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Attendees:

Secretariat: Marcellin Dally

Saudi Arabia: Dr. Al-Konbaz (Chair, Saudi Arabia)

Iran: Prof. Lotfali Pourkazemi (Vice-Chair, Iran)

Romania: Maria-Ioana Saragea (Representing Vice-Chair, Graziela Vajjala)

Cameroon: Robert Ndjana (Vice-Chair)

UK: Graham Arthur (Rapporteur)

Observers:

World Anti-Doping Agency (David Howman, Director-General)

Experts (France) : Me Jean-François Vilotte, Me Rhadamès Killy

1. Opening of Meeting

The Chairperson invited the Secretariat to open the meeting. The provisional agenda was slightly amended and approved upon request of the Secretariat to adjust the scope of the meeting.

2. Update from Secretariat re items discussed by the Bureau on 30 April 2014

The Secretariat reminded the Bureau that Item 2 had been the subject of a presentation and discussion during the Law and Sport Conference hosted by the Saudi Arabia Anti-Doping Agency in Riyadh (15-16 March, 2015). The UNESCO Expert had explained to the Law and Sport Conference the nature and scope of the ongoing compliance research project, and it was agreed that no further discussion was needed at the Bureau meeting.

3. Key Considerations for the 5th Conference of Parties 2015 (COP 5)

The Secretariat explained that consultations were ongoing as regards the forthcoming development of the Anti-Doping Logic compliance reporting system. This will be presented to COP 5 for discussion and approval.

In addition, COP 5 will be provided with an update as to supplements project involving Sport Protect.

The main business of COP 5 will be a discussion of the recent audit of the UNESCO Conference of Parties governance framework. In particular, whilst the audit noted that the COP Bureau has sought to give effect to Conference aims by way of the holding of intra-Conference meetings, the audit did note that this process is not formalized in the COP Rules of Procedure. This is supplemented by a recommendation that continuity of process be reviewed and the Chairperson should be able to be appointed for a period of four years, to ensure that Bureau meetings have a degree of continuity.

The Secretariat has therefore drafted an amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the COP to allow for the appointment of the Chairperson for a term of four years.

This was discussed. It was agreed that it would be helpful if the Bureau had a similar degree of continuity by, for example, making provision for the continued appointment of other officers (whilst preserving geographical representation).

It was agreed that the Chairperson resolution should ensure that the Chairperson can be appointed for four years. The Rapporteur agreed to review the draft resolution prepared by the Secretariat and revert to the Bureau as soon as possible.

As regards the Bureau meetings, a resolution will be put forward for approval by the COP in that regard also. This does not require an amendment to the Rules of Procedure but will require approval from the COP.

The Bureau agreed this recommendation.

The Auditor also identified the lack of ability of the Bureau to comment on anti-doping issues as a drawback. The Bureau will review this issue and examine whether there is a need or value in making comment on issues as they arise. WADA advises that they will maintain a regular contact with UNESCO regarding key areas affecting Governments in the anti-doping field.

The Bureau addressed the subject of COP away from UNESCO Headquarters upon introduction of the Secretariat inviting the Bureau to reflect on an eventual proposal from Qatar to host COP 6. The Bureau recommended to consider such an eventuality at another period and to keep COP's series in Paris for cost saving and in addition to take into consideration the lack of official request letter of Qatar.

The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the outcomes of the Tokyo Conference on Pharma and anti-doping co-hosted by UNESCO, WADA and the Government of Japan. The Bureau expressed support in the development of a draft labelling process and its implication to be further explored by the Secretariat for possible consideration.

The Secretariat suggested mutualizing efforts by all stakeholders in view of the landmark for the 10th year anniversary of the Convention. WADA was strongly invited to mobilize sports entities and its networks for exhibitions during COP to maximize outreach and public relation to voice the anti-doping achievements. Saudi Arabia is keen to contribute in the above vein. Romania is also invited similarly. Both are expected to show case the outcomes of conference organized under their respective NADOs in 2015.

The Bureau endorsed the principle of a Notice Letter to be discussed at COP 5 in view of encouraging non-compliant States Parties in fulfilling their obligations as per the provisions of the Convention. WADA strongly supports this mechanism which purports to improve monitoring compliance within ADLogic system. The Bureau requests the Secretariat to propose a preliminary draft for initial consideration.

4. Any Other Business

The Bureau noted that certain States Parties had suggested that an amendment to the Convention might be required, given that the Convention defines the term

'anti-doping rule violation' by reference to the eight violations included in the 2003 and 2009 versions of the World Anti-Doping Code, whereas the 2015 version of the World Anti-Doping Code refers to ten violations.

UNESCO's current view is that changes to the Code should not require any changes to the Convention. A change to the Code can and should be reflected in national legislation.

The Bureau noted that the following resolution was passed at COP2:

RESOLUTION 2CP/5.2 The Conference of Parties.. [d] determines that, for all intents and purposes, all references made to the World Anti-Doping Code in the International Convention against Doping in Sport should be interpreted to mean the latest version of the Code in force.

The Bureau acknowledged that further considerations would be needed for assistance with the issue.

The Bureau agreed that the Rapporteur should liaise further with the Secretariat on a potential solution based on the comments made by States Parties.

Building upon the discussion on the occasion of the last session of the Bureau in Riyadh, attached are three estimates related to the design process of a logo dedicated to the International Convention against-Doping in Sport. As discussed, this strategy wished by some Bureau members will deeply contribute to enhance the communication around the Convention.

Taking into account the different estimates, it is suggest choosing the lowest bidder and the costs will be charged against the anti-doping fund.

5. Closing of Meeting

The Secretariat and the Chairperson thanked the Bureau for their attendance and closed the meeting.

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