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STORY HEADLINE: IOC President Thomas Bach highlights the need for a continued collaborative effort to keep sport clean at the International Forum for Sports Integrity

LOCATION: Olympic House, Lausanne, Switzerland

DATE: 9 November 2021

LANGUAGE: English

STORY SCRIPT: International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach today (9 Nov) hosted the fourth edition of the International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI) which was joined virtually by 520 participants and highlighted the collaborative efforts being made to protect the credibility and integrity of sport.

The Forum took place on the same day that the IOC and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to further strengthen the ties between the organisations. The aim is to fight corruption and crime in sport, with a particular focus on preventing youth crime, violence and drug use through sport.

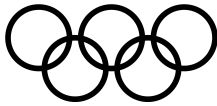
During the Forum, representatives of the Olympic Movement, governments, intergovernmental agencies, betting entities, and other experts discussed how to improve the prevention of corruption in sport, in particular through the [International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport \(IPACS\)](#), which was created during the second edition of IFSI in 2017.

The value of partnerships was a central theme throughout all the debates, with top-level attendance of all four intergovernmental organisations specialised in the field: UNODC, the Council of Europe (CoE), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) & INTERPOL.

President Bach said: “While our task is always work in progress, we can see today that our collaborative approach that we launched at the first edition of IFSI in 2015 is working. At our Forum today, we have a record number of over 520 participants, demonstrating the strong commitment from the sporting world and beyond.

“Collaboration is also needed to prevent youths from falling into crime through sport. The expertise in the field of education on Olympic values could be a valuable basis for this new area of cooperation.”

The participants at the Forum recognised the development of IPACS since its creation, with the involvement, on the sports side of all the Olympic sports International Federations (IFs) and a great number of non-Olympic sport IFs and National Olympic Committees



(NOCs), as well as a growing number of governments (over 40 as of today) willing to tackle the issue of corruption in sport.

It highlighted the need for more governments to be committed to the IPACS initiative, in particular with the support of the intergovernmental organisations, such as UNODC, OECD, CoE and INTERPOL.

UNODC Executive Director Ghada Waly highlighted the need to work together to protect young people and women by staying ahead of the criminals.

She said: “For youth it's very important to keep sports clean and to really inspire youth to continue believing in sports and working towards a better world through sports. So it has been very important for us to raise awareness, to reach out and to accomplish our mission in raising awareness about crimes, addressing organized crimes, and there are very specific topics and it's constantly developing, the criminals are always developing and we have to really be ahead of the curve.”

The Forum also stressed the importance of good governance as the major mitigating factor in corruption risks in sport organisations and highlighted the necessity of cooperation to exchange information on corruption cases.

The participants acknowledged the achievements made by the Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions and the “3-Pillar Strategy” which covers the fields of legislation/regulations, awareness raising/capacity building and intelligence/investigation.

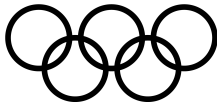
During the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games no incident was reported and no disciplinary or law enforcement action was taken related to Olympic events. For the upcoming Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 an educational campaign for officials and athletes, robust rules and processes and the 24/7 monitoring of all Olympic events will be in place again.

The review of the [Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions](#), aimed at strengthening safe reporting mechanisms, awareness raising programmes and compliance processes, was also presented and fully supported by the participants.

The Olympic Winter Games take place in Beijing between February 4-20 2022 and the Paralympic Winter Games are held from March 4-13 March 2022.

SHOTLIST:

00:02 IOC President Thomas Bach and UNODC Executive Director Ghada Waly in conversation walking through Olympic House in Lausanne
00:07 Thomas Bach and Ghada Waly continue conversation
00:11 Photos taken with the statue (of IOC founder Pierre de Coubertin) at Olympic House
00:15 Thomas Bach joins seated Ghada Waly in IOC office.
00:24 Memorandum of Understanding signed by Thomas Bach and Ghada Waly
00:31 MoU held up for photos
00:36 International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI), wide shot with President Bach addressing the virtual meeting
00:44 Close screen of UNODC Executive Director Ghada Waly addressing meeting
00:54 Wide shot of some of the Forum participants at Olympic House ‘in person’
00:57 Midshot Ghada Waly addressing the Forum



Question: Why is this collaboration with UNODC so important?

01:06 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)

"This is of extreme importance because we cannot fight corruption alone in sport. We need legislation. In the best of the worlds we would have harmonized legislation across the world. We need the cooperation of the police authorities because corruption is an international problem and it has to be addressed on a multilateral level."

Question: How will the 'memorandum of understanding' with UNODC work?

01:40 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English Language)

"With UNODC we can raise awareness, we can initiate programmes on the grass roots which are so important to make people aware, then to follow up, and also to send the message: if you are infringing on these rules you do not get away."

Question: What are the aims of the 'memorandum of understanding'?

02:06 SOUNDBITE: Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director (English Language)

"In this memorandum of understanding we focus on protecting youth and women. We also focus on safeguarding sports from any corruption. We tackle the issues of organized crime, and we work together on raising awareness and building capacity, and providing technical assistance to different entities dealing with sports."

Question: How vital is keeping sports 'clean'?

02:30 SOUNDBITE: Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director (English Language)

"For youth it's very important to keep sports clean and to really inspire youth to continue believing in sports and working towards a better world through sports. So it has been very important for us to raise awareness, to reach out and to accomplish our mission in raising awareness about crimes, addressing organized crimes, and there are very specific topics and it's constantly developing, the criminals are always developing and we have to really be ahead of the curve."

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