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### **iNADO Board Urges Action to Protect Clean Sport**

On the eve of the World Anti-Doping Agency Executive Committee and Foundation Board meetings, the Board of Directors of the Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (iNADO) urges continued efforts to protect clean athletes world-wide. It said:

- We applaud the work of the Independent Commission investigating doping in the sport of Athletics, focusing on Russia. We thank the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for creating and assisting the Independent Commission. We wholeheartedly support WADA's actions in response to the Independent Commission's first report.
- The corruption of anti-doping uncovered by the Independent Commission is a tragedy for sport and for clean athletes everywhere. It reinforces the need for anti-doping work to be conducted independent of sport organisations and without government interference.
- The ARAF – Russia's national federation for athletics – and its athletes must be suspended from the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympic Games. The corruption in Russian Athletics deserves no less. ARAF has not demonstrated that they are capable of sending a clean team to Games. Moreover, the culture in Russia of refusal to cooperate with independent investigation into doping must change. Exclusion is consistent with World Anti-Doping Code Articles 11 (Consequences for Teams) and 12 (Sanctions Against Sporting Bodies). A strong deterrent message must be sent that national federations cannot participate in the highest levels of competition when anti-doping has been subverted or is ineffective. Regrettably, the actions by the ARAF, which deliberately flouted the rules of sport, have tainted all Russian athletes in the sport of Athletics.
- The World Anti-Doping Code (21.1.6 and 21.2.5) must be amended to make failure to cooperate with investigations an anti-doping rule violation. Until that is done, Code Signatories must demonstrate code of conduct or other rules that sanction such misconduct with a four year suspension.
- The Independent Commission relied on whistleblowers to disclose corruption. Anti-doping rules need to be amended as an urgent matter to do more to encourage and protect whistleblowers in sport.
- iNADO urges WADA to accelerate the work of its independent Compliance Review Committee, and to fund that work at least to the level of anti-doping research spending each year. WADA must reallocate significant resources towards Code compliance, if not convince governments and sport organisations to provide additional new funding for the purpose. Measures of national corruption should also figure into the Committee's assessments.
- Sufficient financing is also necessary for WADA to determine in what other sports and what other countries there are similar levels of doping and of corruption of anti-doping.
- iNADO also urges WADA to review the operational Code compliance for RUSADA. If it is found non-compliant, iNADO's global network of Member National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs)

is available to collaborate with WADA and with International Federations to conduct testing in Russia and of Russian athletes in all sports while Russian authorities make the serious changes necessary to ensure clean sport in that country. NADO expertise should be used in all possible ways to correct the severe problems uncovered by the Independent Commission.

- iNADO will amend its Articles of Association to authorise discipline of Member misconduct.
- iNADO Member NADOs offer to open their doors to anyone wishing to scrutinise their commitment to clean athletes and their operations. We believe that a more detailed international compliance evaluation and accountability process will help to restore the trust of clean athletes.

iNADO is the international member association of NADOs. NADOs have the sole and unequivocal mandate to protect clean athletes, without conflicting responsibilities such promoting sport. iNADO's 53 Members represent all Olympic Regions and conduct the majority of anti-doping work world-wide each year.

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