



Review of UNESCO Convention Against Doping in Sport

The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, chaired by Mrs Margaret May MP, will hold a public hearing on Monday 28 November to examine the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention Against Doping in Sport.

Under the Convention Australia would commit itself to the principles embodied in the World Anti-doping Code. Australia was instrumental in drafting the code, which works in conjunction with four international standards to harmonise anti-doping frameworks across all sports in all countries. The aim of the international standards is to align the technical and operational elements of countries' anti-doping programs.

Among the many obligations under the Convention, the principles embodied in the World Anti-doping Code include: adoption of anti-doping measures through legislation, regulation, policies or administrative practices; restriction of the availability of prohibited substances or methods to athletes, including taking measures against trafficking; facilitating doping controls, and supporting national testing programs.

"Australia already takes a tough stance on anti-doping in sport and has a world's best practice anti-doping framework in place in the lead up to the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games. The Committee will examine the Treaty and consider whether it should be ratified," Mrs May said.

The public hearing will be held in **Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra** on **Monday, 28 November 2005** from **10.00 am** and broadcast on the House Monitoring Service on Channel 10, radio frequency 98.3MHz and on the Parliament House website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/live/webcast3.asp#>

Further information about the inquiry is available on the Committee's website:
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/9november2005/tor.htm>

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