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**Terms of reference  
Ad Hoc Group of experts on ensuring effective access  
of athletes to justice and fair trial  
(T-DO HR)**

Adopted at the 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Monitoring Group on 7-8 May 2019 in Bucharest

**AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ENSURING EFFECTIVE ACCESS OF ATHLETES TO JUSTICE AND FAIR TRIAL (T-DO HR)**

*Set up by the Monitoring Group to the Anti-Doping Convention (T-DO) under Article 11.2 of the Convention and Article 17 of the T-DO Rules of Procedure.*

**Type of committee:** Ad hoc group of experts

Terms of reference valid from **7 May 2019** until **30 June 2020**

**TASKS OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS**

Under the authority of the Monitoring Group (T-DO), the Ad hoc group of experts on ensuring effective access of athletes to justice and fair trial (T-DO HR) will

- draft a set of general human rights based principles of sport justice that should apply in the context of the fight against doping in sport at domestic and international levels;
- this work should be based on international human rights standards, in particular, the European Convention on Human Rights (particularly, but not limited to, Articles 6 and 13), the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, European Social Charter, as well as on the Council of Europe Anti-Doping Convention (particularly, but not limited to, Article 7) and other relevant Council of Europe standards;
- draw upon the previous work of the T-DO on human rights of athletes and upon the T-DO Recommendation on ensuring the independence of hearing panels (bodies) and promoting fair trial in anti-doping cases (T-DO/Rec(2017)01);
- present the results of its work to Monitoring Group's approval and further transmission to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for adoption;
- formulate recommendation on the most appropriate format in which the Committee of Ministers should adopt this set of principles.

**COMPOSITION****Members:**

The Monitoring Group (T-DO) will appoint Chair of the Group, Vice-Chair and eight members representing national delegations (preferably with legal background and/or good knowledge of anti-doping issues).

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will be invited to designate three members of the group.

In addition, the following Council of Europe bodies and sectors will be invited to designate representatives:

- European Court for Human Rights (ECtHR);
- Department of the Execution of Judgements of the ECtHR;
- Venice Commission;
- Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department.

The Monitoring Group (T-DO) may decide, in the future and upon the recommendation of the T-DO Co-ordination Group, to appoint additional members of the Ad hoc group or to invite other Council of Europe bodies or external organisations.

**Observers:**

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote:

- European Union;
- UNESCO;
- World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA);
- EU Athletes.

**WORKING METHODS**

The ad hoc group will carry out its work through regular meetings and online communication between the meetings.

The ad hoc group may decide to hold consultations or hearings with the representatives of stakeholders not included in the group.

The ad hoc group will report regularly to the T-DO Co-ordination Group and to the Monitoring Group. If needed, the ad hoc group may be assisted by a consultant.

The work of the ad hoc group will be supported by the T-DO Secretariat.