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iNADO Board Urges a Principled Approach to Russian Sanctions

(Bonn, Germany) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is awaiting the reports of two commissions in order to determine further action on systemic doping in Russia. Following the evidence and findings set out in two reports of Professor Richard McLaren (commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency), the Oswald Commission is considering Russian manipulation of samples and analysis, while the Schmid Commission is considering institutional corruption among Russian government and sport organisations. These commissions are to report in October.

The Board of Directors of the Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (iNADO) urges that the further action by the IOC be made with a principled approach. IOC-imposed consequences should be based on:

- Denunciation of organised doping and subversion of anti-doping in Russia that is clear, unequivocal and forceful, and that re-establishes the IOC as a leader in protecting clean sport and clean athletes. The magnitude of the failures in Russia must be recognised.
- Punishment that is proportionate with the facts and especially mindful of the harm to clean athletes, dozens of whom lost the opportunity to compete or to have their rightful moment on the podium to dirty Russian athletes over many years and many major competitions. The consequences must be commensurate with the damage caused to clean athletes from around the world (including those clean Russian athletes failed by their sport system and its leaders).
- Reparation of the damage done to anti-doping, to clean athletes and to the image of Olympic competition.
- Consequences targeted to individuals and bodies that bear true responsibility whether through acts of commission or failures of duty.
- Application of the principles of the 2016 decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport on the decision-making of the International Association of Athletics Federations and the International Paralympic Committee with respect to their Russian member federations.
- Deterrence that will ensure such gross subversion of anti-doping and of clean sport will not happen again in Russia, or in other countries now or in the future. The IOC's measures must contribute to restoring a level playing field for the present and the future, affect future behavioural change in Russia and elsewhere, and restore public trust in clean competition.
- Continued oversight for individuals and bodies responsible for sport and for anti-doping in Russia to ensure organised doping and subversion of anti-doping is eradicated and cannot reoccur.

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