides a Corrective Action Plan, WADA will review that plan to confirm it is fit for purpose, and if it is not fit for purpose then WADA will provide comments to assist the *Signatory* to make it fit for purpose.

9.2.6 WADA Management will monitor the *Signatory's* progress in correcting the *Non-Conformities* identified in the Corrective Action Report.

9.3 Final Opportunity to Correct before Referral to the CRC

9.3.1 If a *Signatory* does not correct all *Non-Conformities* within the timeline set in the Corrective Action Report, or if a *Signatory* fails to provide the required response to a Code Compliance Questionnaire or a Mandatory Information Request within the specified timeline, WADA Management will give the *Signatory* written notice of that failure and a new deadline (of up to three months) to correct it. That new deadline will not be extended again, save in exceptional cases, where the *Signatory* establishes that an Event of Force Majeure will make it impossible to correct the position by that deadline.

9.4 Referral to the CRC

9.4.1 If a *Signatory* (a) continues to dispute the *Non-Conformity* after an exchange of views with WADA Management; or (b) does not correct a *Non-Conformity* by the deadline set in accordance with Article 9.3.1; or (c) does not provide the required response to a Mandatory Information Request or Code Compliance Questionnaire by the deadline set in accordance with Article 9.3.1, WADA Management will refer the matter promptly to the CRC for consideration in accordance with Articles 9.4.2 to 9.4.5.

9.4.2 WADA Management will advise the *Signatory* of the decision to refer the matter to the CRC, and that the *Signatory* may submit any explanations or other comments that the *Signatory* wishes the CRC to consider. WADA Management will communicate promptly to the CRC any explanation or comments received from the *Signatory*.

9.4.3 In all cases, the CRC shall review and determine for itself whether it agrees with WADA Management's classification of the *Non-Conformities* as *Critical*, *High Priority*, or *Other*. If not, they shall be re-classified (and the timelines for corrective action shall be amended accordingly) (unless WADA Management maintains its position, in which case WADA's Executive Committee shall decide). The CRC shall

also consider fully and fairly any explanations or comments received from the *Signatory* in respect of those *Non-Conformities*. In particular, any Event of Force Majeure that may explain the *Signatory's Non-Conformities* or inability to correct them as required by the Corrective Action Report shall be fully and fairly considered. In extraordinary situations, the CRC may recommend to WADA's Executive Committee that the *Non-Conformities* should be provisionally excused while the Event of Force Majeure continues to prevent the *Signatory's* correction of the *Non-Conformities*. In no circumstances, however, shall it be an acceptable excuse, or a mitigating factor:

9.4.3.1 that the *Signatory's* failure to comply with its obligations under the *Code* and/or the *International Standards* has been caused by interference by, and/or a failure to provide support or other act or omission by, any governmental or other public authorities. Each *Signatory* has voluntarily accepted the obligation to comply with its obligations under the *Code* and the *International Standards*, which includes an obligation under *Code* Article 23.3 to devote sufficient resources, and, where applicable, an obligation to secure the support of governmental and other public authorities required to achieve and maintain Code Compliance; or

9.4.3.2 that the *Signatory* assigned the task of complying with some or all of its obligations under the *Code* and/or the *International Standards* to a third party (such as a Sample Collection Authority to whom the *Signatory* has assigned the task of collecting *Samples*; or a local organising committee to which a *Major Event Organization* has assigned the task of running its Anti-Doping Program at the *Event* in question).

[Comment to Article 9.4.3.2: As CAS ruled in RPC v IPC, CAS 2016/A/4745, (a) a body with an obligation to enforce the Code within its sphere of authority remains fully liable for any violations even if they are due to the actions of other bodies that it relies on but that it does not control; and (b) just as an athlete cannot escape the consequences of an anti-doping rule violation by delegating his or her responsibility to comply with his or her anti-doping obligations to others, so too a Signatory has an absolute and non-delegable obligation to comply with the requirements of the Code and the International Standards. The Signatory has the right to decide how to meet that obligation, including the right to assign certain tasks to appropriate third parties, should it see fit, but it remains fully responsible for complying with the Code and the International Standards, and is fully liable for any non-compliance caused by any failures of such third party.]

9.4.4 Where the CRC considers that the *Signatory* has failed without valid reason to correct the *Non-Conformity/ies* in question or to respond to a Mandatory Information Request or Code Compliance Questionnaire satisfactorily by the specified deadline, the CRC will recommend to WADA's Executive Committee that the *Signatory* be sent a formal notice asserting that it is non-compliant with the requirements of the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*, categorizing the requirements in question as *Critical*, *High Priority*, or *Other*, identifying any *Aggravating Factors*, specifying the Signatory Consequences that are proposed for such non-compliance (as recommended by the CRC, in accordance with Article 11), and specifying the conditions that it is proposed the *Signatory* should have to satisfy in order to be *Reinstated* (as recommended by the CRC, in accordance with Article 12).

9.4.5 Alternatively, if the *Signatory* has provided a Corrective Action Plan that explains to the satisfaction of the CRC how the *Signatory* will correct the *Non-Conformities* within four months, then the CRC may recommend to WADA's Executive Committee that it decide (a) to give the *Signatory* that period (starting to run from the date of the Executive Committee's decision) to correct the *Non-Conformities*, and (b)

that the formal notice described in Article 9.4.4 shall be sent to the *Signatory* upon expiry of that deadline (without the need for further decision by WADA's Executive Committee) if the CRC considers that the *Non-Conformities* have not been corrected in full by then.

9.5 Fast Track Procedure

~~9.5.1—This~~ Unless otherwise specified, this Article 9.5 applies to ~~the following cases:~~

~~9.5.1.1~~ 9.5.1 A case where (a) there is *Non-Conformity* by a *Signatory* with one or more *Critical* requirements of the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*; and (b) urgent intervention is required in order to maintain confidence in the integrity of a sport or sports and/or of a particular *Event* or *Events*.

~~9.5.1.2—A case that involves Non-Conformity by a Major Event Organization with the requirements of the Code and/or the International Standards (because the scheduling of different editions of the Event means that the standard corrective procedures and timelines set out in Articles 9.1 to 9.3 are not appropriate in such a case).~~

9.5.2 WADA Management may refer a case that falls within Article 9.5.1 to the CRC for urgent consideration without following all of the steps set out in the preceding Articles of this International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories. Alternatively, if time allows, WADA Management may follow some or all of those steps but with shortened timelines, according to the urgency of the matter, and refer the case to the CRC if the *Signatory* has not corrected the *Non-Conformities* within the shortened timelines.

9.5.3 In such cases, WADA Management shall give the *Signatory* an opportunity to explain the apparent *Non-Conformities* within a specified deadline, and shall communicate any explanation provided by the *Signatory* within that deadline to the CRC.

9.5.4 When WADA Management refers a case to the CRC in accordance with this Article 9.5:

9.5.4.1 The CRC will convene (in-person or otherwise) as soon as possible to consider the matter. It will consider WADA Management's assessment, and any explanation or comments provided by the *Signatory* in accordance with Article 9.5.3.

