

INTERIM REPORT NO.9 OF THE EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMISSION

1. I regret that I cannot attend the IBU Executive Board's meeting this week in person.
2. Since I last reported to the IBU Executive Board a month ago (in Munich, on 18 October 2019):
 - a. the Commission members attended the IBU Extraordinary Congress in Munich on 19 October 2019, where we were pleased to see the IBU's members adopt the new IBU Constitution and supporting rules (including the rules setting up the new Biathlon Integrity Unit) without dissent;
 - b. we have prepared a summary of the new Constitution and supporting rules to help IBU staff and other stakeholders understand the new system;
 - c. we have assisted in the process of setting up the new Biathlon Integrity Unit (BIU), including attending the first meeting of the BIU Board, held in Munich on 20 October 2019;
 - d. in relation to the investigation, the Commission continues to work through the significant information and data gathered to date, including emails and other documents from the IBU's server, materials available from the criminal investigation file, materials provided by WADA, and evidence from witness interviews; and
 - e. the Commission has conducted various witness interviews, and has arranged to conduct interviews with further witnesses, in some cases with the assistance of the Russian Biathlon Union.
3. It is our understanding that the Austrian criminal authorities are still discussing with Norwegian criminal authorities the question of the transfer of the case relating to Mr Besseberg to Norway, including the possible setting up of a joint investigation team to facilitate the sharing of information between them.
4. If the IBU Executive Board has any questions, I would be happy to join the meeting by phone to answer them.

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Chair, IBU External Review Commission
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