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World Conference
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Conférence Mondiale sur le
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WORLD CONFERENCE ON DOPING IN SPORT RESOLUTION

ADOPTED BY THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON DOPING IN SPORT
MADRID, SPAIN, 17 NOVEMBER 2007

Deeply concerned about doping in sport and its negative impact on the spirit of sport, the health and wellbeing of athletes, and the future of sport;

Mindful that doping in sport puts at risk the ethical principles and educational values embodied in the Olympic Charter and the UNESCO International Charter of Physical Education and Sport;

Alarmed by the use of a wide variety of drugs in society for non therapeutic purpose and its public health consequences in particular for young people;

Bearing in mind the influence that athletes may have as role models on young people;

Fully aware of the need to preserve fair and equitable competition and to eliminate doping from sport;

Reiterating that Governments, the Olympic and Sport Movement, together with WADA have complementary roles and responsibilities to combat and prevent doping in sport and that this cooperation has proven to be very strong and effective;

Emphasising the importance of capacity building and ongoing education of athletes, athlete support personnel, sporting organisations and sharing information with communities at large in preventing doping;

Acknowledging the advances that have been made in the fight against doping in sport, particularly since 1999, and the important role that WADA has played in these developments;

Recognising that the World Anti-Doping Code (2003 Code) has proven to be a just, effective and practical instrument for the harmonisation of global efforts against doping in sport;

Congratulating the Olympic and Sport Movement for implementing the Code before the first day of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens, Greece;

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Welcoming the prompt adherence by many Governments allowing the entry into force of the International Convention against Doping in Sport on 1 February 2007, following its unanimous adoption by the 33rd session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October 2005, and the binding obligations that it contains for all States Parties;

Stressing that the fight against doping in sport should be intensified through greater international harmonisation and reinforcement of the unified approach between Governments and the Olympic and Sport Movement, as well as WADA, international, intergovernmental, regional and non governmental organisations;

The World Conference on Doping in Sport (World Conference) held in Madrid, Spain from 15 to 17 November 2007, met with the participation of athletes, Ministers and other senior government officials, representatives of UNESCO, WADA and other international or non-governmental organisations, as well as representatives of the International Olympic Committee, International Paralympic Committee, International Sports Federations, National Olympic Committees, National Paralympic Committees, National and Regional Anti-Doping Organisations, and all other signatories;

The World Conference:

REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE

1. *Recognises* that the support, adoption, implementation and ongoing evolution and review of the World Anti-Doping Code are fundamental and crucial steps for an efficient fight against doping in sport;
2. *Expresses* satisfaction that the Foundation Board of WADA has adopted the revised World Anti-Doping Code (2007 Code) after an open and transparent consultation process throughout the world;

THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

3. *Commends* WADA for its excellent work, reconfirms its full support to WADA, and invites all stakeholders to intensify their support;
4. *Endorses* the reiterated commitment by the Olympic Movement and Governments to provide equal funding (50% each) of WADA's approved annual core budget in accordance with a formula they

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themselves determine;

**HARMONISATION, CONSOLIDATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST
DOPING IN SPORT**

5. *Recognises* the urgent need for more effective harmonisation in the fight against doping in all countries throughout the world and for all sports, including professional leagues, and to that effect, all stakeholders are urged to further consolidate and develop their anti-doping efforts and programs;

OLYMPIC AND SPORT MOVEMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

6. *Urges* the International Olympic Committee, International Paralympic Committee, International Sports Federations, National Olympic Committees, National Paralympic Committees, National and Regional Anti-Doping Organisations, major event organisers and all other signatories to implement and be fully compliant with the 2007 Code on 1 January 2009;

GOVERNMENTS

7. *Welcomes* the commitment of Governments to increase cooperation at intergovernmental, regional and global level, to reinforce the involvement of all public authorities within the work of WADA; and
8. *Urges* all Governments to adhere to the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport no later than 1 January 2009.

Madrid, Spain
17 November 2007