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## **Item 9.2 – Oral report by the Rapporteur**

### **Oral report**

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Mr Chairperson of the Conference of Parties,  
Mr 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 Algeria and for the trust that they have placed in me personally by appointing me Rapporteur of the first 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 first 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 first session, which has lasted three days.

It is therefore fitting to emphasize the quality of the debates, thanks to the substantial contribution 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 Mr Fetisov, Chairperson of the Conference of Parties, for the excellent manner in which he has conducted our debates, and the Secretariat, led by Mr Pierre Sané, 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 the States Parties*

The Conference was opened by H.E. Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO, who, while welcoming the Convention's 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 expressed their support for the efforts of the States Parties while commending UNESCO for the speed with which the Convention had entered into force.

The following persons took the floor in turn:

Mr Musa Bin Jaafar Bin Hassan, President of the General Conference of UNESCO;  
Sir Philip Craven, President of the International Paralympic Committee;  
Mr Jean-François Lamour, Minister, Vice-President of the World Anti-Doping Agency;  
Mr Vyacheslav Fetisov, UNESCO Champion for Sport, Head of the Federal Agency for Physical Education and Sport of the Russian Federation;  
Mr Jiri Dvorak, Chief Medical Officer of FIFA;  
Mr David Winiger, Special Assistant to the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Sport for Development and Peace.

A message from Ms Justine Henin, UNESCO Champion for Sport, supporting the practice of clean and fair sport and action to combat doping, was conveyed to the Conference at the end of the opening ceremony.

#### Preliminary statements by States Parties:

The States Parties that made statements unanimously stressed the importance and the place of education in building a culture to combat doping and underlined UNESCO's role in raising awareness of the dangers of this scourge.

They also emphasized the need for governments and the sports movement to be strongly committed to promoting the healthy practice of sport based on ethical values.

Illustrating such commitment in practical terms, some participating States announced voluntary financial contributions to the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport.

In the speakers' view, training, research and prevention were also other major thrusts around which action to combat doping should be structured.

The States Parties also highlighted the need to strengthen international cooperation to combat doping and to encourage the development of conditions that foster the synergies required for the success of activities involving the entire international community.

This general view was strengthened by the support expressed by the organizations participating as observers.

Finally, the States Parties and the Secretariat appealed for a more extensive ratification of the 2005 Convention in order to reinforce its universal character.

The first session of the Conference of Parties was attended by 90 Member States, including 36 States Parties to the Convention, the World Anti-Doping Agency, CIGEPS and bodies participating as observers.

#### *Item 1.2 – Election of the Bureau of the Conference of Parties*

After adopting 1CP/Resolution 1.2, the Conference of Parties elected:

- (1) Mr Vyacheslav Fetisov, Russian Federation, Chairperson;
- (2) Ms Renee Anne Shirley, Jamaica, Vice-Chairperson;
- (3) Mr Jaime Díez Lissavetzky, Spain, Vice-Chairperson;
- (4) Mr Zhixue Jiang, China, Vice-Chairperson;
- (5) Mr Carlos Sousa, Mozambique, Vice-Chairperson;
- (6) Mr Kamal Guemmar, Algeria, Rapporteur.

The election took place in an atmosphere of great serenity and responsibility among all the groups of States, in accordance with practices and procedures established by UNESCO.

After his election, Mr Vyacheslav Fetisov, Chairperson of the Conference of Parties, speaking on his own behalf and on that of the members of the Bureau, thanked all the States Parties for the trust that they had placed in them by electing them. He then urged the participants to engage in a fruitful debate in order to determine the best proposals with a view to the effective and efficient implementation of the Convention.

The term of office of both the Chairperson and the Bureau began with the opening of the session.

#### **Item 2 – Adoption of the agenda and timetable**

The Chairperson of the Conference submitted the agenda and the provisional timetable contained in document ICDS/1CP/Doc.2 Rev. for adoption.

Following consideration, the agenda and timetable were adopted, after the inclusion of an additional item entitled “Other business”.

### **Item 3 – Adoption of the Rules of Procedure**

In accordance with Article 32.4 of the Convention, the Conference secretariat submitted for consideration and adoption the provisional Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties contained in document ICDS/1CP/Doc.3.

After examining the Rules of Procedure rule by rule, the Conference of Parties adopted the Rules of Procedure in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, particularly Articles 28 and 29.

Following detailed discussions concerning the possibility of inviting a number of relevant organizations other than those referred to in Article 29 of the Convention to attend the Conference of Parties as observers, it was agreed that a working group would be established to formulate a proposal addressing this matter of concern expressed by some States Parties.

### **Item 4 – Report of the World Anti-Doping Agency on the Implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code**

Mr David Howman, Director-General of WADA, gave a comprehensive report on the main thrusts, mechanisms and synergies inherent in the strategy and objectives of the World Anti-Doping Agency, expressed through the implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code.

