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Joint Declaration

1st Meeting on the Fight against Irregular and Illegal Betting in Sport
Lausanne, 1 March 2011

On 1 March 2011, the International Olympic Committee brought together representatives of the sports movement, governments, international organisations and betting operators in Lausanne (Switzerland).

The aim of this first meeting was to recognise the absolute need to protect the integrity of sports competition, notably by combating irregular and illegal betting.

The participants first compiled a list of the measures currently in force to confront this problem.

After having discussed the respective initiatives in terms of protecting the integrity of sports competition, the participants agreed to examine the following points:

- The necessity and possibilities for governments, international organisations and sports betting operators to support the sports world in its efforts to protect the integrity of sports competitions;
- The various means to strengthen cooperation between themselves to fight more effectively against all forms of cheating in sport, particularly those linked to irregular and illegal betting;
- The various existing systems, national laws, self-regulating systems and implementation methods, in order to identify effective methods for cross-border cooperation;
- The various existing systems of enforcement, punishment and measures in terms of education;
- Appropriate methods of funding to support the efforts of the sports movement to protect the integrity of competitions.

The participants of this first meeting have decided to create a working group, made up of representatives of the sports movement, governments, international organisations and betting operators in order to examine the points above and formulate initial conclusions on the measures to be taken between now and the end of 2011.



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Press release

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Discussions Spawn Task Force to Fight Irregular and Illegal Sport Betting

Representatives from the sports world, governments, international organisations and betting operators agreed today to create a task force assigned to work on a set of action points they approved during the first Working Meeting on Irregular and Illegal Sport Betting, held at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne.

The purpose of the meeting, chaired by IOC President Jacques Rogge, was to share knowledge, strengthen cooperation and take steps to set up a permanent system of information exchange. The task force will comprise members of the sports movement, governments, international organisations and betting operators, and will seek to address the following action points:

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- Appropriate methods of funding to support the efforts of the sports movement to protect the integrity of competitions.

"Today's meeting was the latest effort in an ongoing process that will grow to involve many more countries, international organisations and Olympic partners," said President Rogge. "I am pleased with the fruitful discussions we had today and the progress we made in many areas, all of which will be communicated to our partners in the Olympic Movement in due time."



In addition to government ministers from several countries, the meeting included members of Interpol, the United Nations, National Olympic Committees, associations of International Federations and the IOC.*

The IOC first took preventative measures to tackle the problem of illegal and irregular betting five years ago and has been proactive in its fight ever since. The IOC's Code of Ethics was amended in 2006 to forbid all participants in the Olympic Games from betting on Olympic events, and subsequent measures have been aimed at raising awareness of the issue, safeguarding the integrity of the Olympic Games and sport in general, and strengthening collaboration with partners inside and outside of the Olympic Movement.

* List of attendees follows:

Governments

- Michel Barnier, European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services
- Mark Arbib, Minister, Ministry of Sports, Australia
- Chantal Jouanno, Minister, Ministry of Sports, France
- Jean-François Lamour, Deputy, National Assembly, France
- Ueli Maurer, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports, Federal Council, Switzerland
- Hugh Robertson, Minister for Sports and Olympics, Great Britain

Sports Movement

- Giancarlo Abete, Vice-President/President, CONI/ FIGC – Italian Football Federation, Italy
- Denis Masegla, French National Olympic Committee President
- Colin Moynihan, Chairman, BOA, Great Britain
- Wu Qi, Vice-President, Chinese Olympic Committee, China
- Christian Seifert, CEO of DFL (Bundesliga) and associated member of DOSB, DOSB, Germany
- Michael Chambers, President of the ANOC Juridical Commission
- Denis Oswald, IOC Member, ASOIF President
- Hein Verbruggen, IOC Honorary Member, SportAccord/GAISF President
- Francesco Ricci Bitti, IOC Member, ITF President
- Patrick Baumann, IOC Member, FIBA Secretary General
- Bernard Lapasset, President, International Rugby Board
- Marco Villiger, Director of Legal Affairs, FIFA
- Hugh Roberts, Legal Counsel, IAAF

International Organisations

- Gabriella Battaini-Dracconi, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Council of Europe
- Ronald Noble, Secretary General, INTERPOL
- Dimitri Viassis, Chief, Corruption & Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Philippe de Koster, President of the Belgian Financial Intelligence Processing Unit (CTIF-CFI)



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- Nick Tofiluk, Director of Regulation, Gambling Commission
- Frédéric Donzé, Director European Office & IF Relations, WADA

Betting Operators

- Risto Nieminen, President, World Lottery Association
- Clive Hawkswood, CEO, Remote Gambling Association

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