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### Lotteries participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> IOC International Forum for Sports Integrity:

**Lausanne, 16 February 2017:** The European Lotteries Association (EL) and the World Lottery Association (WLA), upon invitation of the IOC President, Thomas Bach, participated yesterday in the 2<sup>nd</sup> IOC International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI), organised in Lausanne. Lotteries joined a wide range of stakeholders from the sports movement, governments, the Council of Europe, the EU and the UN, who flocked to Lausanne on this occasion and had the chance to discuss issues related to match-fixing and good governance in sport.

Taking part in one of the panels, WLA President, Jean-Luc Moner-Banet expressed the Lotteries' support to the IOC relevant actions and stated *"I would like to underline the importance and added value of the recently created Global Lottery Monitoring System (GLMS), which ensures monitoring of betting patterns 24/7, with active participation of lottery members from all over the world"*. EL President, Hansjörg Höltkemeier, added, *"Integrity has always been a core lottery value and has been enabling EL Members not only to set an example in terms of the responsibility of their sports betting operations, but also to fight against match-fixing with concrete actions, including education and capacity building of a wide range of stakeholders around Europe."*

Having been involved in the IFSI Expert Groups in November 2016, Lotteries have contributed to the preparation of the IFSI and the common declaration adopted yesterday. The common declaration announces further IOC actions and urges governments to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions. Abiding by all relevant provisions of the Convention, Lotteries have been actively promoting and supporting its implementation, as well as the setting up of national platforms, notably through their active participation in the Keep Crime out of Sport (KCOOS) project, led by the Council of Europe.

#### Links for:

- The Text of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sport Competitions [here](#)
- Website of the Keep Crime out of Sport Project [here](#).

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*European Lotteries (EL) is the European umbrella organisation of national lotteries operating games of chance for the public benefit. EL has members from 45 European countries including all 28 EU Member States. The association's EU members contribute more than 20 billion € p.a. to the state budgets and the funding of sport, culture, social projects, research and other causes of general interest. Unlike many commercial online gambling operators, EL members only offer gambling and betting services in the jurisdictions in which they are licensed by the respective national government.*

*For more on the European Lotteries (EL), please visit their website at: [www.european-lotteries.org](http://www.european-lotteries.org)*



*The World Lottery Association (WLA) is an international, member-based organization of state-authorized lotteries and suppliers to the global lottery industry. Its mission is to advance the collective interests of its members and to facilitate their development through the provision of a range of lottery-related services, such as internationally recognized lottery sector standards.*

*WLA Lottery Members are organizations licensed or authorized to conduct lotteries or sports betting operations in a jurisdiction domiciled in a state recognized by the United Nations. The majority of their net revenues must be dedicated to supporting the public good. As stipulated by the WLA Code of Conduct, all WLA Member Lotteries may only sell their products to consumers within the jurisdiction in which they are licensed. WLA Associate Members are suppliers of goods and services to the lottery or sports betting industries whose business practices conform to the aims and objectives of the association. Currently, there are more than 145 WLA Lottery Members and more than 65 WLA Associate Members drawn from over 80 countries spanning five continents.*

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