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**FOUNDING WORKING GROUP
ON THE FIGHT AGAINST IRREGULAR AND ILLEGAL SPORTS BETTING**

**Experts' Meeting on 2 November 2011
Subject 1 – Education and Information**

Conclusions of the experts to be submitted to the Founding Working Group

1. With a view to protecting sport's integrity, the importance of sport having rules on betting and players being educated about those rules must be highlighted.
2. The targets of education should be the athletes, their coaches, and their entire entourages in the broadest sense and including judges, referees, and all competition officials.
3. All the sports organisations (IFs, NOCs, NFs, clubs, sports associations, etc.) are encouraged to establish rules on betting where they have not done so already and implement education programmes to inform players, coaches, and officials of the rules. The umbrella sports organisations, SportAccord, ASOIF, AOIWF, ANOC and the IOC, are urged to implement the education programmes for their own constituents. The help and support of the various political authorities, as well as betting operators, is also requested.
4. Regarding the method and tools for education, there are existing programmes within some sports, which are freely available to other sports. These make use of different means, e.g. e-learning, although it is accepted that some face-to-face education is essential as it is the most effective and direct method, especially if delivered by top athletes. All avenues of disseminating these education programmes must be used where possible and appropriate.
5. A universal code of conduct should be created, which would be the same in principle for the different sports, as a basis for conveying the message. Those targeted should be informed that they should not bet on their own sport, on other sports that are part of a multi-sport event in which they are participating, or on other sports for which they might have specific information linked with their sport. A first document has been prepared by some of the experts.



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Code of conduct universal principles

1. **Know the rules** of your own sport and of multi sports events.
2. **Never bet** on your sport or on any sport on a multi sports event programme.
3. **Never fix** a competition or part of it.
4. **Be careful with inside information**, whether it relates to your sport or any other sport; never disclose such information.
5. **Report immediately** any time that you are approached to fix a competition or part of it.



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**Experts' Meeting on 22 September 2011
Subject 2 – Monitoring, Intelligence and Analysis**

Conclusions of the experts to be submitted to the Founding Working Group

1. Noting the efficiency of the national betting authorities, the creation of a national authority/regulator with statutory powers should be encouraged in States without them.
2. There is evidence that the existing national betting authorities are starting to work closely together, and the enlargement of such cooperation as well as the strengthening of their relations with both sports organisations and betting operators should be encouraged.
3. Noting the importance of the sports organisations' rules regarding betting, the use of insider information, match-fixing and subsequent disciplinary sanctions, greater consistency between these rules should be encouraged.
4. Noting the importance of a more global view in order to strengthen the efficiency of betting monitoring, it is recommended that the public and private betting operators develop their knowledge and monitoring exchanges from all over the world, in cooperation with the sports organisations.
5. Given the need for greater harmonisation of rules and better understanding of betting markets, there is a real interest in having a global forum to regularly exchange the views of the different parties concerned and allow the same level of understanding and cooperation as at the recent meeting. Given the IOC's neutrality, meetings within an IOC framework could be helpful in advancing this process.



FOUNDING WORKING GROUP ON THE FIGHT AGAINST IRREGULAR AND ILLEGAL BETTING IN SPORT

Experts' Meeting – 16 November 2011 Subject 3 – Legislation and Regulations

Conclusions from the Experts' Meeting for submission to the Founding Working Group

1. In this fight, sports organisations need to have effective rules and be capable of acting in support of these. However, they cannot operate alone but require the support of the national prosecution authorities (justice/police/gambling regulators), international organisations and betting operators.
2. The appropriate national legislative framework is essential to regulate the activity and permit all forms of action against irregular and illegal betting in sport.
3. National betting regulators seem to represent the best solution for enabling effective cooperation between the various stakeholders, the sports movement, sports betting operators and public authorities, at both national and international level.
4. A national statute creating a criminal offence of sports manipulation linked to betting is needed in order for the national prosecution authorities to act, together with international agreements. It would be preferable if the statute creating the offence included certain guidelines in order to facilitate international cooperation.
5. Interpol and UNODC must play a central role in facilitating this international cooperation, particularly with regard to enabling the flows of information and intelligence between the investigating agencies, and to establishing guidelines allowing for meaningful cooperation, based on their practical experience.