Resolution of the 5th Regional Anti-Doping Organization Conference
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Representatives from the Regional Anti-Doping Organizations (RADOs), which cover 134 countries, along with the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), participated at the 5th RADO Conference, hosted by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in cooperation with the Sport Authority of Thailand, the National Olympic Committee of Thailand and the OCA. After examination, discussion and careful consideration of the information presented during the two days, all participants agreed to adopt the following resolutions:

1) To stress the importance that the Regional Anti-Doping Organizations (RADOs) play in protecting and promoting a global clean sport environment.

2) To reinforce the importance of WADA’s proposed enhanced commitment to providing anti-doping development support. In this regard the RADOs strongly encourage governments and the Olympic Movement to support WADA’s proposed budget increase to ensure more support is provided to RADOs and to development work.

3) To develop a revised RADO strategy to help guide and enhance the anti-doping work in each of the RADO member countries. Such a strategy should also include a process for when countries should focus on individual National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) development.

4) For RADOs to work with their government and National Olympic Committee (NOC) to ensure more support is provided to anti-doping in the respective regions and countries. This may include a reengagement strategy that may include bringing governments and NOCs representatives to the RADO Board meeting.

5) To utilize the WADA Code Compliance Questionnaire and the resulting Corrective Action Reports to benchmark development work and to ensure all RADO member countries are held to the highest standard in achieving a level playing field for all athletes.

6) Through the current World Anti-Doping Code review, to ensure the Code Review Team clarifies the role and positioning of the RADOs.

7) To ensure Board Members and RADO member countries take ownership and are held accountable for their commitment and activity within the RADO.

8) All RADO should look into the possibility of developing a process to suspend RADO member countries that are not active.

9) To ensure all RADO countries contribute to the new Education Standard and commit to placing education as a priority.

10) To work with WADA to increase the staffing capacity in each of the RADO offices.

11) For all RADOs to evaluate if member countries need an additional person to work with the RADO Board Member to deliver activities in their respective countries.
12) For all RADOs to evaluate the possibility of offering certain services, such as results management and Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) review, on a fee-for-service basis.

13) To increase training and capacity building programs for RADOs, including their Staff, Board Members and result management and TUE experts as well as education experts.

14) To promote and ensure RADO to RADO cooperation in order to facilitate information exchange and upskilling of RADO staff and Board Members.

15) To further engage athlete representatives to be a part of the anti-doping structure and decision making process in the RADOs and member countries. This includes supporting the Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights.

16) To encourage all RADOs to have a formal partnership with established NADOs to help guide and assist their development; this could include attending RADO Board meetings and training sessions as well a placement of a RADO staff in a NADO for a few days for practical learning.

17) To further develop partnerships with key partners such as the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), Continental NOC Associations, Governments and socially responsible corporate entities.

18) All RADOs agree to use these resolutions as a mechanism to ensure continual development and enhancement of the RADO program.

19) To express thanks and appreciation to the Olympic Council of Asia, the Sport Authority of Thailand, the National Olympic Committee of Thailand and the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand for hosting this 5th RADO Conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

20) To convene the 6th RADO Conference in early 2020.