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Sir/Madam,

I am writing following receipt of written communication from Mr David Howman, Director-General of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), informing me that WADA has modified the Prohibited List International Standard (hereinafter referred to as "the Prohibited List"). The 2009 Prohibited List has been adopted by WADA in accordance with the guidelines for its annual review set forth under Article 4.1 of the World Anti-Doping Code.

In accordance with Article 34, paragraph 1, of the International Convention against Doping in Sport (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), I wish to notify all States Parties of the changes approved by WADA and to propose that Annex I to the Convention, which contains the Prohibited List, be amended accordingly. Please find attached a document outlining the changes approved by WADA as well as a copy of the 2009 Prohibited List which sets out the approved amendments.

Pursuant to Article 34, paragraph 2, of the Convention, within the context of the present written consultation, States Parties have 45 days after this notification to express their objection to the proposed amendments in writing to the Director-General of UNESCO. Unless two-thirds of the States Parties have expressed their objection on or before **17 November 2008**, the proposed amendments will be deemed to be approved by the Conference of Parties.

In accordance with Article 34, paragraph 3 of the Convention, the amendments deemed approved by the Conference of Parties through this written consultation will be notified to the States Parties. They will enter into force 45 days after that notification, except for any State Party having notified the Director-General of UNESCO that it does not accept these amendments. States Parties having notified their non-acceptance will remain bound by Annex I, as not amended.

I wish to bring to the attention of those States that ratified, accepted or acceded to the Convention before the entry into force on 1 January 2008 of the 2008 Prohibited List approved by the Conference of Parties via written consultation (Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Croatia, Gabon, India, Mongolia, Panama, Saint

Lucia and Singapore), that they will remain bound by the 2007 Prohibited List should they notify the UNESCO Secretariat of their non-acceptance of the present amendments.

I encourage all States Parties to give due consideration to this issue. Adoption of the latest Prohibited List adopted by WADA is critical to international harmonization in the fight against doping in sport.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Enclosures 2:

cc: Ministers of Sport
Legal/Treaties Division, Ministries of Foreign Affairs
Permanent Delegations and Observers to UNESCO
National Commissions for UNESCO