***Country :*** *Islamic Republic of Iran*

***Commitee:*** *Unıted Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*

***Topic****: The Usage of Appearance and Performance Enhancing Drugs(APEDs) and Sports:Their Inter connection*

***Topic Background***

* As Islamic Republic of Iran, we are aware of the statistics that 36% of athletes in our country have used PED (performance enchancing drugs) before, 35% of them using it today and 32% of them will use it coming years. We know that we are in the 8th place in most doping cases according to the WADA (Worşd Anti Doping Agency) in 2016.

***Past Actions***

* Doping control activities in Islamic Republic of Iran have been basically conducted by Iran National Anti Doping Organization (Iran NADO) since 2004. All sports federations in Iran rely on Iran NADO to provide advice and assistance on doping matters which includes doping control prior and during national and international games.
* In 2002 Iran joined the WADA foundation board during the international summit of drugs in sport in Moscow and in 2003 accepted and signed the Copenhagen declaration.
* In 2004 the First Asian anti doping symposium and DCO course was held in Iran and the first phase of doping control laboratory in Iran was started.
* In 2007 the headquarter of regional anti doping organization of central Asia (RADOCA) was established in Iran and the 3rd Board Meeting of RADOCA was held in Tehran.
* Iran conducted 864 tests during 2006 which shows a four fold increase in comparison to the number of tests in 2005. Currently Iran NADO sends the samples to Cologne doping control laboratory in Germany. The total cost for conducting the tests in 2006 has been $ 330,000 USD.
* Iran has invested around $ 2,000,000 USD in lab equipment and facilities in order to establish doping control laboratory in Iran since 2004.
* Iran NADO has organized 120 anti-doping training sessions to increase public awareness on negative impact of doping.
* Iran currently has a total of over 250 trained DCOs which are responsible for collecting the samples across Iran. In Doha Asian games, Iran assigned and expedited five DCOs to Doha for collecting and handling the samples from the participated athletes.
* •Iran NADO has organized 45 training sessions on food supplements for athletes • 30 TUE training sessions have been held in 2006
* •10,000 copies of training brochures on 10 different topics regarding the side effects of doping have been distributed by NADOI in 2006 nationwide. In addition, NADO has prepared and distributed brochures on TUE and Food supplements (10,000 each) among all the athletes.
* Anti-doping courses have been held for schools physical education teachers.
* Anti-doping courses have been included in high schools curricula.
* Participating in anti-doping briefing sessions has been made mandatory for coaches and recommended for referees.
* The following actions have been taken by NADO in order to prevent doping all over the country:
* Frequent inspection of sports venues and clubs. Under the new NADO regulations, any club that does not comply with the NADO policy will be suspended.
* Public awareness programs such as anti-doping sessions on TV and radio programs.
* Funding doping control events.
* Inclusion of doping control committees in national sport associations organization charts.
* Disqualification of coaches violating doping control rules.
* Collaborating with Ministry of Health authorities in order to control food supplements distributed in Iran for contamination with prohibited substances. Based on the agreement between NADO and Ministry of Health, distribution license will only be granted for those supplements which have been tested and qualified by the doping control lab.

***Our Policy***

* IranNADO is committed to take all necessary actions in the fight against doping and it continues to work with all sports Federations and doping control bodies to ensure that compliance is achieved with world anti doping code.
* Iran NADO (National Anti Doping Organization) and Sports Medicine Federation of Iran (SMFI) accepted the UNESCO international convention against doping in sport and the vice president of Iran himself is following the process of ratification in the congress.