

*Bearing in mind* the World Anti-Doping Code adopted by the World Anti-Doping Agency at the World Conference on Doping in Sport, Copenhagen, 5 March 2003, and the Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sport,

*Mindful also* of the influence that elite athletes have on youth,

*Aware* of the ongoing need to conduct and promote research with the objectives of improving detection of doping and better understanding of the factors affecting use in order for prevention strategies to be most effective,

*Aware also* of the importance of ongoing education of athletes, athlete support personnel and the community at large in preventing doping,

*Mindful* of the need to build the capacity of States Parties to implement anti-doping programmes,

*Aware* that public authorities and the organizations responsible for sport have complementary responsibilities to prevent and combat doping in sport, notably to ensure the proper conduct, on the basis of the principle of fair play, of sports events and to protect the health of those that take part in them,

*Recognizing* that these authorities and organizations must work together for these purposes, ensuring the highest degree of independence and transparency at all appropriate levels,

*Determined* to take further and stronger cooperative action aimed at the elimination of doping in sport,

*Recognizing* that the elimination of doping in sport is dependent in part upon progressive harmonization of anti-doping standards and practices in sport and cooperation at the national and global levels,

*Adopts* this Convention on this nineteenth day of October 2005.