

***How many Commonwealth countries will have ratified (the Convention by the time of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games)?***

The UNESCO Secretariat has advised that Canada has ratified the Convention.

The UNESCO Secretariat has also advised that the following 8 Commonwealth countries are expected to ratify the Convention by the commencement of the Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy on 10 February 2006:

- The United Kingdom
- Barbados
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- South Africa
- Cameroon
- Jamaica

The *2003 Copenhagen Declaration on Doping in Sport* included a commitment to develop a legally binding international convention. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) had advised that all but two Commonwealth Nations have signed the Declaration.