

Commission: Sports

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QUESTION OF: PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MITIGATING THE RISK OF CORRUPTION IN SPORTS.

The General Assembly,

Having studied that corruption in the sports industry is a pervasive issue that threatens the integrity of sports as an institution and that over the last year, a number of events have reminded us of the phenomenon of corruption in sport,

Declaring that good governance should be promoted by demonstrating transparency, responsibility, accountability and participation,

Noting with regret that athletes are most likely to take drugs to increase winning chances and the young ones are more likely to fall prey to this scourge,

Alarmed by the fact that referees and scoring judges may be offered money or other compensation to guarantee a specific outcome in an athletic or other sports competition and additionally, bribes may be offered for match-fixing,

Realising that poor administration and conflicts of interest are rampant among global sports bodies as well as national sports federations and that poor administration is standing on the way of sporting excellence,

Stressing on the fact that sports organizations are facing a lack of credibility and transparency, accountability and excessive commercialization in sports create a potential environment for corruption,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the European Union and the other international organisations, as well as international sporting associations like FIFA, and Union of European Association (UEFA), which have started to deal with corruption in sports;

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2. Encourages the education of individuals concerning the risks of corruption and the follow-up by the media in raising awareness of corruption in sports and reinforcing education and guidance;
3. Calls upon introducing the athlete biological passport to combat against doping and corruption issues in professional sports and urges states to have an anti-doping administration and management system to combat corruption in sports;
4. Supports the implementation of a code of conduct which adheres to lift the principle of three strictness in sports and adoption of high ethical practice, independent action in the interest of sports bodies and not taking decisions where conflict of interest is possible and use of transparency international business principle for countering bribery acts as a template for sporting bodies, sports organisations can write anti-corruption measures into their constitutions and code of conduct;
5. Further requests fixing legislations and laws against match fixings-classification offences under criminal law and thus subjected to mandatory prosecutions;
6. Demands integrity check for recruiting members and that those elected should have the right balance of skills and background to meet the needs of the organisation;
7. Draws the attention of sport organisations to establish cultures of transparency so that good work is not just done but is seen to be done and access to information policies should be integrated and promoted;
8. Recommends the appointment of independent non-executive or lead directors on governance issues and encourages the government to work closely with internationals;
9. Further recommends the establishment of an independent audit and finance committee and special committee operating on behalf of the board with financial expertise to provide an additional level of scrutiny and support to follow money in betting to fight corruption;

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10. Requests sport organisations to establish whistle blower systems that are independent, confidential, secure and which follow international whistle blower systems;
11. Takes note with appreciation of the publication of the United Nation Office on Drugs and Crime entitled, *The United Nations Convention against corruption: Strategy for safeguarding against corruption in major public Events*, and invites organisers of major sporting events to make use of that publication, as well of its support tool;
12. Also invites states parties, when reviewing their national legislation, to consider the problems and issues of illegal betting, competition, manipulation and other offences related to sport when associated with corruption, and in that regard takes notes with appreciation of the joint publication by the regard United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Olympics Committee of the booklet and study entitled *Model Criminal Law Provision For The Prosecution Of Competition Manipulation*;
13. Urges sports organisations to reinforce accountability mechanism with the establishment of:
 - (a) supervising agencies and strengthening inspections
 - (b) openness of sports organisation about activities and assurance that organisations have control in place to be legally compliant, the committee should be aware of the best practice.