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Oral Report of the Rapporteur

Chairperson of the Conference of Parties,
Assistant Director-General of the Social and Human Sciences Sector of UNESCO,
Honourable Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I should like first of all to thank all the States Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport for the honour granted to Sweden and for the trust that they have placed in me personally by appointing me Rapporteur of the third session.

The important task entrusted to me was to report to you as faithfully and as objectively as possible on the content and proceedings of the debates of the third session. Since this is no easy task, I beg your indulgence for any apparent shortcomings or omissions in this report.

May I point out that this report is a summary of the debates and highlights the main concerns expressed during this session, which has lasted two days? It is therefore fitting to emphasize the quality of the debates, thanks to the substantial contributions and constructive commitment of all the participants who have shown remarkable understanding of the different issues involved in combating doping in sport.

I should like to mention in particular Dr Singh, Chairperson of the Conference of Parties, for the excellent manner in which he has conducted our debates, and the Secretariat, led by Ms Alvarez-Laso, Assistant Director-General of the Social and Human Sciences Sector, who has spared no effort in ensuring the success of this session.

I also wish to extend my sincerest thanks to all the delegations, which have shown a great sense of responsibility throughout the proceedings, thereby demonstrating their firm and steadfast commitment to combating doping in sport.

Item 1 – Opening of the Conference of Parties

Item 1.1 – Opening by the Director-General and statements by Guests of Honours and States Parties

The Conference was opened by Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, who, while welcoming the Convention's ratification and entry into force in record time, stressed the determination of the States Parties to achieve the objectives linked to the eradication of the scourge of doping in the interests of young people around the world.

During the opening ceremony, the guests of honour and States Parties expressed their support for the efforts of governments while commending UNESCO for the speed with which the Convention had entered into force. The following persons took the floor in turn:

Hon. John Fahey, President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), highlighted the commendable role UNESCO has played in the fight against doping in sport throughout the world. He recalled that 162 states Parties have ratified the Convention to date and emphasized the fact that so many governments have shown their support for the fight against doping in sport was a constant reminder of the importance of clean sport to the whole of society. He also highlighted the importance of Regional Anti-Doping Organizations. Finally, he expressed his satisfaction with regard to the co-ordination between WADA and UNESCO regarding compliance reporting.

Professor Arne Ljungqvist, Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Chairman of the IOC's Medical Committee and Vice President of WADA, expressed his satisfaction that a large number of countries, representing 96% of the world's population had adhered to the Convention. He also observed that adherence to the Convention was only the first step; it was essential that the obligations set forth in the international legal instrument were fully implemented. The IOC has a role to play in this regard. Finally, he emphasized that the use of doping substances, in particular by young people, is a public health issue and announced that a symposium will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, on this theme in September 2012.

Dr Toni Pascual, Chairperson of the International Paralympic Committee's Anti-Doping Committee, congratulated UNESCO and States Parties for the success of the Convention. He recalled the Convention allows coordination at the international level for the fight against doping in sport. He congratulated anti-doping organizations for their valuable work, in particular in the field of education. Finally, he stressed the value of partnerships between the sport movement and governments.

Ms Pilar Alvarez-Laso, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences expressed her satisfaction with the number of states that have ratified the Convention and the exponential growth in the number of projects approved under the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport. She also emphasized the need to educate young generations about the harm caused by doping.

Preliminary statements by States Parties

Mr Hugh Robertson, Minister for Sport and the Olympics of the United Kingdom, congratulated UNESCO and States Parties for their valuable work in fighting doping. He emphasized that the 2012 Olympic Games will be about fair competition. The United Kingdom has launched the "Win Clean" anti-doping campaign for this purpose in partnership with WADA. Mr Robertson underlined that the responsibility to ensure that the playing field is levelled for all athletes is a common responsibility and that the next generation of athletes should be given confidence in fair sport.

A message from Mr David Douillet, Minister of Sport of France, was read by the French Permanent Delegation to UNESCO, reiterating France's commitment to the fight against doping in sport. He called for cooperation with the pharmaceutical industry in the fight against doping in sport. He also recalled that doping is cheating and that a rigorous approach was required to curtail doping.

Finally, **Mr Ralf René Weingartner**, Director of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination at the Council of Europe, announced the recent ratification of the 1989 Convention by Malta, last Member of the Council of Europe to do so. He highlighted the similarity between the monitoring systems used by UNESCO and Council of Europe.

Item 1.2 – Adoption of the Final Report of the second session of the Conference of Parties

After an introduction on procedural matters by the Secretariat, during which it was noted that 78 States Parties had registered to attend the Conference and the quorum was therefore set at 40, States Parties examined document ICDS/2CP/Doc.13. This report was adopted as the Final Report of its second session.

Item 1.3 – Election of the Bureau of the Conference of Parties

The election took place in an atmosphere of great serenity and responsibility among all the electoral groups, in accordance with practices and procedures established by UNESCO. Accordingly, the Conference of Parties elected to following persons:

- Mr Chunderpal SINGH, South Africa, Chairperson;
- Mr Sergei NERED, Belarus, Vice-Chairperson;
- Mr Daniel JACUBOVITCH, Argentina, Vice-Chairperson;
- Mr JIANG Zhixue, China, Vice-Chairperson;
- Ms Lina FASSI, Morocco, Vice-Chairperson;
- Mr Tomas JOHANSSON, Sweden, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur.

