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## **SPORT BODIES SAY NO TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT IN SINGAPORE**

**Singapore, 2 April 2018** – 57 National Sport Associations (NSAs), the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) and Sport Singapore (SportSG) have pledged against sexual harassment and inappropriate behaviour of any form in the sporting fraternity. They are fully committed to providing a safe environment for all members of the fraternity.

Representing the NSAs, Mr Milan Kwee, Ms Juliana Seow and Mr Abdul Halim Kader, jointly echoed their unwavering stance against sexual misconduct. “Harassment of any nature, especially sexual misconduct, in sport is never acceptable. As the national sport bodies in Singapore, we must unite and put in our best effort to stamp out such undesirable behaviours. We are committed to prevent and protect our people through education and appropriate action against delinquents. We promise to keep sport clean and safe for everyone. Sports is important to build character and resilience in all athletes. It is important that we endeavour to keep sport clean for our athletes to keep their passion alive.”

This is the first and crucial step in garnering the full support from the various sport bodies to be committed in providing a safe and trusted environment for staff, associates, athletes, coaches and officials in accordance with existing laws and codes of conduct.

“Sexual misconduct goes completely against the fundamental values of sport and the Olympic creed. We are in this together with the sporting fraternity to promote the values of sport and weed out the delinquents,” said Mr Chris Chan, Secretary-General, SNOC.

Sexual harassment is one of the most extreme manifestations of misconduct and discrimination, and has hit international and local headlines several times in recent months. The sporting fraternity in Singapore has wasted no time in coming together to undertake the commitment of zero tolerance against any forms of sexual misconduct.

Mr Lim Teck Yin, Chief Executive Officer of Sport Singapore, said, “In an environment based largely on trust, all stakeholders play a part in ensuring that this trust is not violated. Together with our NSAs and SNOC, we are sending a strong message that any form for sexual harassment should not be

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tolerated. In the months and years ahead, we will work with all the stakeholders to drive actions to uphold the integrity of sport and the fraternity.”

Some preliminary actions to prevent harassment and protect the people are through education, information sharing, establishing best practices, and providing support to NSAs, including but not limited to, creating and distributing tool kits designed to empower them to take prompt and effective actions.

In early April, representatives from SportSG will be attending a Safe Sport International Conference in Spain to learn and understand best practices, focusing on coach-athlete relationship. There will be a sharing on how to mitigate risks and neutralise the impact on sport, as well as to restore faith and confidence in the sport ecosystem.

Taking reference from best practices from the global sharing, SportSG will be leading focus group discussions in April and May with the various associations to better understand how any form of sexual harassment, physical or verbal can be eradicated and prevented in the local context.

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**List of National Sport Associations**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>National Sport Association</b>
1	Archery	Archery Association of Singapore
2	Athletics	Singapore Athletics Association
3	Badminton	Singapore Badminton Association
4	Baseball/Softball	Singapore Baseball & Softball Association
5	Basketball	Basketball Association of Singapore
6	Bowling	Singapore Bowling Federation
7	Boxing	Singapore Amateur Boxing Association
8	Canoe	Singapore Canoe Federation
9	Chess	Singapore Chess Federation
10	Cricket	Singapore Cricket Association
11	Cuesports	Cuesports Singapore
12	Cycling	Singapore Cycling Federation
13	Dancesport	Singapore Dancesport Federation
14	Disability Sports	Singapore Disability Sports Council
15	Dragon Boat	Singapore Dragon Boat Association
16	Equestrian	Equestrian Federation of Singapore
17	Fencing	Fencing Singapore
18	Floorball	Singapore Floorball Association
19	Football	Football Association of Singapore
20	Golf	Singapore Golf Association
21	Gymnastics	Singapore Gymnastics
22	Hockey	Singapore Hockey Federation
23	Ice Hockey	Singapore Hockey Association
24	Ice Skating	Singapore Ice Skating Association
25	Judo	Singapore Judo Federation
26	Karate	Singapore Karate-Do Federation
27	Kendo	Singapore Kendo Club
28	Lawn Bowls	Bowls Singapore
29	Modern Pentathlon	Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association
30	Motor Sports	Singapore Motor Sports Association
31	Mountaineering	Singapore Mountaineering Federation
32	Muay Thai	Amateur Muay Thai Association Singapore
33	Netball	Netball Singapore
34	Petanque	Sport Boules Singapore
35	Powerbal	Singapore Powerboat Association
36	Rollersports	Rollersports Singapore
37	Rowing	Singapore Rowing Association
38	Rugby	Singapore Rugby Union
39	Sailing	Singapore Sailing Federation
40	Sepak Takraw	Singapore Sepak Takraw Federation (PERSES)
41	Shooting	Singapore Shooting Association
42	Silat	Singapore Silat Federation (PERSISI)
43	Snow Boarding & Skiing	Singapore Snow Boarding & Skiing Association
44	Squash	Singapore Squash Rackets Association
45	Swimming	Singapore Swimming Association
46	Table Tennis	Singapore Table Tennis Association
47	Taekwondo	Singapore Taekwondo Federation
48	Tennis	Singapore Tennis Association
49	Triathlon	Triathlon Association of Singapore
50	Underwater Sports	Singapore Underwater Federation
51	Volleyball	Volleyball Association of Singapore
52	Water Ski	Singapore Water Ski & Wakeboard Federation
53	Weightlifting	Singapore Weightlifting Federation
54	Weiqi	Singapore Weiqi Association
55	Wrestling	Wrestling Federation of Singapore
56	Xiangqi	Singapore Xiangqi General Association
57	Wushu	Singapore Wushu Dragon & Lion Dance Federation