

## **The ROC's Statement on the Inside the Games' request**

In the light of the results of an in-depth audit of the RUSADA financial and utilities management, the Russian Olympic Committee and the Russian Paralympic Committee, being the Founders of the RUSADA, would like to provide clarification concerning the existing facts.

The RUSADA Foundation Board has exclusive competence to annually appoint an audit services supplier to conduct the RUSADA's financial and utilities management and subsequently approve the report and results thereof.

It is important to emphasize that RUSADA's Statutory activities are not financed by either the ROC, the RPC, or the Ministry of Sports. In early 2017, the Russian Government established a procedure for subsidizing the RUSADA's Statutory activities in the remit of anti-doping support of sports teams directly from the Treasury.

Additional review and an in-depth audit of the financial and utilities management have been initiated due to the fact that in 2017 and 2018 the actual RUSADA executives have unfortunately failed to timely propose and have an audit company (for the mandatory audit of 2018 and 2019 periods accordingly) duly assigned in compliance with the RUSADA Statutory provisions and legal requirements in place.

However, in April 2019, the RUSADA management had undertaken to seek the RUSADA Foundation Board's approval of an already drafted financial audit report for the past period and the appointment of an audit company previously selected bypassing the due procedure. This represented an obvious violation of the established regulations and already constitutes a significant irregularity in itself.

The RUSADA foundation Board together with other governing bodies of the Agency decided to select one of the leading audit companies of the Russian Federation to conduct a proper audit in accordance with the procedure established by law. The FinExpertiza LLC audit company was proposed, among others, by the RUSADA's Director General and approved by the Chairman of the RUSADA's Supervisory Board following the agreed criteria.

An in-depth audit conducted by this company revealed attributes of significant irregularities in RUSADA executives' financial and utilities management. But the report does not bring any charges and does not appoint a guilty party or person. The report identifies the aspects of RUSADA's financial and utilities management, which, according to the auditors, raise serious concerns.

The ROC is not entitled to provide any legal assessment of any attributes of alleged irregularities or violations, that is the prerogative of the Supervisory Board. But the report caused our deep concern.

The auditor's report has been published in its entirety, the confidentiality clause only applies to the interaction between the client and the provider. We had to and decided to make the report public after Mr. Yuri Ganus convened a press conference and spoke out expressing his own subjective tract of the situation, distorting several key facts, resulting in numerous speculations and rumors in the media and public space.

Meanwhile, the auditor's report was performed at an appropriate professional level in compliance with international and national standards of auditing.

Note that there is not a single reference or claim(-s) to the RUSADA's operational activities and its workflow on behalf of the ROC and the RPC. During these years, RUSADA has been successfully audited by the WADA twice, within that the effectiveness of the organization and its independence have been repeatedly confirmed in their entirety.

But at the same time, WADA representatives have reasonably emphasized that the assessment of financial and utilities management and economic activities are absolutely beyond the WADA's remit and competence.

Claims and allegations that a main purpose of the Report was "to deliberate fabrication of facts" against the RUSADA's Director General Yuri Ganus, promoted within the document entitled "RAA "RUSADA" argument and their reasoned arguments in relation to the report of "FinExpertiza" aren't matching with reality and are in no way substantially verified.

The main conclusions of the in-depth audit were not refuted. In addition, some of the arguments mentioned in the document clearly contradict with the statements made publicly by the RUSADA's officials previously.

We believe that in compliance with the Statutes the final assessment of the Auditors' Report, the aspects mentioned therein with regards to the irregularities and the activities of the Agency's executives, including the RUSADA Director General, should be provided by the Agency's Supervisory Board, who are to hold a meeting in the coming weeks.