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INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR SPORTS INTEGRITY (IFSI) 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS 2: INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION

Recognition of Past and Present Initiatives

The International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI) recognises that, since 2013, there have been numerous initiatives to facilitate the exchange of information and enable effective investigations, notably:

- The achievements in increasing mutual cooperation by all stakeholders associated with the fight for clean athletes as recommended by Olympic Agenda 2020, including amongst sports organisations, governments, law enforcement agencies and sports betting entities;
- The evolution of existing mechanisms for monitoring and exchanging information between sports organisations and sports betting entities, notably:
 - The creation of the International Olympic Committee’s “Integrity Betting Intelligence System” (IBIS) as a centralised platform for international sports organisations to facilitate the exchange of information and intelligence between sports organisations and sports betting operators and regulators from around the world;
 - The identification of “sports integrity officers” as the responsible contact for all sports integrity matters within each IBIS cooperation partner;
- The establishment of reporting mechanisms regarding potential cases of competition manipulation by various sports organisations, including the IOC’s Integrity and Compliance Hotline.

Recommended Future Initiatives

The International Forum for Sports Integrity calls on:

- Governments to create “national platforms”, as provided in the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, in order to enable pragmatic cooperation between all stakeholders;
- The IOC to consolidate IBIS in order to facilitate its integration within the network of national platforms as called for in the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions;
- The respective stakeholders to continue to develop a coordinated approach in order to ensure the exchange of information and intelligence in the fight for clean competitions and all integrity matters in sport. In particular, the possibility to cross-



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check information regarding compliance by participants in sports competitions with the prohibition to bet on their own competitions is encouraged;

- Strengthening the ability of “sports integrity officers” within the various levels of sports organisations (National Olympic Committees, and International and National Sports Federations) to follow up on alerts of competition manipulation through the definition of clear processes for information-gathering and investigations;
- Governments and the sports movement to support the IOC and INTERPOL, as well as Europol and Eurojust at the European level, in their efforts to facilitate international investigations into cases of competition manipulation.