After his election to the role of Chairperson, Mr Singh, speaking on his own behalf and for all of the members of the Bureau, thanked all the States Parties for the trust that had been bestowed on them. He urged all the participants to engage in a fruitful debate in order to determine the best proposals with a view to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

Item 2 – Adoption of the agenda and timetable

The Chairperson submitted the agenda and the provisional timetable contained in document ICDS/3CP/Doc.2. They were unanimously adopted by the Conference.

Item 3 – Promotion of the International Convention against Doping in Sport

The Chairperson introduced agenda item 3 and requested the Secretariat to present document ICDS/3CP/Doc.3. The Secretariat gave a detailed presentation, which underlined the rate of adherence to the Convention over the last two years and the distribution of States Parties across the various regions of UNESCO. A series of projects currently under development by the Secretariat were outlined. These included the *ADDbase* project, consisting of the development of four interlinked databases on anti-doping; the production of public service announcement to sensitize the general public to the fight against doping in sport; and promotion of the documentary *“The War on Doping”*, which includes footage of the last session of the Conference of Parties.

Several States Parties took the floor under this item, calling for programmes to educate young people about the harm caused by doping. The support provided by WADA in promoting the Convention was also underlined.

Item 4 – Report of the World Anti-Doping Agency

Mr David Howman, Director-General of WADA, gave a comprehensive report on the main functions and objectives of his organization, and progress with the implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code.

He emphasized that the fight against doping in sport must continue apace. The partnership between governments and the sport movement had been of utmost importance in this regard. The sport movement is now well aware of the success of the Convention, in terms of speed of development and support from governments

Mr Howman stressed that monitoring compliance with Code and the Convention is of utmost importance. WADA's monitoring report will be presented at their forthcoming Foundation Board meeting. He emphasized that we now need to move beyond the rules and ensure that the implementation of the Code, the International Standards and the Convention is enhanced.

Item 5 – Approval of the 2012 Prohibited List International Standard

Following WADA's communication of the 2012 Prohibited List to the Director-General of UNESCO, the Secretariat submitted document ICDS/3CP/Doc.4 to the Conference of Parties for approval. This document called for the adoption of the proposed amendments to Annex I of the Convention.

The Secretariat then gave a detailed explanation as to how Article 34 of the Convention works in practice. It was explained that there was a relatively technical process to achieve a simple goal; a single list of prohibited substances and methods which applies to both governments and sport. The Conference of Parties, unanimously approved the amendments and it was determined that a roll call was not required as set forth under Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of Parties.

Item 6 – Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport

Elections of the Approval Committee for the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport were held. The Conference of Parties elected the following countries: France (2012); Canada (2013); the Russian Federation; Barbados; New Zealand (2012); Australia (2013); Côte d'Ivoire; and Kuwait.

The financial report of the Fund, highlighting the healthy financial situation of the Fund, was presented by the Secretariat. A presentation was also made by UNESCO Chief Financial Officer on the costs recovery policy of the Organization.

Lengthy discussions were subsequently held regarding the report of the Approval Committee and the allocation of the Fund for 2012-2013. Further to the deliberations, it was decided that:

- The disbursement of the amounts approved for the States Parties submitting applications to the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport can only be made for States Parties that have submitted national reports required under Article 31 of the Convention.
- States Parties in submitting the applications should agree to ensure that the amounts allocated to hospitality as direct costs in each project shall not exceed 10% of the total financial contribution provided by UNESCO.
- And finally, that the Fund will be used for the establishment of a P1/2 Post, for the 2012-2013 biennium, to administer the Fund and to support the implementation of the International Convention against Doping in Sport, it being understood that this decision will be reviewed at the fourth session of the Conference of Parties.

It was also noted that the current regulations, which allow for Regional Anti-Doping Organizations to submit applications to the Fund, do not need to be changed.

Item 7 - Monitoring of the International Convention against Doping in Sport

Under this item the Secretariat presented a cogent summary of the results garnered from the *Anti-Doping Logic* system. A detailed explanation was also provided about how, in a small

number of instances, the results obtained by UNESCO with respect to the Convention might differ from the results obtained by WADA for the Code. It was noted that the two instruments differ in certain key places and that the two monitoring systems give priority to different aspects of the fight against doping in sport. Moreover, UNESCO was concerned with the actions taken by governments, and WADA looked at signatories to the Code, in particular National Anti-Doping Organisations.

Unfortunately, it was noted that only 99 States Parties had completed the questionnaire. Accordingly, all remaining States Parties were encouraged to do so as quickly as possible, bearing in mind the decision taken under item 6.3 of the agenda to restrict the Fund to those States Parties that had met their obligations under Article 31.

The Secretariat also presented two reports which looked at the implementation of certain Articles in the Convention. The Secretariat presented an analysis of the responses provided to the *Anti-Doping Logic* questionnaire to Article 8 of the Convention, which calls for measures to restrict the availability and use in sport of prohibited substances and methods. Some additional research undertaken by UNESCO, with support from WADA, was also presented. The second report looked at the implementation of Article 10 of the Convention, dealing with nutritional supplements, and presented information about the measures that governments can take to implement the obligation set forth.

Item 8 – Closure of the third session

Mr Tenzo Okumura, Senior Vice-Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, made a statement outlining the anti-doping programme implemented by the Japanese government.

State Parties joined together to express their sincere gratitude to Mr Paul Marriott-Lloyd for his tireless and successful work in the Secretariat. His contributions were of crucial importance to the rapid progress of the Convention and the Conference participants wished him all the very best in the future, in particular, now that he has chosen to take a new career path.

The third session of the Conference of Parties was closed by its Chairperson, Mr Chunderpal Singh from South Africa, who had ably managed the proceedings and ensured that there was a clear consensus on all items under discussion.

Thank you.