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**MINISTRY OF SPORT  
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**MINISTER**

To: Mr. Olivier Niggli  
Director General  
World Anti-Doping Agency

Dear Mr. Niggli,

Let me thank you for the letter sent to me on May 30, 2018, which I carefully examined, and I would like to report the following.

Recently we sent our letter regarding the results of the investigation of Professor Richard McLaren to WADA, IOC and IPC several times.

In the letter that was sent to WADA right before the WADA Foundation Board meeting in May 2018, the letter signed by the leaders of the main organizations that manage Russian sports was presented.

I kindly ask you to take this letter into consideration when taking decision regarding the reinstatement of RUSADA status to be in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.

During last two years we have done tremendous work to improve the mechanisms of countering doping in sport. During this time we followed the recommendations of the international organizations, of course including WADA.

In the Main Investigation Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, the investigation of the criminal case is ongoing, within which the samples stored in the Moscow anti-doping laboratory are sealed. The Investigative

Committee is an independent body and has the exclusive right to take procedural decisions in respect of these samples. According to the available information, in response to the WADA request in May 2018 the Investigation sent to WADA materials relating to the athletes to whom charges were brought. The Investigative Committee has repeatedly stated that it continues to be open with foreign competent authorities, the IOC, public international organizations, including WADA, and counts on mutual assistance from them.

Let me reassure you that we, as well as WADA, are interested in the fastest completion of the investigation, as well as in ensuring that all those whose faults will be proven in the appropriate manner will be punished deservedly.

The time to move forward has come and the restoration of RUSADA will be an important step towards the formation of the effective system of countering doping in sport not only in Russia but throughout all the world and it will be the additional motivation for all athletes to remain clean from doping.

WADA has mentioned in many occasions that RUSADA will be reinstated when it will be ready and able to take again its responsibilities. Allow me to confirm to WADA that RUSADA is totally ready and able to fill its responsibilities, as it has been already admitted by different WADA experts.

The reinstatement of RUSADA should be based on its technical capability to perform its duties in benefit of all clean athletes of Russia and the world, not related to other parameters belonging to the past, and not related to the RUSADA current structure and efficiency.

Let us resume our full cooperation in our common fight for a clean sport.

Yours sincerely,  
Pavel Kolobkov