9.5.4.2 Following such review, if the CRC considers that a fast track procedure is not required, it may recommend:

- (a) that the *Signatory* undergo a Compliance Audit ~~(and/or, where the Signatory is a Major Event Organization and its Event is imminent, that a mission in the framework of the Independent Observer Program be conducted at the Event); and/or; and/or~~

(b) that a Corrective Action Report be issued to the *Signatory*, to be followed up in accordance with the normal procedures set out in Articles 9.3 and/or 9.4 ~~(or, in the case of a *Major Event Organization*, to be followed up in accordance with fast track procedures that ensure the *Non-Conformities* are corrected well in advance of the next edition of the *Event* in question).~~

9.5.4.3 If, however, the CRC considers that a fast track procedure is required, the CRC may recommend to WADA's Executive Committee that the *Signatory* be sent a formal notice asserting that it is non-compliant with *Critical* requirements of the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*, identifying any *Aggravating Factors* asserted by WADA, specifying the *Signatory Consequences* that it is proposed to impose for such non-compliance (in accordance with Article 11) (including any such consequences that the CRC considers should be imposed urgently to protect the rights of clean *athletes* and/or to maintain confidence in the integrity of a sport and/or of a particular *Event* or *Events*), and specifying the conditions that it is proposed the *Signatory* should have to satisfy in order to be *Reinstated* (in accordance with Article 12).

9.5.4.4 If WADA's Executive Committee accepts that recommendation (by vote taken at an in-person meeting or, if necessary to avoid delay, by teleconference or by circular email communication), that formal notice shall be sent to the *Signatory* in accordance with Article 10.2.3 and at the same time or at any time thereafter WADA may refer the case to CAS (Ordinary Arbitration Division) and may apply to CAS for appropriate interim relief, in accordance with Article 10.4.3, or alternatively (if time allows) for an expedited proceeding.

10.0 Confirming Non-Compliance and Imposing *Signatory Consequences*

10.1 CRC Recommendation

10.1.1 Articles 9.4 and 9.5 identify the circumstances in which the CRC may recommend that the *Signatory* be sent a formal notice asserting that it is not compliant with the requirements of the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*, categorizing the requirements in question as *Critical*, *High Priority*, or *Other*, identifying any *Aggravating Factors* alleged by WADA (in cases involving non-compliance with *Critical* requirements), specifying the *Signatory Consequences* that it is proposed should be imposed for such non-compliance (in accordance with Article 11), and specifying the conditions that it is proposed the *Signatory* should have to satisfy in order to be *Reinstated* (in accordance with Article 12).

10.2 Consideration by WADA Executive Committee

10.2.1 At its next meeting in person, or else (if the CRC so recommends) by teleconference or by circular email communication, WADA's Executive Committee will decide whether to accept the CRC's recommendation. The CRC's recommendation

and the decision of WADA's Executive Committee in respect of that recommendation shall be made public (e.g., by publication of the minutes of WADA's Executive Committee's deliberations on the matter) no more than fourteen days after WADA's Executive ~~Committee's~~Committee makes its decision-~~is made~~.

10.2.2 If WADA's Executive Committee does not accept all or any part of the CRC's recommendation, it shall not substitute its own decision but instead shall remit the matter back to the CRC so that the ~~CRC~~ may consider the matter further and decide how to proceed (e.g., by making a revised recommendation to WADA's Executive Committee).- If WADA's Executive Committee also does not accept the CRC's second recommendation on the matter, it may either refer the matter back to the CRC again or else take its own decision on the matter, as it sees fit.

10.2.3 Where WADA's Executive Committee decides to accept the CRC's recommendation to issue a formal notice of non-compliance to a *Signatory* (whether immediately, or automatically upon expiry of the deadline specified in accordance with Article 9.4.5, if the CRC concludes that the *Non-Conformities* have still not been corrected by then), WADA shall issue such formal notice to the *Signatory*, setting out the matters referenced at Article 10.1.1. The process thereafter is set out in flow-chart form in Figure Two in Article 6 above.

10.2.4 Where the Signatory Consequences specified in the formal notice may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, e.g., by affecting attendance at/participation in the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, WADA shall copy the notice formally to the International Olympic Committee and/or the International Paralympic Committee (as applicable). The formal notice sent to the *Signatory* (or a summary thereof) shall also be publicly reported on WADA's website and sent to WADA's stakeholders once that notice has been received by the *Signatory*. WADA's stakeholders may assist in the publicising of the notice, such as by publicly reporting it on their own websites.

10.3 Acceptance by the *Signatory*

10.3.1 The *Signatory* will have twenty-one days from the date of receipt of the formal notice to dispute WADA's assertion of non-compliance and/or the Signatory Consequences and/or the *Reinstatement* conditions proposed by WADA in the notice. Further to Article 23.5.5 of the *Code*, if the *Signatory* does not communicate such dispute in writing to WADA within twenty-one days (or such extended deadline as WADA may agree), the assertion will be deemed admitted, the Signatory Consequences and/or the *Reinstatement* conditions proposed by WADA in the notice will be deemed accepted, and the notice will automatically become a final decision enforceable (subject to Article 10.3.2) with immediate effect in accordance with Article 23.5.9 of the *Code*. This outcome will be publicly reported by WADA.

10.3.1.1 If, alternatively, the *Signatory* purports to correct the non-compliance in full within twenty-one days of receipt of the formal notice, WADA Management will refer the matter to the CRC. If the CRC is satisfied that the non-compliance has been corrected in full, it will recommend to WADA's Executive Committee that the formal notice be withdrawn without the matter being referred to CAS. If the CRC is not satisfied that the non-compliance has been corrected in full, WADA will re-send the formal notice (amended if necessary, at the direction of the CRC) to the *Signatory*, giving it another twenty-

one days from the date of receipt of the notice either to dispute or to accept the contents of the notice.

10.3.2 WADA will publicly report the decision referred to in Article 10.3.1 by posting it on its website. Any party that would have ~~had been entitled as of~~ right under Code Article 23.5.7 to intervene in the CAS proceedings that would have taken place if the *Signatory* had disputed any aspect of WADA's notice shall have the right to appeal that decision by filing an appeal with CAS within twenty-one days of WADA posting that decision on its website. –The appeal shall be resolved by the CAS Appeals Arbitration Division in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration and Mediation Rules and this International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (and in the case of conflict between them, the latter shall prevail). Swiss law will govern the proceedings. –The seat of the arbitration, and the venue of any hearings, shall be Lausanne, Switzerland. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the proceedings will be conducted in English and the CAS Panel that hears and determines the dispute will be composed of three arbitrators. –WADA and the *Signatory* shall each nominate an arbitrator to sit on the CAS Panel, choosing either from the list of arbitrators specifically designated by CAS for cases arising under Article 23.5 of the Code or from the general CAS list of arbitrators, as each sees fit, and those two arbitrators shall together choose a third arbitrator from the former list to act as President of the CAS Panel. –If they cannot agree within three days, the President of the CAS Appeal Arbitration Division will choose the President of the CAS Panel from the former list. Cases shall be completed expeditiously and (save in exceptional circumstances) the reasoned decision shall be issued no later than three months after the date of appointment of the CAS Panel. That decision shall be publicly reported by CAS and the parties.

