



Resolution on the fight against doping (1/2000)

The European Ministers responsible for Sport, meeting in Bratislava for their 9th Conference on 30 and 31 May 2000, and the representatives of the other States Parties to the Anti-Doping Convention:

Welcoming the active role played by the Council of Europe in setting up the World Anti-Doping Agency;

Noting with satisfaction the Committee of Ministers' decision authorising the Council of Europe and the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention to participate in the WADA Board;

Emphasising, considering the experience and expertise of the T-DO, the need to establish an effective partnership between the Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention and the Agency;

Noting with satisfaction the signing of the Anti-Doping Convention by 42 countries (36 of which have ratified it) since it was opened for signature on 16 November 1989 and the participation, as observers, of a number of other States and international sports organisations in the T-DO;

Welcoming the fact that the participants in the Sydney Summit on doping (November 1999), Unesco's Third International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS III, December 1999), the Assembly of the Ibero-American Sports Council and the meeting of the International Intergovernmental Consultative Group on Anti-Doping in Sport (February 2000) have acknowledged the Anti-Doping Convention as an international reference instrument for co-ordinating national anti-doping policies and have invited countries all over the world to accede to the Convention;

Noting with satisfaction the adoption by the Parliamentary Assembly of Recommendation 1464 (2000) on Doping in Sport;

Thanking the Council of Europe for its essential contribution to helping governments in the fight against doping;

Eager to ensure that the provisions of the Convention are effectively implemented;

Considering that, in order to combat doping effectively, it is essential that action should be taken against traffickers of doping agents;

Aware that it is up to governments to enact laws and regulations to harmonise national anti-doping legislation, particularly regarding the possession and trafficking of banned doping agents;

Concerned by the growing non-sport use of doping agents and considering that the necessary measures should be taken to prevent further proliferation;

1. Affirm their commitment to participate actively in the work of the World Anti-Doping Agency; agree that the Agency should apply a consistent transparency in its activities and should develop a complete list of banned substances and methods as well as clear criteria for the accreditation of laboratories; stress the need for the Agency to be in a position to act as an independent observer in the management of test results at the Sydney Olympic Games;

2. Undertake to recognise the authority of the World Anti-Doping Agency to carry out unannounced out-of-competition controls in accordance with the Agency Statutes on their territories;

3. Recommend the designation, in consultation with the members states of the European Union, of Minister Suvi Linden (Finland) as the representative of the European continent on the Executive Committee of the WADA;

4. Approve the proposals submitted by the Monitoring Group aimed at improving the implementation and effectiveness of the Convention in particular the setting up of a binding control mechanism based on the "Compliance with Commitments" project; support the development of a common database on anti-doping initiatives, in cooperation with other partners;

5. Consider that it would be desirable, in the light of changes since the adoption of the Anti-Doping Convention in 1989, and of present needs in the fight against doping, to study the need for possible amendments and/or draft protocols to the Anti-Doping Convention;

6. Undertake to mutually recognise the authority of the sports organisations and national anti-doping agencies from host countries to carry out unannounced anti-doping tests on sportsmen and women from States parties to the Convention who are in another State party to the Convention without the need for bilateral agreements, and to introduce the regulations and administrative measures necessary for this mutual recognition in accordance with the highest international standards, as recognised by the Monitoring Group;

7. Undertake to introduce into their national legislation legal provisions in keeping with the principles set out in the draft recommendation (see Appendix to this Resolution) and to implement them effectively in order to seek out the persons responsible, particularly those who have set up networks for producing and distributing doping agents;

8. Invite the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to:

Continue to ensure the Council of Europe's and the Monitoring Group's participation in the World Anti-Doping Agency and to give the Monitoring Group support so that it may co-operate effectively with the Agency;

Approve the designation, after consultation with the members states of the European Union, of Minister Suvi Linden (Finland) as the representative of the European continent on the Executive Committee of the WADA;

Adopt the measures in order to improve the application and the efficiency of the Convention and provide the Monitoring Group with the necessary means for implementing those measures;

Request the Monitoring Group to draw up a draft amending protocol to the Convention aimed at setting up a binding control mechanism, and on the mutual recognition of controls on the territory of other Parties;

Adopt the text of the draft recommendation (as it appears in the Appendix to this Resolutionⁱ) on the common basic principles to be introduced into national legislation with a view to combating the trafficking of doping agents.

ⁱ See Recommendation CM Rec 2000/16 as adopted by the Committee of Ministers at the beginning of this document.