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Memorandum

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We have come a long way since Lausanne February 1999. When sport organisations and governments in those days spoke it was with hesitant views on each others interest and capability. Still we managed to raise our selves and jointly we formed the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Four years later in 2003 we met in Copenhagen and after a good process on the Code the Sport World set out to implement it. The implementation went ahead successfully however not without difficulties. It is here appropriate to give all stake holders credit for the implementation of the Code in their regulations. The concept of equality before the law is what sportsmen and sportswoman expects and which indeed is the fundament of the Code.

Governments set out our vision in the Copenhagen declaration and now close to 200 nations have signed it. Governments have created the Unesco International Convention Against Doping in Sport in a record time. Some of us were early to ratify the convention for some governments it took longer time due to constitutional reasons.

Now is the time for governments to accept the expectations in the draft World Anti-Doping Code in front of us. We 66 nations that have ratified the Unesco Convention together with the entire Sport World expect you other governments to bring your nations ratification instruments for the Convention to Unesco without any further delay. Sweden wish to express its appreciation to the IOC for already having included the provision in the Olympic Charter that a bid city for Olympic Games must come from a nation having ratified the Unesco Convention.

We believe the time frame set out in the draft Code for International Federations and Major Event Organisers accepting bids only from nations having ratified the Unesco Convention is very generous and Sweden would welcome an earlier deadline for this.

Dear friends, the Code process has been very good even if non of us has got every suggestion onboard. It has been an open and transparent process and the online consultation and open reporting of suggested code amendments on the WADA website have been excellent.

Sweden holds the opinion that WADA is well up and running and it is our vision that the new Code will provide an even better tool for cooperation between the sport world and governments. The fact that we are heading towards a mutual declaration from Madrid including all stakeholders shows that we have come much closer each other in respect and understanding.

It is our vision that when we leaves Madrid for this time all of us in this hall – whom together constitute WADA – shall be united and by that we strengthen our weapons to nail down the cheaters so that all clean sports men and sports woman will have the chance to measure their skill in fair and just competitions.

Thank you.