10.4 Determination by CAS

10.4.1 If the *Signatory* wishes to dispute the asserted non-compliance and/or the proposed *Signatory Consequences* and/or the proposed *Reinstatement* conditions, then (in accordance with Article 23.5.6 of the Code) it must notify WADA in writing within twenty-one days of its receipt of the notice from WADA. WADA shall then file a formal notice of dispute with CAS, and the dispute will be resolved by the CAS Ordinary Arbitration Division in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration and Mediation Rules and this International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (and in the case of conflict between them, the latter shall prevail). –Swiss law will govern the proceedings. –The seat of the arbitration, and the venue of any hearings, shall be Lausanne, Switzerland. – Unless the parties agree otherwise, the proceedings will be conducted in English and the CAS Panel that hears and determines the dispute will be composed of three arbitrators. WADA and the *Signatory* shall each nominate an arbitrator to sit on the CAS Panel either from the list of arbitrators specifically designated by CAS for cases arising under Article 23.5 of the Code or from the general CAS list of arbitrators, as each sees fit, and those two arbitrators shall together choose a third arbitrator from the former list to act as the President of the CAS Panel. If they cannot agree within three days, the President of the CAS Ordinary Arbitration Division will choose the President of the CAS Panel from the former list. –Third parties may intervene or apply to intervene (as applicable) as set out in Code Article 23.5.7. –Cases shall be completed expeditiously and (save in exceptional circumstances) the reasoned decision shall be issued no later than three months after the date of appointment of the CAS Panel. That decision shall be publicly reported by CAS and the parties.

10.4.2 If the *Signatory* has disputed WADA's assertion that the *Signatory* is not compliant with the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*, WADA shall have the burden of proving, on the balance of probabilities, that the *Signatory* is non-compliant as alleged. –If the CAS Panel decides that WADA has met that burden, and if the *Signatory* has also disputed the *Signatory Consequences* and/or the *Reinstatement* conditions specified by WADA, the CAS Panel will also consider, by reference to the provisions of Article 11, what *Signatory Consequences* should be imposed and/or, by reference to the provisions of Article 12, what conditions the *Signatory* should be required to satisfy in order to be *Reinstated*.

10.4.3 No *Signatory Consequences* will come into effect unless and until CAS so orders. In urgent cases, however, WADA may ask CAS to issue interim measures on a provisional basis, where necessary (for example) to preserve the integrity of an *Event*. In such cases, if the provisional interim measures are granted, the *Signatory* shall have no right of appeal against those provisional interim measures but instead shall have the right to an expedited hearing on the merits of the case; and if the provisional interim measures are not granted, then CAS may issue directions for an expedited hearing on the merits of the case. Where necessary (for example, to avoid the risk of destruction of evidence), WADA may make the request for provisional interim measures ex parte, even before formal notice of the dispute is sent to the *Signatory* in question. In such cases, if the provisional interim measures are granted, the *Signatory* shall have a right of appeal against those provisional interim measures to the CAS Appeals Division.

10.5 Recognition and Enforcement by Other *Signatories*

10.5.1 Once a decision as to a *Signatory's* non-compliance is final (either because the *Signatory* did not dispute the contents of WADA's formal notice sent in accordance with Article 10.2, or because the *Signatory* did dispute it but CAS ruled against the *Signatory*), in accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.9 that decision shall be applicable worldwide and shall be recognized, respected and given effect by all other *Signatories* in accordance with their authority and within their respective spheres of responsibility.

10.5.2 *Signatories* shall ensure that they have due authority under their statutes, rules and regulations to comply with this requirement in a timely manner.

10.6 Disputes about *Reinstatement*

10.6.1 If a *Signatory* wishes to dispute WADA's assertion that the *Signatory* has not yet met *Reinstatement* conditions imposed on it and therefore is not yet entitled to be *Reinstated*, it must advise WADA in writing within twenty-one days of its receipt of the assertion from WADA (see *Code* Article 23.5.10). WADA shall then file a formal notice of dispute with CAS, and the dispute will be resolved by the CAS Ordinary Arbitration Division in accordance with Articles 23.5.6 to 23.5.8 of the *Code* and this Article 10.

10.6.2 It will be WADA's burden to prove on the balance of probabilities that the *Signatory* has not yet met the *Reinstatement* conditions imposed on it and therefore is not yet entitled to be *Reinstated*. –If the case was previously considered by a CAS Panel further to Article 23.5.6 of the *Code*, if possible the same CAS Panel shall be constituted to hear and determine this new dispute.

11.0 Determining Signatory Consequences

11.1 Potential Consequences for Signatory Non-Compliance with the Code

~~11.1.1 The following is a range of Signatory Consequences The consequences that may be imposed, individually or cumulatively, on a *Signatory* that has failed to comply with the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*, based on application of the principles set out in Article 11.2 to the particular facts and circumstances of the case at hand:~~

~~11.1.1.1 the following consequences (referred to collectively as WADA Privileges):~~

~~(a) — in accordance with the relevant provisions of *WADA's Statutes*, the Signatory's Representatives being ruled ineligible for a specified period to hold any *WADA* office or any position as a member of any *WADA* board or committee or other body (including but not limited to membership of *WADA's* Foundation Board, the Executive Committee, any Standing Committee, and any other committee) (although *WADA* may exceptionally permit Representatives of the *Signatory* to remain as members of *WADA* expert groups where there is no effective substitute available);~~

~~(b) — the *Signatory* being ruled ineligible to host any event hosted or organized or co-hosted or co-organized by *WADA*;~~

~~(c) — the *Signatory's Representatives* being ruled ineligible to participate in any *WADA Independent Observer Program* or *WADA Outreach* program or other *WADA* activities; and~~

~~(d) — withdrawal of *WADA* funding to the *Signatory* (whether direct or indirect) relating to the development of specific activities or participation in specific programs;~~

~~11.1.1.2 the *Signatory's Representatives* being ruled ineligible for a specified period to hold any office of or position as a member of the board or committees or other bodies of any other *Signatory* (or its members) or association of *Signatories*;~~

~~11.1.1.3 Special Monitoring of some or all of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities*, until *WADA* considers that the *Signatory* is in a position to implement such Anti-Doping Activities itself in a compliant manner without such monitoring.~~

~~11.1.1.4 Supervision and/or Takeover of some or all of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities* by an Approved Third Party, until *WADA* considers that the *Signatory* is in a position to implement such Anti-Doping Activities itself in a compliant manner without such measures. If the non-compliance involves non-compliant rules,~~

~~regulations and/or legislation, then the Anti-Doping Activities in issue shall be conducted under other applicable rules (of one or more other Anti-Doping Organizations, e.g., International Federations or National Anti-Doping Organizations or Regional Anti-Doping Organizations) that are compliant, as directed by WADA. In that case, while the Anti-Doping Activities (including any Testing and results management) will be administered by the Approved Third Party under and in accordance with those other applicable rules at the cost of the non-compliant Signatory, any costs incurred by the Anti-Doping Organizations as a result of the use of their rules in this manner shall be reimbursed by the non-compliant Signatory;~~

~~(a) — If it is not possible to fill the gap in Anti-Doping Activities in this way (for example, because national legislation prohibits it, and the National Anti-Doping Organization has not secured an amendment to that legislation or other solution to permit application of Article 11.1.1.4), then it may be necessary as an alternative measure to exclude Athletes who would have been covered by the Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities from participating in the Olympic Games/Paralympic Games/other Events, in accordance with Article 11.1.1.10, in order to protect the rights of clean Athletes and to preserve public confidence in the integrity of competition at those events.~~

