

## **RUSSIA TASKFORCE REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 JULY 2021**

I am pleased to provide the following update to Council on behalf of the Russia Taskforce:

1. In March 2021, Council made the following decisions:
  - 1.1 It approved the Reinstatement Plan proposed by RusAF.
  - 1.2 It resolved that the decision it had made in July 2020 (to propose that Congress expels RusAF from membership of World Athletics) should continue to be held in abeyance, and that the Authorised Neutral Athlete process should be reinstated and should continue to operate, for so long as RusAF continues to do two things:
    - (1) make satisfactory progress against the milestones and KPIs set out in the Reinstatement Plan; and
    - (2) reimburse all of the costs incurred by World Athletics in relation to the reinstatement process, in accordance with the payment deadlines set out in the Framework Agreement.
- 2 I can confirm that from March to date, RusAF has met these two conditions:
  - 2.1 In terms of RusAF's progress against the milestones and KPIs in the Reinstatement Plan, the Taskforce has been greatly assisted in its monitoring task by the three international experts, who work closely on the ground with RusAF's senior management and attend all important meetings. The Taskforce receives weekly reports on RusAF's progress from the international experts, and monthly reports from RusAF itself. The Taskforce has also convened periodic calls with the international experts to discuss those reports and to address any issues as they arise. I will spare Council all of the detail, but in short I can confirm that the Taskforce considers that RusAF is making satisfactory progress against the milestones and KPIs set out in the Reinstatement Plan. (I will be happy to provide more detail on this topic if Council members wish to have it).
  - 2.2 In terms of reimbursement of costs, in April 2021 World Athletics invoiced RusAF US\$431,848 for the reinstatement costs incurred by World Athletics in the quarter ending 31 March 2021. RusAF has paid that invoice in full. World Athletics invoiced RusAF yesterday in the amount of US\$488,209 for the reinstatement costs incurred by World Athletics in the quarter ending 30 June 2021.
- 3 There remain various milestones and KPIs in the Reinstatement Plan that will have to be met moving forward in order for the Reinstatement Plan to be completed. However, the Taskforce is hopeful that, under the guidance of Acting President Irina Privalova, and with the assistance of the international experts, RusAF will continue to meet the remaining milestones and KPIs as they arise, and ultimately satisfy all of the conditions set for its reinstatement to membership of World Athletics.

- 4 In such circumstances, and given that Congress will meet in November 2021 and will need to be updated on the Council's actions in respect of RusAF since 2019, and to receive a recommendation from Council as to the way forward, the Taskforce recommends that Council passes the following resolution:

Council resolves that:

- A. The Authorised Neutral Athlete process will remain in effect, and Council will consider at its last meeting of the year (in November 2021) whether the ten ANA quota that applied to certain competitions in 2021 should be maintained or revised for competitions staged in 2022.
- B. The status of RusAF's membership of World Athletics will be put on the agenda for the 53<sup>rd</sup> World Athletics Congress, to be held in November 2021.
- C. The 53<sup>rd</sup> World Athletics Congress will be updated on Council's actions in respect of RusAF since 2019 and will be asked to vote on the following resolution proposed by Council:

*Congress resolves, in exercise of its powers under Article 13.7 of the World Athletics Constitution, that the suspension of RusAF's membership of World Athletics will continue until Council decides that all of the conditions set by Council from time to time for the revocation of RusAF's suspension and the consequent reinstatement of RusAF's membership have been met.*

5. In accordance with Article 13.9 of the World Athletics Constitution, formal notice will be given to RusAF of the inclusion of this item on the Congress agenda. RusAF will be given a chance to respond to the resolution, both in writing prior to the Congress and orally at the Congress.
6. Finally, between now and Congress in November, the Taskforce will continue to receive weekly reports from the international experts, and monthly reports from RusAF, on RusAF's progress against the milestones and KPIs set out in the Reinstatement Plan. The Taskforce will also continue to monitor RusAF's reimbursement of the reinstatement costs incurred by World Athletics. If during this period RusAF stops making satisfactory progress against the KPIs and milestones in the Reinstatement Plan, or if it fails to reimburse World Athletics' reinstatement costs on a timely basis, the Taskforce will report this to Council and recommend that Council withdraw the proposed resolution to Congress set out above, and propose instead that Congress resolves to expel RusAF from membership with immediate effect. However, the Taskforce trusts that this will not be necessary.

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