

Resolution of the 12th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport

20-21 June 2015

Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

Meeting Chaired by the Chairman for the Committee of Sports and Physical Training Affairs of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The governments participating in the 12th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport having examined, discussed and fully considered the documents and presentations from the meeting, wish to adopt the following resolutions:

1. Respect the welcome messages given by Mr. Akmetzhan Yessimov, Mayor of Almaty city, and Mr David Howman, Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
2. Appreciate the progress reports and presentations given by participating representatives on the recent development of anti-doping policy and activities in each of their countries, in particular, the report of the host country presented by Mr IIsiyar Kanagatov, Chairman for the Committee of Sports and Physical Training Affairs of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and participants' strong wish to continue to work together in the fight against doping in sport.
3. Appreciate and commend the work of Dr. Maira Bakasheva, Director of the Kazakhstan National Anti-Doping Centre and her team for so effectively and efficiently preparing and organizing the meeting.
4. Appreciate the support given by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), to regional anti-doping programs and their commitment to host the 4th Regional Anti-Doping Organizations (RADO) Conference in Kuwait in January 2016 and recognize the importance of the continued promotion and cooperation with the Sport Movement to achieve the goals of anti-doping policy and to protect the rights of the clean athlete.
5. Agree that the Governments of all participating countries recognize the importance of each Government's commitment to support the fight against doping in sport, especially in the responsibilities described in the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport (the Convention) and 2015 World Anti-Doping Code and in cooperation with the Sports Movement, shall undertake the following actions:

- 5.1 Urge and encourage the five remaining countries in Asia and two in Oceania that have not yet ratified the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport (the Convention) to become a State Party and promote the implementation of the obligations stipulated in the Convention;
- 5.2 Encourage Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for anti-doping to attend the UNESCO Conference of Parties meeting to be held in Paris at UNESCO Headquarters on 29 and 30 October 2015 and contribute to global government leadership in protecting the rights of the clean athlete and supporting the implementation of the Convention by States Parties, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Convention.
- 5.3 Encourage countries that require assistance with anti-doping projects, in particular UN recognized Least Developed Countries, to apply to the UNESCO Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport (Voluntary Fund) in cooperation with UNESCO and WADA, recognizing that a country must have ratified the Convention to make an application to the Fund and completed the UNESCO Anti-Doping Logic questionnaire, biennial monitoring report requirement to be able to receive funds;
- 5.4 Encourage the Signatories i.e. the National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs), the National Olympic Committees (NOC's), and the Regional Anti-Doping Organisations (RADOs) to implement anti-doping programs pursuant to the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code and Standards;
- 5.5 Provide support to and cooperate with the activities of the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office;
- 5.6 Support and confirm resolution 6.5 of the 9th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, that a formula for the Asia region be applied from 2013 – 2017 and be calculated as follows: Japan and Brunei Darussalam maintain their 2012 contribution amounts; the Least Developed Countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Yemen (nine) pay at least USD 5000, and agree that any WADA budget increase from 2015 to 2016 and beyond be shared by equal ratio across all other countries. An estimated 3% WADA budget increase for 2016 was supported and governments were invited to prepare their respective budgets in order to be able to make their contribution to WADA for 2016 and, where applicable, pay any outstanding contributions from past years;

- 5.7 Recognize the distinguished work undertaken by the Asia Region Finance Committee (ARFC), Chaired by Professor Kamal Al Hadidi of Jordan with the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office as the Secretariat, for the establishment of the Asia Anti-Doping Foundation (AADF) and encouraging those that have not yet made their annual contribution to WADA to do so.
- 5.8 Recognize the progress of the program under the AADF and appreciate the initiative taken by China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia for their financial contributions and request their continued support and that of other governments to contribute also, and promote its growth as well as the implementation of the program for the benefit of regional anti-doping development.
- 5.9 Agree that the WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office continue to coordinate the election process for the Asian Regional WADA Foundation Board member representative at the request of the Governments present. It was also re-confirmed that in order to be able to vote and be considered as a candidate for election, a country must have fulfilled the following three (3) criteria: 1) Made a full financial contribution to WADA for at least 2012-2015 (inclusive); 2) Be a State Party to the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport; and 3) The Signatory, i.e. the National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO), in a country be compliant with the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code.
- 5.10 Assist and promote the activities of the Regional Anti-Doping Organisations (RADOs) and the development of National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs), where appropriate, through enhanced regional cooperation activities such as the Anti-Doping Seminars held in Japan, Korea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Singapore this year.
6. Request the Sporting Movement comprising the IOC, NOCs, International Federations, National Federations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to work in partnership and continue to provide further support and assistance to NADOs, RADOs and WADA.
7. Recognize the New Research Fund (NRF) established by WADA, with the initiative commenced by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 2014, for innovative anti-doping research and Government partners from the region that made matching

contributions notable China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and New Zealand.

8. Recognize the work undertaken by WADA and appreciate the in-depth presentation by the WADA Director General on the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code, especially the challenges and Government responsibilities for the way forward.
9. Note the major International sports events in our regions this year, i.e. the 28th Summer Universiade in the Republic of Korea, the 15th Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea, the 5th Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa and the 6th Military World Games in the Republic of Korea. All governments are encouraged to cooperate with the sport movement to ensure the success of these Games and that they be doping free.
10. Appreciate the kind offers from the governments of Qatar and Cambodia indicating their interest to potentially host the 13th Asia/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport in 2016. The WADA Asia/Oceania Regional Office will liaise with all stakeholders on the final country, schedule and agenda, and advise Governments of the outcome.

Participant countries (21):

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan and Vietnam.

Guests:

International Federation of Sport Medicine, WADA Athlete Committee

Approved on 20 June 2015 by the Participants