~~11.1.1.5 (where the Signatory is a National Anti-Doping Organization or a National Olympic Committee acting as a National Anti-Doping Organization) the Signatory's country being ruled ineligible to host or co-host an Olympic Games and/or Paralympic Games and/or to be awarded the right to host or co-host a World Championship and/or other International Event(s);~~

~~(a) — If the right to host or co-host a World Championship and/or other International Event(s) has already been awarded to the country in question, the Signatory that awarded that right must assess whether it is legally and practically possible to withdraw that right and re-assign the event to another country. If it is legally and practically possible to do so, then the Signatory shall do so.~~

~~(b) — Signatories shall ensure that they have due authority under their statutes, rules and regulations, and/or hosting agreements, to comply with this requirement (including a right in any Event hosting agreement to cancel the agreement without penalty where the relevant country has been ruled ineligible in accordance with this Article 11 to host the Event).~~

~~11.1.1.6 (in cases involving not only non-compliance with Critical requirements but also Aggravating Factors) imposition of a Fine;~~

~~11.1.1.7 loss of eligibility to receive some or all funding and/or other benefits from the International Olympic Committee or the International Paralympic Committee or any other Signatory for a specified period (with no right to receive such funding and/or other benefits for that period retrospectively following Reinstatement);~~

~~11.1.1.8 a recommendation to the relevant public authorities to withhold some or all public and/or other funding and/or other benefits from the Signatory for a specified period (with no right to receive such funding and/or other benefits for that period retrospectively following Reinstatement);~~

[Comment to Article 11.1.1.8: Public authorities are not Signatories to the Code. In accordance with Article 11(c) of the UNESCO Convention, however, State Parties shall, where appropriate, withhold some or all financial or other sport related support from any sports organization or anti-doping organization that is not in compliance with the Code.]

~~11.1.1.9 suspension of recognition by the Olympic Movement and/or of membership of the Paralympic Movement;~~

~~11.1.1.10 (where the Signatory is a National Anti-Doping Organization or a National Olympic Committee or a National Paralympic Committee) exclusion of the following Persons from participation in or attendance at the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games and/or other specified Events for a specified period: (a) the National Olympic Committee and/or National Paralympic Committee of the Signatory's country; (b) the Representatives of that country and/or of the National Olympic Committee and/or National Paralympic Committee of that country; (c) and/or the Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel affiliated to that country and/or to the National Olympic Committee and/or National Paralympic Committee and/or National Federation of that country;~~

~~11.1.1.11 (where the Signatory is an International Federation) exclusion of the following Persons from participation in or attendance at the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games and/or other multi-sport Events for a specified period: the Representatives of that International Federation and/or the Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel participating in the International Federation's sport (or in one or more disciplines of that sport); and~~

~~11.1.1.12 (where the Signatory is a Major Event Organization):~~

~~(a) Special Monitoring or Supervision of the Major Event Organization's Anti-Doping Program at the next edition(s) of its Event, such as through a mission~~

~~conducted as part of an *Independent Observer Program*;
and/or~~

~~(b) — loss of eligibility to receive funding and other
benefits from and/or the
recognition/membership/patronage (as applicable) of the
International Olympic Committee, the International
Paralympic Committee, the Association of *National
Olympic Committees*, or other patron body; and/or~~

~~(c) **11.1.1** — loss of recognition of its *Event* as a qualifying event for the
Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games., are set out at Article 23.5.12 of the
Code.~~

11.2 Principles Relevant to the Determination of the Signatory Consequences to be Applied in a Particular Case

11.2.1 The Signatory Consequences applied in a particular case shall reflect the nature and seriousness of the non-compliance in that case, taking into account both the degree of fault of the *Signatory* and the potential impact of its non-compliance on clean sport. As a guide to assessing the potential impact of a *Signatory's* non-compliance on clean sport, the different requirements of the *Code* and *International Standards* shall be categorized (in descending order of gravity) as *Critical*, *High Priority*, or *Other*, as described further in Annex A— to this *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*. Where the case involves more than one category of non-compliance, the Signatory Consequences imposed shall be based on the gravest category of non-compliance. In terms of the degree of fault of the *Signatory*, the obligation to comply is absolute, and so any alleged lack of intent or other fault is not a mitigating factor, but any fault or negligence on the part of a *Signatory* may impact on the Signatory Consequences imposed.

11.2.2 ~~Aggravating Factors shall be taken into account only in a case involving non-compliance with one or more Critical requirements of the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*. In such a case, if there are Aggravating Factors if there are Aggravating Factors in a particular case, that case shall attract significantly greater Signatory Consequences than a case where there are no Aggravating Factors. On the other hand, if a case includes extenuating circumstances, that may warrant the imposition of lesser Signatory Consequences.~~

11.2.3 Signatory Consequences shall be applied without improper discrimination between different categories of *Signatory*. In particular, given that International Federations and *National Anti-Doping Organizations* have equally important roles in fighting doping in sport, they should be treated the same (*mutatis mutandis*) when it comes to imposing Signatory Consequences for non-compliance with their respective obligations under the *Code* and the *International Standards*.

11.2.4 The Signatory Consequences imposed in a particular case shall go as far as is necessary to achieve the objectives underlying the *Code*. In particular, they shall be sufficient to motivate full Code Compliance by the *Signatory* in question, to punish the *Signatory's* non-compliance, to deter further non-compliance by the *Signatory* in question and/or by other *Signatories*, and to incentivize all *Signatories* to ensure they achieve and maintain full and timely Code compliance at all times.

11.2.5 Above all else, the Signatory Consequences imposed should be sufficient to maintain the confidence of all *Athletes* and other stakeholders, and of the public at large, in the commitment of WADA and its partners from the public authorities and from the sport movement to do what is necessary to defend the integrity of sport against the scourge of doping. This is the most important and fundamental objective, and overrides all others.

[Comment to Articles 11.2.4 and 11.2.5: As CAS ruled in ROC et al v IAAF, CAS 2016/O/4684 and again in RPC v IPC, CAS 2016/A/4745, if a Signatory fails to deliver an Anti-Doping Program that is compliant with the Code, then in order to restore a level playing field, to provide a meaningful sanction that will provoke behavioural change within the Signatory's sphere of influence, and to maintain public confidence in the integrity of International Events, it may be necessary (and therefore legitimate and proportionate) to go so far as to exclude the Signatory's affiliated Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel and/or its Representatives from participation in those International Events.]

11.2.6 The consequencesSignatory Consequences should not go further than is necessary to achieve the objectives underlying the Code.— In particular, where a consequence imposed is exclusion of *Athletes* and/or *Athlete Support Personnel* from participation in one or more *Events*, consideration should be given to whether it is feasible (logistically, practically, and otherwise) for other relevant *Signatories* to create and implement a mechanism that enables the non-compliant *Signatory's Athletes* and/or *Athlete Support Personnel* to demonstrate that they are not affected in any way by the *Signatory's* non-compliance.— If so, and if it is clear that allowing them to compete in the *Event(s)* in a neutral capacity (i.e., not as representatives of any country) will not make the Signatory Consequences that have been imposed less effective, or be unfair to their competitors or undermine public confidence in the integrity of the *Event(s)* (e.g., because the *Athletes* have been subject to an adequate testing regime for a sufficient period) or in the commitment of WADA and its stakeholders to do what is necessary to defend the integrity of sport against ~~the scourge of~~ doping, then such a mechanism may be permitted, under the control of and/or subject to the approval of WADA (to ensure adequacy and consistency of treatment across different cases).

