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**IAAF TASKFORCE REPORT TO IAAF COUNCIL, 6 MARCH 2018**

1. I am pleased to present this Taskforce report on the progress that RusAF has made since the last Council meeting to satisfy the conditions that the Council has set for its reinstatement to membership of the IAAF. You should have copies in front of you, I will only read out the highlights.

2. As a reminder, the IAAF Council suspended RusAF from membership in November 2015, after a WADA Independent Commission concluded there was a systemic and deeply-rooted culture of doping in Russian athletics. The Council decided that, in order to be reinstated to membership, RusAF must demonstrate that: (i) RusAF complies in full with the World Anti-Doping Code and IAAF Anti-Doping Rules; (ii) the IAAF and RUSADA (the Russian national anti-doping organisation) are able to conduct their anti-doping programmes in Russia (in particular, drug-testing) effectively and without interference; and (iii) as a result, the reintegration of Russian athletes into international competition will not jeopardise the integrity of those competitions. A number of specific 'Verification Criteria' were identified that have to be met as part of this task. And in April 2017 the Council approved a 'Roadmap' proposed by the Taskforce that identified six specific conditions to be met in order for the Taskforce to recommend RusAF's reinstatement. All of these requirements are designed to ensure that RusAF establishes a culture of zero tolerance towards doping in Russian athletics, regain that RusAF, RUSADA, regain the public authorities in Russia, working in cooperation, create an anti-doping infrastructure that is effective in detecting and deterring cheats, and therefore provides reasonable assurance and protection to clean athletes both inside and outside of Russia.

**Progress since last Council meeting, 26.11.17**

3. At the last Council meeting, in November in Monaco, I reported that RusAF seemed to be making good progress in its efforts to change the old culture of doping within Russian track & field, but that certain important reinstatement conditions had still not yet been met, including (a) WADA had not yet reinstated RUSADA as a fully reformed and independent national anti-doping organisation, capable of conducting adequate testing of Russian track and field athletes; and (b) the Russian authorities had not acknowledged and addressed Professor Richard McLaren's findings that the Russian Ministry of Sport, supported by other agencies, including RUSADA, had orchestrated a conspiracy to dope Russian athletes and to tamper with the doping control process to prevent that doping being uncovered. The Council agreed with the Taskforce that unless and until Professor McLaren's findings are properly acknowledged and addressed by the Russian authorities, there can be no comfort that such actions will not be repeated in the future. WADA agrees, and therefore has made such acknowledgement a condition of reinstatement of RUSADA.

4. After the last Council meeting, I sent RusAF and the Ministry of Sport a letter listing the last few Verification Criteria that remained outstanding. Since then, however, RusAF has not asked to meet with the Taskforce, and it has made limited progress (and the Ministry of Sport has made no progress) in completing those remaining Verification Criteria. Although they have not said so, this may be because they consider there is little point addressing these remaining items unless and until the remaining issues of acknowledgement of the McLaren findings and reinstatement of RUSADA (which are outside RusAF's control) are resolved.

5. Nevertheless, the Taskforce has kept in contact with RusAF President Dmitry Shvaytsov, and has had particular exchanges with him on one matter. On 27 January 2018, the media reported that 30 Russian athletes withdrew from a regional competition in Shuzhou after RUSADA doping control officers turned up without prior notice to test at the event (link: [https://www.espn.com/athletes/story/\\_id=240004/30-russian-athletes-withdraw-from-regional-meeting-after-surprise-test-by-doping-control](https://www.espn.com/athletes/story/_id=240004/30-russian-athletes-withdraw-from-regional-meeting-after-surprise-test-by-doping-control)). Obviously that is a matter of great concern to

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