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INFORMATION NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: 2019 World conference on doping in sport (Katowice)
- Information from the Polish delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Polish delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any other business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 20-21 November 2017.

2019 World conference on doping in sport (Katowice)

The issue of illegal doping is one of the greatest challenges facing modern sport. Numerous doping scandals undermine confidence in the cleanliness of the competition, staying in conflict with the basic rules of sport.

Poland perceives the issue of fighting against this phenomenon as a priority, undertaking numerous actions both internally and internationally. One of the manifestations of this activity is the right to organize the World Anti-Doping Conference, which will be held in Katowice in autumn 2019. This decision was taken at the meeting of the World Anti-Doping Agency Foundation Board in May this year in Montreal.

The possibility of carrying out this event is a great privilege, but also a commitment for Poland, as the World Anti-Doping Conference, held every six years, is always an important step in the fight against doping in the world, which showed the examples of the four editions held in Lausanne in 1999, Copenhagen in 2003, Madrid 2007 and Johannesburg in 2013. It is estimated that around 2000 people representing all the anti-doping environments throughout the world will be involved.

The Conference will discuss fundamental issues for the functioning of the world anti-doping system, a new World Anti-Doping Agency Foundation Board will be elected and changes to the World Anti-Doping Code will be approved.

Taking into account the size and significant role of this conference for the sports environment, Poland would like to give the ministers an early invitation to this important event and express its commitment to organize and conduct it in line with the highest standards..