[Comment to Article 11.2.6: An example is the IAAF's Competition Rule 22.1A, which (as discussed in ROC et al v IAAF, CAS 2016/O/4684) created the possibility for Athletes affiliated to a suspended member national federation to apply for special eligibility to compete in international competitions as 'neutral' athletes, where they could show that the suspended member's failure to enforce the anti-doping rules did not affect the athlete in any way, because he or she was subject to other, fully adequate anti-doping systems for a sufficiently long period to provide substantial objective assurance of integrity. In particular, the Athlete had to show that he or she had been subject to fully compliant Testing both in and out of competition that is equivalent in quality to the Testing to which his or her competitors in the international competition(s) in question were subject in the relevant period.]

11.2.7 The Signatory Consequences applied should include cessation of the *Signatory's* non-compliant *Anti-Doping Activities* where necessary to maintain confidence in the integrity of sport, but should be designed to ensure as far as practicable that there is no gap in the protection offered to clean *Athletes* while the *Signatory* is working to satisfy the *Reinstatement* conditions. Depending on the circumstances of the particular case, this may involve imposition of *Supervision* and/or *Takeover* of some or all of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities*. Where the circumstances warrant, however, the *Signatory* may be permitted to continue to conduct particular *Anti-Doping Activities* (e.g., education) pending *Reinstatement*, provided this

can be done without endangering clean sport. In such circumstances, *Special Monitoring* of the activities in question may be warranted.

11.2.8 Unless specified otherwise, all Signatory Consequences shall remain in effect until the *Signatory* is *Reinstated*.

11.2.9 The decision imposing the original Signatory Consequences (whether that decision is the *WADA* proposal that is accepted by the *Signatory* or the *CAS* decision if the *WADA* proposal is disputed by the *Signatory*) may specify that the Signatory Consequences shall increase in the event that the *Signatory* does not satisfy all of the *Reinstatement* conditions by a set deadline.

11.2.10 Applying the principles set out above, Annex B of this International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories identifies the range of graded and proportionate Signatory Consequences that shall *prima facie* apply in cases involving non-compliance with *Critical* requirements ~~(see paragraph B.3)~~ or only *High Priority* requirements ~~(see paragraph B.2)~~ or only *Other* requirements ~~(see paragraph B.1)~~. The intention behind Annex B is to promote predictability and consistency in the imposition of Signatory Consequences across all cases. However, there shall be flexibility to vary within or even to depart from this range in a particular case, where the application of the principles set out above to the specific facts and circumstances of that case so warrant. –In particular, the greater the degree of non-compliance (i.e., the more requirements with which the *Signatory* has failed to comply, and the more important those requirements are to clean sport), the greater the Signatory Consequences should be). ~~If the case includes not only non-compliance with *Critical* requirements but also *Aggravating Factors*, that shall warrant a significant increase in the Signatory Consequences imposed (which may include, without limitation, a *Fine*). On the other hand, if it includes *extenuating circumstances*, that may warrant the imposition of lesser Signatory Consequences.~~

~~11.3 – Other Consequences~~

~~11.3.1 Governments and *Signatories* and associations of *Signatories* may impose additional consequences within their respective spheres of authority for non-compliance by *Signatories*, provided that this does not compromise or restrict in any way the ability to apply Signatory Consequences in accordance with this Section 11.~~

~~[Comment to Article 11.3.1: For example, the *IOC* may decide to impose symbolic or other consequences on an *International Federation* or a *National Olympic Committee* pursuant to the *Olympic Charter*, such as withdrawal of eligibility to organize an *IOC Session* or an *Olympic Congress*; while an *International Federation* may decide to cancel *International Events* that were scheduled to be held in the country of a non-compliant *Signatory*, or move them to another country.]~~

12.0 Reinstatement

12.1 Objective

12.1.1 Once a *Signatory* has been determined to be non-compliant, the objective is to help that *Signatory* to achieve *Reinstatement* as quickly as possible, while ensuring that corrective actions have been taken that will deliver enduring Code Compliance by that *Signatory*.

12.1.2 While *WADA* Management shall seek to guide the *Signatory* in its efforts to satisfy the *Reinstatement* conditions as quickly as is reasonably practicable, that objective shall not be allowed to compromise the integrity of the process and/or of the eventual outcome.

12.2 Reinstatement Conditions

12.2.1 In accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.4, in the formal notice that it sends to the *Signatory*, setting out the *Signatory's* alleged non-compliance and the proposed Signatory Consequences, *WADA* shall also specify the conditions that it proposes the *Signatory* should have to satisfy in order to be *Reinstated*, which shall be as follows:

12.2.1.1 all of the matters that caused the *Signatory* to be declared non-compliant must have been corrected in full;

12.2.1.2 the *Signatory* must have demonstrated that it is ready, willing and able to comply with all of its obligations under the *Code* and the *International Standards*, including (without limitation) carrying out all of its *Anti-Doping Activities* independently and without improper outside interference;

(a) If further *Non-Conformities* are identified after the *Signatory* has been declared non-compliant and before it is *Reinstated*, *WADA* will issue a new Corrective Action Report addressing those new *Non-Conformities*, and the normal process and timeframes for correcting them (set out in Article 9) will apply, but the *Signatory* will not be *Reinstated* until it has corrected all of the new *Non-Conformities* that relate to *Critical or High Priority* requirements.

12.2.1.3 the *Signatory* must have respected and observed in full all of the Signatory Consequences applied to it;

12.2.1.4 the *Signatory* must have paid in full the following costs and expenses upon demand by *WADA*:

(a) any specific costs and expenses reasonably incurred by *WADA* in *Special Monitoring* actions (i.e., outside *WADA's* routine monitoring activities) that identified the *Signatory's* non-compliance (e.g., the costs of any specific investigation conducted by *WADA's* Intelligence and Investigations Department that identified such non-compliance);

(b) the costs and expenses reasonably incurred by *WADA* and/or *Approved Third Parties* from the date on which the decision that the *Signatory* was non-compliant became final until the date of the *Signatory's Reinstatement*, including (without limitation) costs and expenses reasonably incurred in implementing the Signatory

Consequences (including the costs ~~referred to in Articles 11.1.1.3 and 11.1.1.4~~ relating to *Special Monitoring, Supervision or Takeover* and the costs of monitoring the *Signatory's* compliance with the Signatory Consequences) and the costs and expenses reasonably incurred in assessing the *Signatory's* efforts to satisfy the *Reinstatement* conditions; and

- 12.2.1.5 the *Signatory* must have satisfied any other conditions that WADA's Executive Committee may specify (on the recommendation of the CRC) based on the particular facts and circumstances of the case.

12.2.2 Within twenty-one days of its receipt of the notice referenced in *Code* Article 23.5.4, in accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.6 the *Signatory* may dispute the *Reinstatement* conditions proposed by WADA, in which case WADA will refer the case to the CAS Ordinary Arbitration Division in accordance with *Code* Article 23.5.6 and CAS will determine whether all of the *Reinstatement* conditions proposed by WADA are necessary and proportionate.

