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### **AN ACT RESPECTING THE IMMUNITIES GRANTED TO THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY**

AS the World Anti-Doping Agency is an international non-governmental organization responsible for promoting and coordinating the fight against doping in sport internationally;

AS the World Anti-Doping Agency was established by the Lausanne Declaration on Doping in Sport after the World Conference on Doping in Sport held in Lausanne on 2 to 4 February 1999;

AS, under article 2 of the Accord entre le gouvernement du Québec et l'Agence mondiale antidopage concernant les privilèges fiscaux et les prérogatives de courtoisie consentis à l'Agence et à ses employés non canadiens (French only), dated 3 June 2002, the Gouvernement du Québec recognizes the World Anti-Doping Agency as an international non-governmental organization;

AS the World Anti-Doping Agency is headquartered in Montréal;

AS, in pursuing its mission and pursuant to the World Anti-Doping Code and the related International Standards, the World Anti-Doping Agency investigates potential violations of anti-doping rules, conducts audits to ensure that anti-doping organizations' programs comply with the World Anti-Doping Program and makes decisions in such matters;

AS, within the scope of its mandate, in particular the investigations, audits and activities pertaining to its whistleblowing program, the World Anti-Doping Agency is called on to gather sensitive, confidential information related, in particular, to whistleblowers;

AS, to fulfil its mission, the World Anti-Doping Agency, its directors, officers and employees require the immunities provided for in this Act;

#### **THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**1.** Legal proceedings may not be brought against the World Anti-Doping Agency, its directors, officers or employees before a court of civil jurisdiction for acts performed in good faith in connection with an investigation or audit conducted pursuant to the World Anti-Doping Code or the related International Standards, or because of a decision they made in good faith under the Code or Standards.

This section does not prevent proceedings under the Code or Standards.

**2.** The property needed to achieve the World Anti-Doping Agency's mission is exempt from seizure.

**3.** This Act comes into force on 15 June 2018.