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iNADO Statement on IPC Decision to Suspend Russia

The Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (iNADO) applauds the decision of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to suspend Russia from the Paralympic Movement and thus the Paralympic Games in Rio. “The IPC has rightly put principles before politics in making this most difficult decision.” said iNADO Chair Doug MacQuarrie. “I can only echo IPC President Sir Philip Craven’s words: the Russian sport system and government have betrayed clean athletes in Russia – and around the world.”

iNADO recently recognized the IPC for commencing their disciplinary process regarding Russia in light of the McLaren Report (see <http://www.inado.org/about/press-releases.html>). After further review of the findings of the McLaren Report confirming a state-sponsored doping regime, and inviting the Russian Paralympic Committee to present its case, the IPC Governing Board unanimously chose to suspend Russia. As Sir Phillip put it so well: such blatant disregard for the health and well-being of athletes has no place in sport. Subject to a right of appeal, the Russian Paralympic Committee will be excluded from all IPC activities.

iNADO whole-heartedly supports the IPC for doing the right thing – and not the easy thing – by taking the steps necessary to protect clean competition in the upcoming Rio Paralympic Summer Games.

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