12.2.3 Subject to any contrary decision issued by CAS, to be eligible for *Reinstatement* a non-compliant *Signatory* shall be required to demonstrate (by its own efforts but also by securing the support and assistance of public authorities and/or other relevant parties, as necessary) that it has satisfied each of the *Reinstatement* conditions specified by WADA.

12.2.4 WADA (and/or CAS) may establish an instalment plan for payment of the costs and expenses set out in Article 12.2.1.4. In such a case, provided the *Signatory* is fully up-to-date with payments under that instalment plan, once the *Signatory* has complied with all other *Reinstatement* conditions it may be *Reinstated* even if further instalments will only become due for payment after the date of *Reinstatement*. However, the *Signatory* remains liable to pay all remaining instalments after such *Reinstatement*. A failure to do so shall be processed as a new *Non-Conformity*.

12.3 The Reinstatement Process

12.3.1 WADA Management will monitor the *Signatory's* efforts to satisfy the *Reinstatement* conditions, and will report to the CRC periodically on the *Signatory's* progress. A Compliance Audit may be used to assist in this task.

12.3.2 Where a *Signatory's* right to conduct some or all *Anti-Doping Activities* has been withdrawn ~~in accordance with Article 11.1.1.4~~, the CRC may recommend to WADA's Executive Committee that the *Signatory* be given back the right to conduct certain of those *Anti-Doping Activities* (under *Special Monitoring* ~~in accordance with Article 11.1.1.3~~ and/or *Supervision* by an *Approved Third Party* ~~in accordance with Article 11.1.1.4~~) prior to full *Reinstatement*, where the CRC agrees with WADA Management that the *Signatory's* corrective efforts to date mean it is in a position to implement such *Anti-Doping Activities* itself in a compliant manner.

12.3.3 Once WADA Management considers that the *Signatory* has met all of the *Reinstatement* conditions, it will inform the CRC accordingly.

12.3.4 If the CRC agrees with WADA Management that the *Signatory* has met all of the *Reinstatement* conditions, it will recommend that WADA's Executive Committee confirm the *Reinstatement* of the *Signatory*.

12.3.5 In accordance with Code Article 13.6, a decision by the CRC and/or WADA's Executive Committee that a *Signatory* has not yet met all of the conditions for its *Reinstatement* may be appealed by the *Signatory* exclusively to CAS.

12.3.6 Only WADA's Executive Committee has authority to *Reinstate* a *Signatory* that has been declared non-compliant.

12.3.7 Following the *Signatory's Reinstatement*, WADA shall monitor the *Signatory's Code Compliance* closely for such further period as it deems appropriate.

12.3.8 When it confirms such *Reinstatement*, WADA's Executive Committee may impose special conditions recommended by the CRC with which the *Signatory* must comply post-*Reinstatement* in order to demonstrate the *Signatory's* continuing Code Compliance, which may include (without limitation) conducting a Compliance Audit within a specified period following *Reinstatement*. Any breach of such conditions shall be processed in the same manner as any other new *Non-Conformity*.

PART THREE: ANNEXES

Annex A: Categories of Non-Compliance

The various different requirements imposed on *Signatories* by the *Code* and the *International Standards* shall be classified either as *Critical*, or as *High Priority*, or as *Other*, depending on their relative importance to the fight against doping in sport. Examples of requirements in each of the three categories are listed below. Requirements that are not listed below shall be classified into one of the three categories, reasoning by analogy from the examples listed below (i.e., requirements that are considered as important to the fight against doping in sport as requirements listed below as *Critical* requirements shall be categorized as *Critical*, etc). –The classification shall be made in the first instance by WADA Management, but the *Signatory* shall have the right to dispute the classification, and the CRC and WADA’s Executive Committee (based on the CRC’s recommendation) may take a different view. If ~~there remains at the~~ Signatory continues to dispute the classification, ultimately CAS will decide.

A1. The following is a non-exhaustive list of requirements that are considered to be *Critical* requirements in the fight against doping in sport:

- a) Adoption of rules, regulations, and/or (where necessary) legislation that satisfy the *Signatory*’s obligation under Article 23.4 of the *Code* to implement the *Code* within the *Signatory*’s sphere of responsibility.
- ~~b) The implementation of an anti-doping education program for Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel in accordance with Articles 18.1 and 18.2 of the Code.~~
- ~~e)b)~~ b) The development and implementation of an effective, intelligent and proportionate Test Distribution Plan in accordance with Article 5.4 of the *Code*, based on the risk assessment and other principles set out in Article 4 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* and the *Technical Document for Sport Specific Analysis*, and including (without limitation) *No Advance Notice Testing*.
- ~~d)c)~~ c) In particular, the development and implementation of an effective program for the *Testing of Athletes* prior to their participation in the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games or other *International Event*.
- ~~e)d)~~ d) The use of ADAMS or another system approved by WADA (including for the timely entry of *Doping Control Forms* and *TUE* decisions).
- ~~f)e)~~ e) The use of WADA-accredited laboratory/ies (or WADA-approved laboratory/ies) to analyze all *Samples*, in accordance with Article 6.1 of the *Code*.
- ~~g)f)~~ f) The establishment of a *TUE* Committee, and a documented process for *Athletes* to apply for the grant or the recognition of a *TUE*, in accordance with the requirements of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

- ~~h)g)~~ The timely notification to WADA of the opening of any investigation into a potential ~~ADRV~~anti-doping rule violation, in accordance with Article 12.3.2 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- ~~i)h)~~ The proper and timely pursuit of all apparent anti-doping rule violations in accordance with Articles 7 and 8 of the *Code*, including proper notification of the *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Personnel* in accordance with Article 7.~~32~~ of the *Code*, and provision of a fair hearing within a reasonable time by a fair and impartial hearing panel in accordance with Article 8.1 of the *Code*.
- ~~j)i)~~ The notification of all relevant results management activities to WADA and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* in accordance with Articles 7 and 14 of the *Code*.
- ~~k)j)~~ The imposition of mandatory *Provisional Suspensions* in accordance with Article 7.~~94.1~~ of the *Code*.
- ~~k)~~ The requirement to pay (i) the costs of a WADA investigation, in accordance with Article 12.2.1.4(a) of this *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*; and/or (ii) *Results Management* costs in accordance with Article 7.1.5 of the *Code*.
- l) The requirement to report on *Code Compliance*, in accordance with Articles 23.5.2 and 23.5.3 of the *Code*, including (without limitation) the requirement to respond to a *Code Compliance Questionnaire* in accordance with Article 8.5 of ~~this~~the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*, the requirement to respond to a *Mandatory Information Request* in accordance with Article 8.6 of ~~this~~the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*, and the requirement to submit to a *Compliance Audit* in accordance with Article 8.7 of ~~this~~the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*.
- m) The recognition and implementation of decisions rendered by other *Signatories*, in accordance with Article 15.1 of the *Code*.
- n) The recognition and implementation of decisions as to non-compliance by other *Signatories*, in accordance with Article 23.5.9 of the *Code*.
- ~~o)~~ The requirement to abide by any *Signatory Consequences* imposed in accordance with Article 23.5 of the *Code*, including (without limitation) paying any *Fine* and any costs associated with *Supervision* or *Takeover of Anti-Doping Activities*.