In his report, the Director-General of WADA highlighted the following aspects:

- the organization, functioning and financing of the Agency;
- the importance of aspects concerning the objectives linked to the anti-doping control mechanisms, the efficiency of which remains dependent on the need for scientific progress and the research programmes initiated by the Agency;
- the need to strengthen cooperation through a partnership between the States and the national and international sports movement, UNESCO and the Council of Europe;
- the need to promote, in partnership with the States and the sports movement, prevention and awareness programmes aimed at young people, athletes and their environments;
- acknowledgement of the changing nature of the Anti-Doping Code in the light of practical experience;
- the promotion of international cooperation to eradicate the phenomenon linked to trafficking of doping substances;
- the establishment of a regionalized approach throughout the world for the practical implementation of the WADA programme, with priority being given to support for the least developed countries.

The Conference of Parties commended the quality of the report by the Director-General of WADA, which had clearly identified the objectives set to combat doping and the strategy formulated for its eradication.

A number of States Parties requested clarification of certain points, in particular:

- the strengthening of cooperation between WADA and national anti-doping agencies;

- anti-doping control procedures and mechanisms;
- the strengthening of cooperation mechanisms aimed at eradicating the trafficking of substances;
- the introduction of prevention and training programmes;
- the need to introduce standard fees for testing, which are increasingly exorbitant.

#### **Item 5 – Approval of the 2007 Prohibited List International Standard**

Pursuant to Article 34.1 of the Convention and following WADA's communication of the 2007 Prohibited List to the UNESCO Director-General, the Secretariat submitted document ICDS/1CP/Doc.4 to the Conference of Parties for approval.

During the ensuing debate, a number of States Parties stressed the need for a chronological update of the Prohibited List on the one hand and of the procedures for their adoption in accordance with the provisions of Article 34.1 of the Convention on the other.

The Conference of Parties thus approved the resolution concerning the Prohibited List and an amendment to the proposed draft, taking into account the change from the 2005 List to the 2007 List.

#### **Item 6 – Monitoring Framework for the International Convention against Doping in Sport**

The purpose of document ICDS/1CP/Doc.5 on the development of a monitoring framework for the International Convention, introduced by the Secretariat, was to gather the States Parties' views on the appropriate means of conducting such monitoring.

Two possible means were discussed, one computer-based and the other paper-based. It was stressed that, in view of the shortage of funding under the regular budget, both monitoring mechanisms were dependent on the availability of the necessary funds.

Therefore, after a fruitful discussion covering all aspects of this issue, including the financial implications, fields of substantive responsibility (the role of the Secretariat), the efficiency of the system on the one hand and the need for support from WADA and the Council of Europe in order to avoid duplication of effort on the other, the Conference of Parties decided to request the Secretariat to prepare simple, low-cost options for the monitoring framework, to submit a report to the 2009 Conference and to request the States Parties to give their views on the various options by means of a written procedure. To that end, the Conference of Parties approved the new paragraph added to the resolution.

#### **Item 7 – Administration of the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport**

The Secretariat introduced document ICDS/1CP/Doc.6, which outlined the main points of a funding strategy.

The main characteristic of the Fund was that it was a voluntary fund, pursuant to Article 17 of the Convention.

The document gave rise to a lively and fruitful discussion, during which the States Parties gave their views on a draft resolution proposed by five States Parties, identifying priority areas for funding by the Fund.

The amended draft resolution that was adopted confirmed the following priority areas for funding:

- education;
- assistance in the formulation of policies;
- mentoring and capacity-building programmes.

The proposal also contained a request that the Secretariat draw up information reports for the States Parties and an exhaustive document for the next session of the Conference of Parties.

#### **Item 8 – Other business**

Two proposals were discussed under “Other business”:

- The first concerned the need to open a debate in order to identify mechanisms for cooperation and synergies between WADA and the International Convention against Doping in Sport, and the Conference of Parties.
- The second was to invite the Director-General to draw up, pursuant to Article 29, a non-exhaustive list of intergovernmental bodies, international federations, associations and other entities involved in action to combat doping in sport, which would be invited to the sessions of the Conference of Parties. After discussing the proposal, the Conference adopted a resolution to that effect.

As regards the first item of “Other business” and the issue of relations between WADA and the Conference of Parties, the proposed draft resolution did not receive the support required for it to be adopted.

#### **Item 9 – Date and venue of the second session of the Conference of Parties**

The Conference of Parties adopted the draft resolution set out in document 1CDS/1CP/Doc.7.

The Conference adopted a resolution requiring its ordinary sessions to be held once every two years at UNESCO Headquarters in the period closely following the ordinary session of the General Conference of UNESCO.

#### **Closure of the first session**

The first session of the Conference of Parties was closed by Mr Carlos Sousa who, as Vice-Chairperson, had chaired the proceedings in the absence of Mr Fetisov.

Thank you.