

RESOLUTION (67) 12

(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 29th June 1967)

DOPING OF ATHLETES

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve greater unity among its Members for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the ideals and principles which are their common heritage and of facilitating their economic and social progress;

Considering that sports activities now play an important role in the protection of health, in moral and physical training and in promoting international understanding;

Considering that the influence of sport on young people and adults has grown considerably as a result of modern information media and travel facilities;

Having regard to the value of the example set by champions and their behaviour, as well as their prestige in the eyes of most young people and many adults;

Considering the increasingly evil effects of certain practices known as "doping" which jeopardise the health and dignity of those who resort to it and offend against the spirit of fair play essential to all sports;

Considering that doping is the administration to or the use by a healthy person, in any manner whatsoever, of agents foreign to the organism, or of physiological substances in excessive quantities or introduced by an abnormal channel, with the sole purpose of affecting artificially and by unfair means the performance of such a person when taking part in a competition,

A. Recommends the Governments of member States :

1. to persuade the sports associations and federations which organise competitions in their territory to take action if necessary with their international federations and, if they have not already done so, to issue regulations :

(a) condemning the use, or procedures to facilitate the use, in preparation for or during a sports competition, of the substances or processes employed for doping as defined in the Preamble to this Recommendation ;

(b) penalising offenders by prohibiting them, temporarily or permanently, from taking part in, organising or acting in an official capacity at any sports competition ;

(c) applying the regulations to any person who, in another member State, has been penalised in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above ;

2. to take the appropriate measures at their disposal to achieve the objectives set forth in paragraph 1 above, if the regulations referred to in that paragraph have not, within three years from the date of this Recommendation, been issued or effectively applied ;

B. Invites the Governments of member States to keep it informed of action taken by them to implement this Recommendation.