A.2 The following is a non-exhaustive list of requirements that are considered to be *High Priority* requirements in the fight against doping in sport:

- ~~a)~~ The implementation of an anti-doping education program for *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* in accordance with Articles 18.1 and 18.2 of the *Code*.
- ~~a)b)~~ The development of intelligence and investigation capabilities in accordance with the requirements of Article 5.8 of the *Code*.

- b)c) The implementation of a documented procedure to ensure that *Athletes* are notified that they are required to undergo *Sample* collection in accordance with Articles 5.4.1 to 5.4.3 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- e)d) Implementation of the requirements set out in Articles 7.4.5 to 7.4.7 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* for the documentation of the collection of a *Sample* from an *Athlete*.
- d)e) The implementation of training/accreditation/re-accreditation programs for Sample Collection Personnel in accordance with Annex H of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- e)f) The implementation of a conflict of interest policy in relation to the activities of the Sample Collection Personnel, in accordance with Article H.4.2 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- f)g) The collection and processing of *Samples* in accordance with the requirements of Annexes A to G of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- g)h) The implementation of a chain of custody process for *Samples* in accordance with the requirements of Article 9 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- h)i) Review of all *Atypical Findings* in accordance with ~~the requirements of~~ Article 7.4 of the *Code*.
- i)j) The timely notification to WADA and to the International Federation(s) and *National Anti-Doping Organization(s)* of the subject(s) of the investigation into a potential ADRV of the outcome of that investigation, in accordance with Article 12.4.3 of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- j)k) The prompt reporting of all *TUE* decisions into *ADAMS* in accordance with Article 5.4 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.
- l) The filing of all *Doping Control Forms* in *ADAMS* within 15 days of the sample collection date, in accordance with Article 14.5 of the *Code* and the decision of WADA's Foundation Board of May 2016.
- k)m) The publication of the outcome and required details of all cases within twenty days of the decision being rendered, in accordance with Article 14.3 of the *Code*.
- n) The requirement that an International Federation ensure the policies, rules and programs of its National Federations and other members are in compliance with the *Code*, in accordance with Article 20.3.2 of the *Code*.

A.3 The following is a non-exhaustive list of requirements that are considered to be *Other* requirements in the fight against doping in sport:

- a) The establishment of a process to ensure that *Athletes* do not breach the prohibition against participation while ineligible, in accordance with Article 10.12.314 of the *Code*.
- b) In cases where it has been determined after a hearing or appeal that a *Person* has not committed an [ADRV anti-doping rule violation](#), using reasonable efforts to obtain the consent of that *Person* to the public disclosure of that decision, in accordance with Article 14.3.3 of the *Code*.
- c) Informing *Athletes* in writing that they are responsible for renewing their *TUEs* upon expiry, if necessary, in accordance with Article 6.9 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.
- d) Establishing a process designed to ensure that a *Person* is able to confirm in writing or verbally his/her understanding of the terms on which his/her personal data is processed, in accordance with Article 7.3 of the *International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information*.
- e) Designating a person within the *Anti-Doping Organization* who is accountable for compliance with the *International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information* and all locally applicable privacy and data protection laws, in accordance with Article 9.1 of that *Standard*.

Annex B: Signatory Consequences

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This Annex B ~~applies the principles set out in Article 11 to identify~~identifies the range of graded and proportionate Signatory Consequences that shall *prima facie* apply in cases involving non-compliance with *Critical* requirements (see paragraph B.3) or only *High Priority* requirements (see paragraph B.2) or only *Other* requirements (see paragraph B.1). The intention is to promote predictability and consistency in the imposition of Signatory Consequences across all cases. However, there shall be flexibility to vary within or even to depart from this range in a particular case, where the application of the principles set out in Article 11 ~~of the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories~~ to the specific facts and circumstances of that case so warrant.— In particular, the greater the degree of non-compliance (i.e., the more requirements with which the *Signatory* has failed to comply, and the more serious those requirements), the greater the Signatory Consequences should be. ~~If a case includes not only non-compliance with one or more Critical requirements but also Aggravating Factors, that shall warrant a significant increase in the Signatory Consequences imposed (which may include, without limitation, a Fine).~~ On the other hand, if it includes extenuating circumstances, that may warrant the imposition of lesser Signatory Consequences.

B.1 In a case of non-compliance with one or more *Other* requirements (but not with any *High Priority* or *Critical* requirements):

B.1.1 In the first instance:

- (a) the *Signatory* will lose its WADA Privileges;
- (b) it will be assisted in its *Anti-Doping Activities* (through the provision of advice and information, the development of resources, guidelines and training materials, and/or, where necessary, the delivery of training programs) by *WADA*, or by an *Approved Third Party*, at the *Signatory's* expense, including up to two visits a year, with all costs paid in advance (where known); and
- (c) some or all of its *Anti-Doping Activities* (as specified by *WADA*) will be subject to either *Special Monitoring* by *WADA* or *Supervision* by an *Approved Third Party*, at the *Signatory's* expense.

B.1.2 If the *Signatory* has not fully satisfied the conditions for *Reinstatement* six months after the above consequences have been imposed (or such other period as *WADA* – or, if disputed, *CAS* – may specify), then the following further consequences will also apply:

- (a) some or all of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities* will be *Supervised* at its expense by an *Approved Third Party*, including up to four site visits a year, with all costs to be paid in advance (where known); and
- (b) its *Representatives* will be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any *Signatory* (or its

members) or association of *Signatories* until the non-compliant *Signatory* is *Reinstated*.

B.1.3 If the *Signatory* has still not fully satisfied the conditions for *Reinstatement* twelve months after the consequences set out at paragraph B.1.1 have been imposed (or such other period as *WADA* – or, if disputed, *CAS* – may specify), then the following further consequences will also apply:

(a) all of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Activities* will be *Supervised* by an *Approved Third Party*, at the *Signatory's* expense, including up to six site visits a year, with all costs to be paid in advance (where known); and

(b) its *Representatives* will be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any *Signatory* (or its members) or association of *Signatories* for four years or until the non-compliant *Signatory* is *Reinstated* (whichever is longer).

B.2 In a case of non-compliance with *High Priority* requirements (but not with any *Critical* requirements):

B.2.1 In the first instance:

(a) the *Signatory* will lose its WADA Privileges;

(b) some or all of its *Anti-Doping Activities* (as specified by *WADA*) will be subject to *Supervision* or *Takeover* by an *Approved Third Party*, at the *Signatory's* expense, including up to six site visits a year, with all costs paid in advance (where known);

(c) the *Signatory* may be required to pay a *Fine*;

~~(e)~~ (d) its *Representatives* will be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any *Signatory* (or its members) or association of *Signatories* until the non-compliant *Signatory* is *Reinstated*;

~~(d)~~ (e) (if the *Signatory* is a *National Anti-Doping Organization* or a *National Olympic Committee* acting as a *National Anti-Doping Organization*) the *Signatory's* country will be ineligible to host the Olympic Games and/or the Paralympic Games and/or to be awarded the right to host World Championships until the *Signatory* is *Reinstated*;

~~(e)~~ (f) (if the *Signatory* is an *International Federation*) the *Signatory* will be ineligible to receive funding or other benefits of the recognition of the International Olympic Committee or the membership of the International Paralympic Committee or of recognition by or membership of any other *Signatory* until the *Signatory* is *Reinstated* (and then it shall still not be able to receive any funding or other benefits retrospectively for the period of non-compliance prior to *Reinstatement*); and

~~(f)~~ (g) (if the *Signatory* is a *Major Event Organization*) there will be *Special Monitoring or Supervision or Takeover* of its Anti-Doping Program by an *Approved Third Party*, at the *Signatory's* expense, at the next edition of its *Event*.

