

**The Assistant-Director General for
Social and Human Sciences**

To Ministers responsible for relations
with UNESCO of the States Parties to
the International Convention against
Doping in Sport

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Sir/Madam,

The Member States through 192 Governments have ratified the Anti-Doping Convention which stands as the **sole international treaty uniquely positioned to bolster the effectiveness and reliability of the sports ecosystem**, playing a fundamental role in fostering a level playing field for States Parties and upholding the values, ethics, and integrity of sport.

For its effectiveness and to ensure its relevance, States Parties adopted to make a minimum 1% contribution of their total annual assessed contribution to the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport in line with unanimous mandates from multiple Conference of Parties (COP) Resolutions, namely 6CP/10, 7CP/10, 8CP/14, and 9CP/14.

The contribution is not only a collective moral engagement aligned to the spirit and relevance of the Convention; indeed, it is a vital commitment to **translating COP decisions into action and fulfilling States Parties' commitments** as stipulated in provision 17 of the Convention.

The 1% total annual assessed contribution of 3.5 million USD for 2024 by States Parties to the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport is crucial in achieving notably COP9 endorsed key focus priorities aimed at enhancing the Convention's capacity to support States Parties, through tailor-made support to address specific needs of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), **capacity-building regional programmes** and strategies to strengthen **ownership** and address **inconsistencies within the global sport integrity ecosystem**, ensuring a collaborative balance of responsibilities between the sports community and Governments authorities.

As unanimously stressed at COP9, the agreed targets set aim to consolidate the intergovernmental commitments of signatories to the Convention, with stronger and impactful accountability of public authorities at the forefront of the global sport integrity ecosystem.

We look forward to being able to operationalize States Parties' engagements.

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The Secretariat of the Anti-Doping Convention (antidopingteam@unesco.org) stands ready to provide any further information to facilitate the process.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Ramos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gabriela Ramos

Encl.: COP9 Resolutions

Table indicating corresponding 1% amounts for 2024

Financial Regulations of the Fund

Model letter for contributions to the Fund

Cc: Permanent Delegations of States Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport

National Commissions of States Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport

National Focal Points of States Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport