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Democratic values and the global fight against doping

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Three levels

- Global
- European
- Dutch



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Three issues

- Democratic values
- Global fight against doping
- The interrelationship between the two



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Democratic values

- Organizational structures
- Decision making process
- Objections and appeals
- Safeguarding personal rights



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The fight against doping

- A huge task in a world of diversity
- Present policies have proven to be quite effective
- A highly political environment
- WADA as guardian of the Code



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Statement 1

“In my opinion, there is a *logical* tension between safeguarding democratic values on the one hand, and organizing and realizing an effective global fight against doping on the other hand”



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Three examples

- Whereabouts
- Privacy and Personal Data Protection
- Therapeutic Use Exemptions



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Whereabouts

- Protests by a number of individual elite athletes from around the world
- Strong opposition of athletes' organizations, threatening with legal proceedings (EU)
- Objections from Data Protection Authorities (EU)
- Negative public statements by several politicians (NL)



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Privacy and data protection

- Objections from Data Protection Authorities (EU)
- Legal proceedings are planned or already in progress (EU)
- Deteriorating relationships between European Commission, Council of Europe and WADA
- Effectiveness of anti-doping efforts is in jeopardy



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Therapeutic Use Exemptions

- Objections from Anti-Doping Organizations from around the world
- A growing number of unsatisfying situations, which are detrimental to athletes
- Deteriorating relationships with the medical community
- Effectiveness of anti-doping efforts in jeopardy



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Statement 2

“In my opinion, there is also a *logical* relationship between the essential choice for global harmonization on the one hand, and the possible / gradual loss of public support on the national level on the other hand”



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Again: Democratic values

- Organizational structures
- Decision making process
- Objections and appeals
- Safeguarding personal rights



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Organizational structures

- We need athletes on our Boards
- We need to reconsider the formal position of NADOs



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Decision making process

- We need absolutely transparent decision making processes
- We need open communication towards society at large



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Objections and appeals

- We need structural procedures to deal with objections against our rules
- We need a structural dialogue with society



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Safeguarding personal rights

- We need structural research into fundamental rights issues
- We need court's decisions



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Thank you!

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