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iNADO Statement on IOC ExCo decision concerning participation of Russian Athletes in Rio

Joseph de Pencier, CEO of iNADO, the 59-Member Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations, today expressed disappointment at the decision of the Executive Committee of the International Olympic Committee not to ban the Russian Delegation from the Rio Olympic Games. “The IOC Executive Committee has failed to confront forcefully the findings of evidence of state-sponsored doping in Russia corrupting the Russian sport system,” said de Pencier. “It has ignored the calls of clean athletes, a multitude of athlete organisations, and of leading National Anti-Doping Organisations, to do the right thing by excluding Russia from the Rio Olympic Games. All that the IOC Executive Committee has done today is to defer to International Federations the decision on the participation of individual Russian athletes – according to criteria and procedures that will be difficult to apply in the twelve days before the opening of the Games. At the same time, the Executive Committee could not find a way to permit whistleblower Yuliya Stepanov, who has been treated disgracefully by the Russia state and the Russian sport system, to compete in Rio. All this is hardly the unequivocal protection of fair play as a fundamental principle of Olympism that the circumstances required. So it is a sad day for clean sport.”

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