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SPECIAL EVENT

**SAFEGUARDING AGAINST CORRUPTION IN THE CONTEXT OF SPORTING AND
OTHER MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS**

**26 NOVEMBER 2013, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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I. INTRODUCTION

Few areas have the potential to provide best practices for building open, transparent public-private partnerships than the organisation of major events, including sports events. Conversely, few areas are as exposed to the risks of bribery and corruption, given the significant political and financial interests often involved in these endeavours. Complex logistical arrangements, tight timeframes and the involvement of substantial public funds feature prominently in the organization of major public events and leave them vulnerable to corruption risks. That is why, in recent years, a number of international initiatives have been launched to address the issue of corruption in the organisation of major public events, including sports events.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, guided by the principles in the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), has developed a report outlining a set of practical measures designed to counter this threat. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, together with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), has also elaborated a comparative study on "Criminalization approaches to combat match-fixing and illegal/irregular betting: a global perspective". From the private sector perspective, the United Nations Global Compact has a sub working group on sport sponsoring and hospitalities which is currently developing guidelines. Moreover, the Ethos Institute of Business and Social Responsibility and the UN Global Compact launched an anti-corruption project "Clean Games Inside and Outside of the Stadium" ("Jogos Limpos") supported by the Siemens Integrity Initiative, to monitor public spending and to facilitate reporting of potential irregularities in the 2014 FIFA World Cup and the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. Transparency International is also active on this issue and has published a report including recommendations to FIFA. In the context of the G20, the Russian Federation has proposed to create a multi-stakeholder Global Alliance for Integrity in Sports, bringing together countries of the G20 and beyond which are involved in the organisation of major events, international sport federations, members of the private sector from relevant sectors, including construction but also sponsors and media, international organisations who hold the relevant policy tools, and the civil society.

II. FORMAT AND AGENDA

10:00 – 10:20

The United Nations Convention against Corruption: A Strategy for Safeguarding against Corruption in Major Public Events

Yury Fedotov, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Veniamin V. Simonov, Director, Department of Macroeconomic Analysis and Methodological Support of Activities, Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation

10:20 – 10:40

Global Alliance for Integrity in Sports

Alexey Konov, Head of Expert Group on Anti-corruption, Department of Public and Municipal Administration, Russian G20 Expert Council

Irina Andreeva, Deputy Head of the section on activities related to drafting legislation, Department for normative and legislative issues, Ministry of Sport, Russian Federation

10:40 – 11:00

Promoting Transparency and Integrity in Organising Sport and other Major Events

Nicola Bonucci, Director for Legal Affairs, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

11:00 – 11:20

Criminalization approaches to combat match-fixing and illegal/irregular betting: a global perspective

Dimosthenis Chrysikos, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

11:20 – 11:40

Brazil's initiatives to prevent and combat corruption in major public events, including Clean Games Inside and Outside of the Stadium

Sergio Seabra, Secretary for Corruption Prevention, Brazil

11:40 – 12:00

Fighting corruption in sport sponsorship and sport-related hospitality

Olajobi Makinwa, Head, Transparency & Anti-Corruption Initiatives, UN Global Compact

Discussion (60 minutes)

III. PUBLICATIONS

- The United Nations Convention against Corruption: A Strategy for Safeguarding against Corruption in Major Public Events:
http://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/Publications/2013/13-84527_Ebook.pdf
- Criminalization approaches to combat match-fixing:
http://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/Publications/2013/Criminalization_approaches_to_combat_match-fixing.pdf