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MEDICAL COMMISSION REPORT

1. Chairperson's report:

Activities of the Medical Commission -

Doping tests were organized and performed at the Turin Olympiad, At the Unification World Championship Match in Elista and at the World Championship Tournament in Mexico City.

There was also testing at the Asian Continental Games in Doha.

The Medical Commission did not encounter any problems with doping tests.

As from January 2007 - beta-blockers have been removed from the list of Prohibited Substances for Chess.

Representatives of the Medical Commission met with the WADA European Director Mr.Moser in order to discuss full compliance of FIDE with the WADA ANTI-DOPING CODE (see points 3 and 4)

- 2. Statistical Report of the Medical Commission Doping Control activities please see attachment.
- 3. In order to be fully compliant with the WADA Code, the FIDE Anti-Doping Regulations have been amended. The amendments are concerned mainly with the wording of several articles (namely 3, 4 and 5). The new version will be posted on the FIDE website and enter into force with effect from 1st January 2008.
- 4. Out-of-Competition testing
 In order to be fully compliant with the WADA Code, the FIDE Medical
 Commission will commence out-of-competition testing from January

2008. The out-of-competition testing will be proportionate to the current Doping Control activities of the Medical Commission.

- 5. Players' Whereabouts Information
 As stated in the FIDE Anti-Doping Regulations, Article 3/2, players in the Registered Testing Pool will be required to provide FIDE with their whereabouts information. This information will be collected directly by dedicated FIDE personnel.
- 6. The Medical Commission considered WADA proposal to join an internet-based database management program for Doping Control but considered it too complex at present.
- 7. IOC funding and proposed Doping Control activities for 2008
 The IOC doubled its payment to FIDE, conditional on 70% of the amount being used for Doping Control activities.
 The Medical Commission will test at the Olympiad, at the Women World Championship and at the World Championship Matches. According to the Anti-Doping Regulations, testing at any FIDE competition is possible. The Medical Commission encourages testing at the Continental Games and plans to include the World Cup and Grand Prix in its Doping Control program.

8. National Federations Doping Control

The Medical Commission would strongly advise all National Federations applying Doping Control at national events to request that players with medical conditions requiring medication complete a TUE(Therapeutic Use Exemption) form, available on WADA website (www.wada-ama.org) and forward a copy of the form to FIDE for the Medical Commission to hold on file. All TUEs should be reviewed annually, or more often following any change of medication. The FIDE Medical Commission is involved in NFs' Result Management (a valid TUE is a mandatory requirement).

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