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SDRCC Commends Minister Duncan for her Announcement of New Measures for Abuse-Free Sport

Montréal (Québec) - The announcement made yesterday by Minister Kirsty Duncan to strengthen measures to eliminate discrimination, harassment and abuse in the Canadian sport system is applauded by the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).

The SDRCC is proud to have been at the forefront of initiatives advanced to improve the culture of fairness in Canadian sport since 2004. Offering third-party independent alternative dispute resolution services to the Canadian sport community, the SDRCC has already resolved several cases where discrimination or harassment was alleged. As part of its dispute prevention program, the SDRCC also offers a wide range of workshops, publications and tools promoting fair and equitable policies and decision-making in sport organizations of all levels.

Among possible solutions to further improve the situation, the SDRCC submitted a proposal in March 2017 to create a sport ombuds program in Canada, to address discrimination, harassment and abuse, as well as other forms of inappropriate behavior and systemic barriers in sport. More recently, it joined efforts with the Coaching Association of Canada and other interested stakeholders to propose new measures for a safe and abuse-free sport environment.

“The SDRCC welcomes the dialogue and collaboration recently prompted within the sport community to address these issues.” said David de Vlieger, Chair of the Board of Directors of the SDRCC. “We look forward to working with Sport Canada and other partners in implementing these important changes. We are prepared to contribute our expertise in order to assist, to the full extent possible, Canadian sport organizations in complying with the new funding requirements.”

About the SDRCC

The SDRCC is a not-for-profit corporation created by federal legislation and funded by the Government of Canada. The mission of the SDRCC is to provide the sport community with a national alternative dispute resolution service and strengthen the culture of fairness in Canadian sport by resolving disputes quickly and efficiently and to provide expertise and assistance regarding alternative dispute resolution.

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