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iNADO calls for Ban of the Russian Delegations from the Rio Olympics and Paralympics

As a consequence of the damning findings of the Report into State-sponsored interference in Anti-Doping released Monday by Professor Richard McLaren, the Russian Delegation should be prohibited from participating at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (iNADO) issued that statement in response to the release Monday of Professor Richard McLaren's Report into Russian Government tampering with anti-doping efforts in Russia. The McLaren Report was a disappointing and shocking glimpse into a massive conspiracy against the clean athletes of the world. In making that statement, iNADO supports the position taken by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

"Clean athletes of the world have been betrayed and deserve much better." iNADO Chair Doug MacQuarrie said. "iNADO is calling on the IOC and the IPC to respond in an unequivocal manner by banning the Russian Delegations from the Olympic and Paralympic Games."

The McLaren Report so far indicates that virtually the entire Russia sport system was subject to the state-sponsored doping programme, and corruption of anti-doping measures. Examination of additional information by Professor McLaren and his team can only demonstrate that this programme was even larger than now understood. Already we know that hundreds of positive test results were suppressed or manipulated. Until each and every one of those results is properly investigated, and anti-doping rule violation prosecutions brought against those individuals, no one can rightly presume that any Russian athlete is clean. That is the corrosive and tragic legacy of the system the McLaren Report reveals.

At the same time, iNADO supports the principle that Russian athletes who can demonstrate they have been free from this corrupt state practice should be able to participate in the Games under a neutral flag. Therefore, in all sports, only individual Russian athletes who meet the strict criteria developed by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), or to be proposed by WADA, should be considered for participation.

iNADO also supports reinforced efforts led by WADA to rehabilitate the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA). Until there is a credible national anti-doping organisation functioning in Russia, there is no possibility of trust that Russian Olympic and Paralympic athletes can compete cleanly.

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