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By e-mail

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Dear President, Dear General Secretary,

I am writing to you in the spirit of co-operation between governments and the sports movement and our aim to work in partnership to eliminate doping from sport.

You will be aware of the recent changes in the World Anti-Doping Code which are now starting to take effect. One of the changes begins on 1 January 2010, where International Federations are requested to do everything possible to award World Championship events only to those countries who are compliant with the Code i.e. the National Anti-Doping Organisation and the National Olympic Committee, who are each Signatories to the Code, are in compliance and the government has completed the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport (the Convention).

To facilitate this process, we would like to work with you to ascertain which countries your organisation hosts World Championship or major events in, or is looking at awarding a World Championship event to. WADA can provide you with information on those countries' status regarding ratification of the Convention and on progress by Signatories with Code compliance. WADA already provides this information to the International Olympic Committee for example, when they are going through their decision process with respect to awarding the Olympic Games to a country.

We wish to work with you, to avoid if at all possible, the likelihood of an event not taking place due to inadequate anti-doping progress in a country, however we need to know in advance which countries might need extra anti-doping assistance. For example we can work through our Regional Anti-Doping Programme which covers 122 countries world-wide. The sooner we are alerted to your priority countries for hosting World Championship or major events, the sooner we can work with you to ascertain what might be needed to help them along.

We thank you for your cooperation in this regard. Please do not hesitate to contact Anne Jansen anne.jansen@wada-ama.org or myself kelly.fairweather@wada-ama.org if you require further information. We will undertake to provide you with regular updates on the status of the countries.

Yours Sincerely



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