Third World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Forum with Ministers Responsible for Sport in the Caribbean Region Kingston, Jamaica 16 January 2024

Kingston Declaration

Preamble

The World Anti-doping Agency as part of its <u>five-year Strategic Plan (2020-2024)</u> has been engaging with stakeholders involved in anti-doping in an effort "to increase support, unity and coherence in everyone's efforts" in the fight against doping in sport. In this regard, regional meetings have been held with Ministers with Responsibility for Sport, as they influence policy in those countries.

- Recognising the important role that Governments play in driving policy related to the global fight to
 protect fair play and promote clean sport; and
- In keeping with the desire to continue to build on the progress, the Ministers responsible for Sport in the Caribbean Region are grateful to have participated in the third WADA Forum on Anti-Doping in Sport here in Kingston, Jamaica.

Having examined, discussed, and fully considered all the presentations, the Governments present wish to:

- 1. **Extend** their warm gratitude to the Government of Jamaica and in particular Minister Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport in Jamaica and member of WADA's Foundation Board, representing the Caribbean region, for so effectively organizing the forum in collaboration with WADA.
- 2. Take note and congratulate each Government for presenting their individual Anti-Doping progress reports and participants' strong wish to continue to work together to protect clean sport.
- 3. Commit to hold such forums on an annual basis in different countries of the Caribbean region.
- 4. Acknowledge the need to continue to strengthen the anti-doping programmes in the region;
- 5. **Recognize** the importance of each respective Government's commitment to support the implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code") and of the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport (the Convention).
- 6. **Commit** to support the efforts of the Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organisation and each country's National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO), National Olympic Committee (NOC) acting as a NADO and to be compliant with the code.
- 7. **Continue** to be represented in WADA's high level decision making governing bodies, as the Foundation Board and the Executive Committee and commend Minister Grange for representing the region at the WADA Foundation Board meeting in November 2023.
- 8. Acknowledge the importance of participating in the annual meeting of the Sport Council of the Americas (CADE) and note that the next meeting of CADE will be held in Washington DC, United States of the Americas in April 2024.

9. Welcome the change of the name of the WADA Regional office in Latin America from Latin America Regional office to Latin America and Caribbean Regional office, acknowledging thus the efforts of the Caribbean region in the protection of clean sport.

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Signed by: Eight Government representatives in attendance

Antigua and Barbuda Bahamas Bermuda Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organization Cayman Islands Jamaica St Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Trinidad and Tobago