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International Paralympic Committee ("the IPC")  
IPC Anti-Doping Code

Expedited Hearing of IPC Anti-Doping Subcommittee

RE: SARA ABBASOVA, AZERBAIJAN

Polyclinic, Olympic Village, Athens  
21 SEPTEMBER 2004: 1.15 PM

Attendees	IPC Accreditation Number
<b>IPC Anti-Doping Subcommittee: Voting Members</b>	
Jose Pascual: Chairperson, IPC Anti-Doping Subcommittee	1102030-02
Nick Webborn: IPC Anti-Doping Subcommittee	1162445-02
Bjorn Hedman: IPC Medical Officer	1102432-02
Michael Riding: Member, IPC Anti-Doping Subcommittee	9300600-02
<b>Non-voting Member</b>	
Andy Parkinson: Secretary, Anti-Doping Subcommittee: IPC Medical & Scientific Director	1102430-03
<b>Observers in Attendance</b>	
Raymond Hack: WADA Independent Observer	1102415-02
Graham Arthur: IPC Consultant	9300527-01
Arnold Illman: IPC Powerlifting Chief Classifier	1154459-01
<b>Athlete</b>	
Sara Abbasova	1264217-01
<b>Athlete Representatives</b>	
Vagil Musadig: Coach	1272794-01
Zijadkhan Karimov: Chef de Mission, Azerbaijani National Paralympic Committee	1272790-01
Eleni Saridov: Translator (voluntary)	4211519-02
Desponia Alexiadou: Translator (voluntary)	4576397-01

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Reference in this Document to the IPC Anti-Doping Code refer to the IPC Anti-Doping Code January 2004 ("the Code")

## Representations

Jose Pascual represented the position of the IPC Anti-Doping Subcommittee ("IPCADS").

A Sample (as defined in the Code) was supplied by the athlete, Sara Abbasova ("the Athlete") and subjected to Sample Analysis at a WADA-accredited laboratory at OAKA, Athens, on 18 September 2004.

The Sample Analysis identified the presence in the Sample of an anabolic agent, nandrolone. Nandrolone is a Prohibited Substance under the terms of the Code. The presence of a Prohibited Substance constitutes an Adverse Analytical Finding, and is an Anti-Doping Rule Violation under the terms of the Code. The Expedited Hearing of IPCADS had been convened to address the issue of whether an anti-doping rule violation had taken place.

IPCADS noted that no Therapeutic Use Exception had been granted to the Athlete in respect of the use of stanozolol.

IPCADS advised the Athlete that the IPCADS Expedited Hearing was intended to result in a recommendation being made to the IPC Management Committee as to the Consequences of the Adverse Analytical Finding.

Vagil Musadig, Coach to the Athlete, observed that nandrolone can remain present in the human body for a period of up to nine months, and accordingly it would be illogical for the Athlete to have used nandrolone, knowing that she would be subject to doping control procedures at the Paralympic Games. In addition, the Athlete had no expectation of medal success, which would make the use of nandrolone superfluous.

Mr. Musadig expressed complete surprise at the results of the test conducted by the IPC. He requested that the "B" Sample be examined. IPCADS explained that this should be requested after the decision of the IPC Management Committee.

IPCADS requested an explanation of the presence of the Prohibited Substance from the Athlete. The Athlete offered no explanation. The Athlete stated that she had never used any medicines, tablets and the like (including aspirin), and had never used any substance supplied to her by fellow athletes, her athletic team or otherwise.

The IPCADS Expedited Hearing closed at 1.50 pm. The Athlete was advised that the IPC Management Committee was likely to make a decision in relation to the IPCADS Expedited Hearing on September 22.

Following the Expedited Hearing the IPCADS discussed evidence and noted that there had been no challenge of the notification, the sample procedure or the analysis. There was no other explanation provided for the adverse analytical finding.

In addition it was noted that the Athlete has been previously sanctioned for 2 years during the 2001 IPC Powerlifting European Championships and therefore lifetime ineligibility would be imposed.

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**Recommendation**

**IPCADS, after considering the evidence, and the testimony of the Athlete and the Athlete's representatives, found that an Anti Doping Violation had taken place by the Athlete. IPCADS agreed to recommend to the IPC Management Committee that the Athlete be sanctioned according to the Code in respect of the Anti Doping Violation.**

**This is a true note of the above Hearing:**

**Dated**            21 September 2004  
Paralympic Village, Athens

Signed:

Andy Parkinson, IPC Medical and Scientific Director

Secretary to IPCADS