



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**SPORT INTEGRITY GLOBAL ALLIANCE**

**AND**

**THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**ON COOPERATION RELATING TO  
ENHANCING GOVERNANCE, INTEGRITY AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN SPORT**

Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA) and The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, working through the Office of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition (OPCSFN) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) of the United States, of America herein after referred to as the "Participants":

**CONSIDERING that:**

- a) The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, working through the OPCSFN, is interested in the ability, through sports, to promote health, well-being, physical activity, and nutrition;
- b) SIGA is the world's largest independent, neutral, multi-stakeholder coalition in the field of sports governance and integrity;
- c) SIGA is committed to enhancing sports governance, integrity and transparency worldwide, as well as to ensuring best practices on youth development and protection in and through sport for children and young people;
- d) In pursuance of the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the OPCSFN has been a committed supporter of SIGA, and participates actively its activities;



Both Participants have common concerns and shared priorities in the fields of sports, fitness and nutrition; and;

Have reached the following understanding:

### **SECTION I OBJECTIVES**

The Participants intend to collaborate through international cooperation, in a framework of mutual respect and recognition, on matters of common concern, including but not limited to:

- a) Sports' positive values and social, educational and cultural role;
- b) Good governance, integrity and transparency in sport; and
- c) Development and protection of children and young people in and through sport.

### **SECTION II AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation between the Participants may include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- a) Exchanging information, knowledge and best practices on matters of common concern relating to sports, as appropriate;
- b) Holding periodic meetings and organizing joint events and initiatives, including but not limited to, conferences, workshops and research activities, as well as capacity building initiatives and training and educational programs on matters of common interest relating to sports;
- c) Working to identify and raise awareness of all threats to the integrity of sport, and supporting the efforts of the international community to support SIGA and the development of its reform agenda;
- d) Identifying and promoting the implementation of the highest standards in terms of improving access, recruitment, training, education and protection of youth participating in sports;
- e) Working together to determine best practices to prevent all forms of abuse associated with sport, with a special focus on vulnerable populations, such as children and young people;



- f) Identifying ways to collaborate for the purpose of promoting best practices regarding the protecting the health, well-being and development of youth participating in sports through the recruitment, training and retention of coaches and volunteers.
- g) Fostering cooperation between all relevant sports bodies, leading international organizations, governments and public authorities and other entities, as appropriate, with respect to sports governance, integrity and transparency, as well as the protection of minors in sports; and
- h) Once developed, working together to support the implementation of SIGA's Universal Standards in sports organizations and participate in SIGA's activities, as appropriate.

### **SECTION III IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. The Participants intend to hold periodic meetings, in person or electronically.
- 2. The Participants intend to conduct activities under this MOU in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies and subject to the availability of personnel, funds and other resources.
- 3. This MOU is not intended to constitute an international agreement and does not create any rights or responsibilities under international or other law.

### **SECTION IV FINANCING**

- 1. The Participants intend to individually or jointly identify, on a case by case basis, potential funding sources, which may include external funding sources, for specific cooperation activities related to the implementation of this MOU, to the extent authorized by the applicable laws of their respective countries and subject to the concurrence of both Participants.
- 2. Nothing in this MOU requires the Participants to obligate or transfer any funds in connection with any activities or events.



## SECTION V USE OF LOGOS

Any use of the seal or logo of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition of the United States of America, or of the Department of Health and Human Services, or of SIGA requires advance written consent from the entity with authority to approve such requests.

## SECTION VI PUBLIC AVAILABILITY

This MOU is to be publicly available.

## SECTION VIII CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SECTION VII COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND DISCONTINUED

1. The activities under this MOU may commence upon its signature and may continue until this MOU is modified by mutual written consent, or discontinued by any one of the Participants.
2. Cooperation under the present MOU may continue for a period of 3 (three) years, being automatically renewed for successive periods of 2 (two) years, unless either Participant communicates in writing, up to 6 (six) months prior to the relevant expiration date, its intention of discontinuing it.



3. This MOU may be modified at any time, in writing, by mutual decision of the Participants. Any difference of opinion concerning the interpretation or application of this MOU should be settled by negotiation or any other method mutually decided upon by the Participants.
4. The MOU does not restrict the Participants from entering into separate programs and/or participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations, individuals, or nations.

Signed in duplicate in the English language.

**Sport Integrity Global Alliance**

Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros, CEO

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS**

ADM Brett Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health

Place:  
Date:

Washington DC, USA  
Jan. 16th, 2019

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