Decision of the IOC Executive Board

The IOC Executive Board (EB) today deliberated on the findings of the Schmid Commission addressing the systematic manipulation of the anti-doping system in Russia prior to this decision. The Commission’s report also addresses the manipulation of the anti-doping laboratory at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014, which targeted the Olympic Games directly. The EB approved the Commission’s report.

Now that due process has been followed, and the right to be heard has been granted, the EB, following the recommendations of the Schmid Commission, took the following decisions:

I. To suspend the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) with immediate effect.

II. To invite individual Russian athletes to the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 according to the following guidelines:

1. The invitation list will be determined, at its absolute discretion, by a panel chaired by Valerie Fourneyron, Chair of the ITA. The panel will include members of the Pre-Games Testing Task Force: one appointed by WADA, one by the DFSU and one by the IOC, Dr Richard Budgett.

2. This panel will be guided in its decisions by the following principles:

   a) It can only consider athletes who have qualified according to the qualification standards of their respective sports.

   b) Athletes must be considered clean to the satisfaction of this panel:

      - Athletes must not have been disqualified or declared ineligible for any Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

      - Athletes must have undergone all the pre-Games targeted tests recommended by the Pre-Games Testing Task Force.

      - Athletes must have undergone any other testing requirements specified by the panel to ensure a level playing field.

   The IOC, at its absolute discretion, will ultimately determine the athletes to be invited from the list.

3. These invited athletes will participate, be it in individual or team competitions, in the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 under the name “Olympic Athlete from Russia (OAR)”. They will compete with a uniform bearing this name and under the Olympic Flag. The Olympic Anthem will be played in any ceremony.

4. These invited athletes will enjoy the same technical and logistical support as any other Olympic athlete.
5. The panel, at its absolute discretion, will determine an invitation list for support staff and officials.

6. This panel will be guided in its decisions by the following principles:

   a) No member of the leadership of the Russian Olympic Team at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014 can be included on the invitation list.

   b) No coach or medical doctor whose athlete has been found to have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation can be included on the invitation list. All coaches and medical doctors included on the invitation list must sign a declaration to this effect.

   c) Any other requirement considered necessary to protect the integrity of the Olympic Games.

7. The IOC, at its absolute discretion, will ultimately determine the support staff and officials to be invited from the list.

III. Not to accredit any official from the Russian Ministry of Sport for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.

IV. To exclude the then Minister of Sport, Mr Vitaly Mutko, and his then Deputy Minister, Mr Yuri Nagornykh, from any participation in all future Olympic Games.

V. To withdraw Mr Dmitry Chernyshenko, the former CEO of the Organising Committee Sochi 2014, from the Coordination Commission Beijing 2022.

VI. To suspend ROC President Alexander Zhukov as an IOC Member, given that his membership is linked to his position as ROC President.

VII. The IOC reserves the right to take measures against and sanction other individuals implicated in the system.

VIII. The ROC to reimburse the costs incurred by the IOC on the investigations and to contribute to the establishment of the Independent Testing Authority (ITA) for the total sum of USD 15 million, to build the capacity and integrity of the global anti-doping system.

IX. The IOC may partially or fully lift the suspension of the ROC from the commencement of the Closing Ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 provided these decisions are fully respected and implemented by the ROC and by the invited athletes and officials.

X. The IOC will issue operational guidelines for the implementation of these decisions.

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