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Subject: **Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport**

Sir/Madam,

The [Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport](#) ("the Fund"), established by Article 17 of the [International Convention against Doping in Sport](#) ("the Convention"), assists [States Parties](#) to develop and implement anti-doping programmes in accordance with the Convention. Projects under the Fund respond to the following priorities identified by the Conference of Parties: education projects focusing on youth and sport organizations; policy advice; and mentoring and capacity-building projects.

The Fund is made up of voluntary contributions from UNESCO Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, private or public bodies, as well as individuals. UNESCO is grateful to all donors, as their support is vital to the effective implementation of the Fund. As of 31 July 2016, the Fund's balance was US \$1.2 million. The Fund has a unique mandate in assisting States Parties implement targeted, on-the-ground initiatives responding to identified needs and challenges. As such, I would like to invite all Member States to consider making a contribution to the Fund to ensure its financial stability beyond 2017.

Since the launch of the Fund in 2008, [208 national and regional projects](#) from 105 countries have received financial assistance worth over US \$4 million. I invite the States Parties to the Convention to submit applications for funding, in line with the procedure and timeline indicated in Annex I.

Applications for national projects submitted by individual States Parties should not exceed US \$20,000; the maximum amount of assistance available for each subregional, interregional, or regional project is US \$50,000. Each State Party may make three requests in any biennium, specifying the priority order it prefers for those three requests.

The Fund's [Handbook](#), revised in 2016 to reflect the decisions made by the Conference of Parties at its Fifth Session (October 2015), includes an overview of the rules and procedures of the Fund. Requests for assistance should be submitted only by States Parties to the Convention, through the National Commission for UNESCO or a designated government channel.

I hope the Handbook will be a useful resource for States Parties, alongside other communication tools developed by the Secretariat, such as an [information sheet providing guidance for the application form](#), the [first](#) and [second edition of the good practice leaflet](#) for potential inspiration, as well as an [infographic](#) promoting clean sport.

Finally, I would urge those Member States who have yet to adhere to the Convention to complete the necessary steps as soon as possible. There are currently 183 States Parties to the Convention, ten years after its entry into force.

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

Irina Bokova
Director-General

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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO

ANNEX I

- **Draft applications** (Word format) should be sent by e-mail to Nancy McLennan, Project Officer, Youth and Sport Section, Social and Human Sciences Sector (n.mclennan@unesco.org, with copy to ir.petre-sandor@unesco.org) **by 12 February 2017**.
- Following receipt of draft applications, the Fund's Secretariat will provide specific feedback so that projects can be considered by the Approval Committee.
- Once the Secretariat's feedback has been integrated and the application duly reflects this, the **deadline** for the receipt of final, signed applications is **10 March 2017** for those in Spanish, and **7 April 2017** for those in English or French.
- Application forms (national and regional) can be found [on the Fund's website](#).