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DECLARATION

The International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI) enables representatives of governments, international organisations, international and national sports organisations, betting entities and experts to collaborate on the protection of clean sport.

All the participants of the second IFSI, held on 15 February 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland, indicate their support for the content of this declaration, which aims to strengthen their cooperation and coordination in order to protect the credibility and integrity of sport and competitions. In particular, they recognise the importance of strengthening the fight against the manipulation of sports competitions and tackling corruption in sports organisations.

In particular, they agree to the following:

With regard to the prevention of the manipulation of competitions:

All participants acknowledge what has been achieved since the first IFSI with regard to the fight against the manipulation of competitions, namely through the IOC's integrity initiatives and 3-Pillar Strategy, which cover the fields of (1) legislation and regulations; (2) education and capacity-building; and (3) intelligence and investigation. Concrete tools include the Olympic Movement (OM) Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions; the IOC-UNODC Model Criminal Law Provisions for the Prosecution of Competition Manipulation; support for the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions; the IOC Integrity e-learning that was launched at the Olympic Games Rio 2016, the IOC-INTERPOL capacity-building programme; the Integrity Betting Intelligence System (IBIS); and the IOC Integrity and Compliance Hotline.

All the participants acknowledge the need to further strengthen the three-pillar strategy, in particular by:

- Streamlining the IOC initiatives via an Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions in order to better engage the Olympic Movement stakeholders (particularly IFs, NOCs, athletes and their entourage);
- Calling on national governments to consider signing and ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions and to set up national platforms for efficient coordination; national governments are also asked to ensure that their legislation allows for effective investigations and the exchange of information; and
- Reinforcing prevention measures, in particular educational and capacity-building initiatives at the national and international levels for the protection of athletes and their entourage.



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With regard to the prevention of the risk of corruption in sport:

All the participants reaffirm their commitment to safeguarding the credibility of sport and reducing the risk of corruption. They highlight the need for greater cooperation and collaboration between the various stakeholders guided by the following points:

- Welcoming the launch of an International Sports Integrity Partnership, a cross-sectorial, multi-stakeholder platform to enable a pragmatic partnership allowing the development and implementation of programmes and initiatives by the various partners, to strengthen efforts promoting transparency, integrity and good governance in sports organisations, in particular through education and awareness-raising initiatives; the IOC is committed to working with the partners to support this platform;
- Recognising the independence and autonomy of sport as adopted by the 69th United Nations' General Assembly in 2014; they appreciate the acknowledgement by sports organisations that good governance and the autonomy of sport are intricately linked;
- Acknowledging that governments have a primary responsibility in fighting corruption, notably through the ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and other international agreements such as the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and the Council of Europe Criminal Law Convention on Corruption; relevant international organisations should facilitate cooperation and active engagement by law enforcement agencies and sports organisations, in order to prevent, detect and sanction corrupt practices as well as to enhance good governance;
- Recognising and supporting the efforts already undertaken by sports organisations, in particular at the international level through Olympic Agenda 2020 and the various IFs' efforts such as the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) Good Governance Task Force; sports organisations confirm the importance of complying with the highest standards of good governance principles; and
- Welcoming the readiness and commitment of international organisations to enhance their support to national governments' and sports organisations' efforts to promote good governance and prevent corruption in sport.

Following the second IFSI, this Declaration will be implemented through the various programmes and initiatives of the stakeholders. The experts, representing the stakeholders, will assess the situation, develop joint action plans and review monitoring reports. An update on progress will be presented during the third IFSI in 2019.

Lausanne, 15 February 2017