**Collaboration on international anti-doping issues**

The Ministry of Culture, The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF) and Anti-Doping Norway (ADNO) join forces to strengthen international anti-doping work.

Doping undermines the core values ​​and threatens the integrity of sport. Sport's credibility is at stake if one can question whether the person on top of the podium is the right winner, An efficient and coordinated anti-doping work is therefore needed.

* We give our full support to the World Anti-Doping Agency, WADA.
* WADA's position must be strengthened to secure efficient anti-doping work
* It is important to distinguish between WADA roles as a legislative and a supervisory and control body.
* WADA must be secured real independence for it's supervision and control responsibilities.
* WADA must have a clear and unambiguous legal authority to impose sanctions on sports organisations and anti-doping organisations that have signed the World Anti-Doping Code.
* We will contribute to the development of free-standing, independent national anti-doping organisations
* Sports organisations have an obvious responsibility to generate knowledge and raise awareness of fair play and anti-doping work among athletes and within their own organisations.
* We underline the importance of protecting for whistleblowers. We encourage WADA to continue and to intensify their efforts to develop procedures for notifications and protection of whistleblowers.
* Compliance with existing conventions in the anti-doping area lie with State Governments. Amendments to these conventions should be considered in order to secure the monitoring of the States' obligations to these conventions.

The Ministry of Culture, The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF) and Anti-Doping Norway (ADNO) will work for the above in all relevant international forums.

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