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States Parties to the International
Convention against Doping in Sport

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Subject: Applications to the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport

Sir/Madam,

States Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport are eligible to apply to UNESCO's Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport.

The Fund assists States Parties to develop and implement anti-doping initiatives supporting the effective implementation of the Convention according to the following priorities: education projects focusing on youth and sport organizations; policy advice; mentoring and capacity-building projects. The seventh session of the Conference of Parties (COP7) adopted the Fund's Operational Strategy for 2020-2025, building on the outcomes of the 2018 external evaluation recommendations, aimed at making the Fund more robust, fit-for-purpose and sustainable.

States Parties can submit a single request for funding each biennium, for national projects (maximum US\$35,000) or regional projects (maximum US\$95,000).

Considering the impact of COVID-19 on the fight against doping in sport, States Parties are encouraged to prepare proposals contributing to reinvigorating the sport sector, further to the virtual regional consultations with National Compliance Platforms organized in June and October 2020 and taking into consideration the survey of the Fund's Approval Committee in response to the pandemic.

If your country is interested in applying to the Fund, I invite you to consult the updated Handbook, which includes an overview of rules and procedures, as well as the application calendar and the forms annexed to this letter. In line with the usual practice, the Secretariat will accompany the States Parties during the application process, prior to formal submission to the Approval Committee, and provide the necessary support elements.

We look forward to supporting you in protecting and promoting sport values, ethics and integrity.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Gabriela Ramos

Annexes

- **Draft applications** for the two 2021 funding rounds (end of March and mid-June) should be submitted **by 31 January 2021** by e-mail to ir.petre-sandor@unesco.org and e.licheri@unesco.org, with copy to antidopingteam@unesco.org and m.dally@unesco.org.
- Following the receipt of draft applications, the Fund's Secretariat will provide specific feedback, based on the Fund's objectives and Operational Strategy, so that projects can be considered by the Approval Committee.
- Once the Secretariat's feedback has been integrated into the draft applications, the **deadline** for the receipt of final, signed applications is **12 March 2021 for the first funding round** (last week of March) and **21 May 2021 for the second funding round** (mid-June).
- Application forms can be found on the Fund's webpage.