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The Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

Concerned that corruption threatens the potential of sport to contribute to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹ and national peacebuilding and State-building priorities, and also concerned about the links between corruption and other forms of crime, in particular organized crime and economic crime, and the risks that such links pose to the integrity of sport,

Noting that sport plays a key role in the educational, social and economic spheres, and that corruption in sport not only involves the breaching of rules but also challenges the Olympic Games-inspired values of sport that have special relevance to the human development of younger generations,

Acknowledging that the domain of sport serves as a proving ground for the development of a socioeconomic environment founded on a multilevel legal system, and for the prevention and fighting of corruption,

Recognizing the important role played by the United Nations Convention against Corruption² in harmonizing the actions taken by Governments in the fight against corruption in sport in all its forms, and the prominence and importance it has given to prevention, criminalization, law enforcement and international cooperation in that regard,

Recognizing also the important contributions to the fight against corruption in sports made by Member States, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, sports-related organizations, federations and associations, athletes, the media, civil society, academia and the private sector,

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding between the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime signed in

* [CAC/COSP/2017/1](#).

¹ General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.



May 2011, which provides a framework for cooperation in the field of corruption in sport,

Noting that, while the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption is the responsibility of States parties, the promotion of integrity, transparency and accountability and the prevention of corruption in sport are responsibilities to be shared by all relevant stakeholders, in accordance with articles 7 to 13 of the Convention,

Concerned that corruption in sport can undermine the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of women by impeding the advancement of women in sports and sporting activities, in particular by eroding opportunities for economic development through sports,

Recalling its resolution 6/6 of 6 November 2015, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, in which it recognized the importance of protecting integrity in sport by promoting good governance in sport and mitigating the risk of corruption that sport faces globally, requested the Secretariat to continue, in cooperation with relevant international organizations, partners and donors, to develop studies, training materials, guides and tools for Governments and sports organizations to enable them to further strengthen measures in that area, and acknowledged the work that had already been done by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in that regard,

Recalling also the Kazan Action Plan, adopted on 15 July 2017 by the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in particular main policy area III of the Conference of Ministers Sport Policy Follow-up Framework, on protecting the integrity of sport,

Welcoming the work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, in particular its substantive discussions on integrity in sport and the conclusions and recommendations adopted at its meeting held in Vienna from 22 to 24 August 2016,³ and welcoming also the related guidance material developed by the Secretariat, namely the *Resource Guide on Good Practices in the Protection of Reporting Persons*, and the *Resource Guide on Good Practices in the Investigation of Match-Fixing*,

1. *Affirms* the importance of the United Nations Convention against Corruption² in promoting integrity, transparency and accountability and preventing corruption in sport;

2. *Calls upon* States parties to increase the priority given to preventing corruption in sport, and stresses the need for an increased and coordinated focus on efficient enforcement, cooperation and exchange of information among States parties and all relevant stakeholders in this regard;

3. *Acknowledges* the major role played by Member States, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, sport-related organizations, federations and associations, athletes, the media, civil society, academia and the private sector in the fight against corruption in sport;

4. *Recognizes* the contributions that other intergovernmental organizations, such as the Council of Europe, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and other forums, such as the Group of 20, make in the fight against corruption and the promotion of integrity in sport;

5. *Affirms* the invaluable contribution of the Olympic and Paralympic movements in establishing sport as a unique means for the promotion of peace and development, in particular through the ideal of the Olympic Truce, acknowledges the opportunities provided by past Olympic and Paralympic Games, welcomes with

³ See CAC/COSP/WG.4/2016/5.

appreciation all upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games, and calls upon Member States that will host such Games and other major sporting events in the future, as well as other Member States, to enhance measures to address the risks of corruption related to such events;

6. *Calls upon* States parties to strengthen and further coordinate efforts at all levels to effectively mitigate the risks of corruption in sport, including through multi-stakeholder partnerships such as the International Partnership against Corruption in Sport;

7. *Invites* Member States, relevant entities of the United Nations system, sport-related organizations, federations and associations, athletes, the media, civil society, academia, international initiatives and the private sector to collaborate with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote greater awareness and take action in order to prevent and criminalize corruption in sport and to share knowledge and information on such corruption;

8. *Encourages* States parties to consider establishing confidential complaint systems, whistle-blower programmes and, where appropriate, effective witness protection measures, and to increase awareness among natural and legal persons of such measures;

9. *Calls upon* States parties, the Secretariat and relevant stakeholders to collaborate and develop measures to address the risks of corruption in sport that undermine the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of women;

10. *Encourages* all relevant stakeholders, in particular the organizers of major sporting events, to use such events to promote and support efforts to address related corruption risks, strengthen existing partnerships and build new ones, in particular through the involvement of the International Partnership against Corruption in Sport, to coordinate common strategies, policies and programmes and to increase coherence and synergies, while at the same time raising awareness at the local, national, regional and global levels, notes with appreciation the publication of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime entitled *A Strategy for Safeguarding against Corruption in Major Public Events*, and invites organizers of major sporting events to make use of that publication;

11. *Urges* States parties to foster increased dialogue and cooperation among the public and private sectors and all relevant stakeholders in anti-corruption efforts, and to strengthen, where appropriate, public-private partnerships for combating corruption in sport, and encourages the Secretariat, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to address specific corruption risks and vulnerabilities associated with e-sport;

12. *Invites* Member States to consider designating a focal point within their Governments for institutional, policy and programme-related developments related to efforts to fight corruption and crime in sport and to provide updates to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on such developments;

13. *Calls upon* States parties to promote the engagement of stakeholders in the prevention of corruption in sport by encouraging them to, inter alia, develop and implement initiatives aimed at prohibiting all forms of corruption, promote ethical practices, develop internal controls and codes of conduct, design targeted training programmes, implement internal mechanisms for reporting acts of corruption and cooperate with official investigations;

14. *Invites* States parties to consider the possibility of developing legislation to address the threat posed by match-fixing, in accordance with their domestic law and on the basis of existing regional cooperation instruments, and in that regard takes note with appreciation of the joint publication of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Olympic Committee entitled *Model Criminal Law Provisions for the Prosecution of Competition Manipulation*;

15. *Calls upon* the Secretariat to promote the exchange of information and best practices and to take measures to coordinate and support the prevention and enforcement efforts of all relevant stakeholders in the fight against corruption in sport;

16. *Encourages* more cooperation between States parties and relevant stakeholders to identify online betting operators linked to illegal activities such as match-fixing and illegal betting, prevent them from engaging in such activities and, where appropriate, disrupt or prosecute the undertaking of such activities;

17. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue, in cooperation with relevant international organizations, partners and donors, to develop studies, training materials, guides and tools for Governments and sports organizations to enable them to further strengthen measures against corruption in sport;

18. *Invites* States parties and other donors to allocate adequate means for the purposes identified in the present resolution, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.
