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iNADO endorses proposed Russia sanctions

The Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (iNADO) supports the WADA Compliance Review Committee's recommendation that the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) be declared non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code.

This follows the impressive uncovering by WADA's Intelligence and Investigations Department and independent forensic experts of empirical evidence of wholesale manipulation of data provided to WADA by Russian authorities. The shocking revelations of the latest episode in the Russia saga and the sheer scale of the ongoing corruption are startling. The findings of significant deletions and alterations of the data provided to WADA along with the fabrication of evidence shows that Russia has not learned, and is not prepared to learn, from its serious indiscretions.

We believe that whilst the consequences could have been more significant, we recognise the process and consideration of the CRC in reaching the position they have done and therefore, iNADO urges WADA's Executive Committee (ExCo) to accept the CRC recommendations. Critically, we appeal to WADA and all relevant Code signatories to use the full extent of their powers under the World Anti-Doping Code and implement the recommendations with the utmost stringency and urgency when the recommendations are accepted by RUSADA or finally determined by CAS.

The global anti-doping movement is only as strong as its weakest link; it is clear from the indisputable evidence that Russia is the weakest link. That is why we are uniting to call on all members of ExCo and its constituent organisations & governments to do what is right and protect the interests of clean athletes globally.

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