

## **INTERIM REPORT NO.6 OF THE EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMISSION**

1. This sixth interim report sets out the progress the IBU External Review Commission has made since the last IBU Executive Board meeting, on 7 June 2019.

### **Cooperation with criminal authorities**

2. The Commission continues to liaise and cooperate with the Austrian criminal authorities in relation to their investigation into the former IBU President and Secretary General, and into a number of Russian biathletes and support personnel.
3. The Commission also continues to closely monitor 'Operation Aderlass' (the investigation by the German and Austrian criminal authorities into allegations of blood doping involving athletes from five sports, including cross country skiing and biathlon), and to engage in dialogue with the criminal authorities and national anti-doping agencies involved in that operation.
4. After further meetings later this week, I will update the Executive Board on both matters at the Executive Board meeting on 13 July 2019.

### **Investigation of allegations of past wrongdoing**

5. 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.
6. The Commission representatives had a very useful discussion with Dr Reid Akin, ABP Manager at WADA, about the IBU's blood testing programme prior to its adoption of the ABP system in 2016.
7. The Commission will hold an in-person meeting on 12 July 2019, to discuss progress to date and agree next steps.

### **Constitutional reform**

8. Further to the specific mandate provided by the Executive Board at its April 2019 meeting, the Commission has worked closely with Dr Franz Steinle to assist with the review of the IBU Constitution and various supporting rules, with a view to bringing the IBU's governance into line with international best practice in sports governance.
9. After several rounds of comments, final drafts of the following rules have now been produced: the IBU Constitution, Executive Board Rules, Rules of Congress, Vetting Rules, Biathlon Integrity Unit Rules, and a comprehensive Integrity Code of Conduct that gives power to the new proposed Biathlon Integrity Unit to investigate and prosecute breaches of the Integrity Code.

10. The various drafts will be reviewed a final time by the Constitution Review Group on 11 July 2019 and will then be discussed with the Executive Board on 13 July 2019, before being circulated to the member federations for comment.

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