B.2.2 If the *Signatory* has not fully satisfied the conditions for *Reinstatement* twelve months after the consequences set out at paragraph B.2.1 are imposed (or such other period as *WADA* – or, if disputed, *CAS* – may specify), then the following further consequences will also apply:

(a) the *Signatory's Representatives* will be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any *Signatory* (or its members) or association of *Signatories* until the non-compliant *Signatory* is *Reinstated* or for four years (whichever is longer);

~~(b)~~ (b) the *Signatory* will be required to pay a *Fine*:

(c) (where the *Signatory* is a *National Anti-Doping Organization* or a *National Olympic Committee* acting as a *National Anti-Doping Organization*) the following *Persons* will be excluded from participation in or attendance at the next edition of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (summer or winter, as applicable) and/or World Championships or until *Reinstatement* (whichever is longer): the *Representatives* of the *National Olympic Committee* and *National Paralympic Committee* of the *Signatory's* country, and (subject to Article 11.2.6 of the *International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*) the *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* representing that country or representing the *National Olympic Committee*, *National Paralympic Committee*, or National Federation of that country;

(ed) (where the *Signatory* is an International Federation) the following *Persons* will be excluded from participation in or attendance at the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games and/or any other multi-sport *Event* for the next edition of that *Event* (summer or winter, where relevant) or until *Reinstatement* (whichever is longer): the International Federation's *Representatives*, as well as the *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* participating in its sport (or in one or more disciplines of that sport); and

(de) (where the *Signatory* is a *Major Event Organization*):

(1) the *Signatory* will be ineligible to receive funding or enjoy any of the other benefits of recognition by the International Olympic Committee or membership of the International Paralympic Committee or recognition by or membership of any other *Signatory* until it is *Reinstated* (and then it shall still not be able to receive any funding or other benefits

retrospectively for the period prior to *Reinstatement*);
and

_____ (2) any previous recognition of its *Event* as a
qualifying event for the Olympic Games or
Paralympic Games will be lost.

B.3 In a case of non-compliance with one or more *Critical* requirements:

B.3.1 In the first instance:

(a) the *Signatory* will lose its WADA Privileges;

~~(b)~~ the *Signatory* will be required to pay a *Fine*;

(c) some or all of its *Anti-Doping Activities* will be subject to
Supervision or *Takeover* by an *Approved Third Party*, at the
Signatory's expense, including up to six site visits a year, with all
costs to be paid in advance (where known);

~~(d)~~ its *Representatives* will be ineligible to sit as members of the
boards or committees or other bodies of any *Signatory* (or its
members) or association of *Signatories* for one year or until the
Signatory is *Reinstated* (whichever is longer);

~~(e)~~ (where the *Signatory* is a *National Anti-Doping Organization* or
a *National Olympic Committee* acting as a *National Anti-Doping
Organization*):

(1) the *Signatory's* country may not host the Olympic
Games and/or the Paralympic Games and/or be awarded the
right to host World Championships or other events organized
by *Major Event Organizations* for a specified period; and

(2) the country's flag will not be flown at, and the
Representatives of the *National Olympic Committee* and
National Paralympic Committee of the *Signatory's* country,
as well as (subject to Article 11.2.6 of the *International
Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories*) the *Athletes*
and *Athlete Support Personnel* representing that country (or
representing the *National Olympic Committee*, *National
Paralympic Committee*, or National Federation of that
country), will be excluded from participation in or attendance
at, the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games and/or other
events organized by *Major Event Organizations* and/or any
World Championships for the next edition of that *Event*
(summer or winter, where relevant) or until *Reinstatement*
(whichever is longer); and

~~(e)~~ (where the *Signatory* is an *International Federation*) the
International Federation's Representatives, as well as the
Athletes and *Athlete Support Personnel* participating in its sport
(or in one or more disciplines of that sport) will be excluded from

participation in or attendance at the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games and/or any other multi-sports *Event* for the next edition of that *Event* (summer or winter, where relevant) or until *Reinstatement* (whichever is longer);

~~(f)~~(g) (where the *Signatory* is a *Major Event Organization*):

- (1) there will be *Supervision* or *Takeover* of some or all of the *Signatory's Anti-Doping Program* at its expense at its *Events* until *Reinstatement*; and
- (2) it will be ineligible to receive some or all funding or enjoy any of the other benefits of recognition by the International Olympic Committee or membership of the International Paralympic Committee or recognition by or membership of any other *Signatory* until it is *Reinstated* (and then it shall still not be able to receive any funding or other benefits retrospectively for the period prior to *Reinstatement*); and

~~(f) — if *Aggravating Factors* are present, the *Signatory* will be required to pay a *Fine*.~~

B.3.2 If the *Signatory* has not satisfied the conditions for *Reinstatement* twelve months after the consequences set out in paragraph B.3.1 are imposed (or such other period as *WADA* – or, if disputed, *CAS* – may specify), then the following further consequences will also apply:

- (a) its *Representatives* will be ineligible to sit as members of the boards or committees or other bodies of any *Signatory* (or its members) or association of *Signatories* until the non-compliant *Signatory* is *Reinstated* or for four years (whichever is longer);
- (b) (where the *Signatory* is a *National Anti-Doping Organization* or a *National Olympic Committee* acting as a *National Anti-Doping Organization*) the *Signatory's* country may not host the Olympic Games and/or the Paralympic Games and/or be awarded the right to host any World Championships, and the country's flag will not be flown at such *Events*, until the *Signatory* is *Reinstated* or for four years (whichever is longer);
- (c) (where the *Signatory* is an International Federation) the *Signatory* will be ineligible to receive funding or other benefits of recognition by the International Olympic Committee or membership of the International Paralympic Committee or recognition by or membership of any other *Signatory* until it is *Reinstated* or for four years, whichever is longer (and then it shall still not be able to receive any funding retrospectively for the period prior to *Reinstatement*);

- (d) (where the *Signatory* is a *Major Event Organization*):
- (1) it will be ineligible to receive funding or enjoy any of the other benefits of recognition by the International Olympic Committee or membership of the International Paralympic Committee or recognition by or membership of any other *Signatory* until it is *Reinstated* or for four years, whichever is longer (and then it shall still not be able to receive any funding or other benefits retrospectively for the period prior to *Reinstatement*); and
 - (2) any previous recognition of its *Event* as a qualifying event for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games will be lost; and

~~(e) if Aggravating Factors are present, (e)~~ the *Signatory* will be required to pay a further *Fine*.

B.3.3 (Where the *Signatory* is an International Federation or *National Olympic Committee* or National Paralympic Committee) If the *Signatory* has not satisfied the conditions for *Reinstatement* twenty-four months after the consequences set out in paragraph B.3.1 are imposed (or such other period as *WADA* – or, if disputed, *CAS* – may specify), then the following further consequence will also apply: suspension of recognition by the Olympic Movement and/or as a member of the Paralympic Movement and/or of recognition by/membership of any other *Signatory*.