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To International Tennis Governing Bodies
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NEWS: PUBLICATION OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF INTEGRITY IN TENNIS

The Independent Review Panel has today published the Final Report of the Independent Review of Integrity in Tennis.

In February 2016, the ATP, the WTA, the ITF, and the Grand Slam Board, appointed an Independent Review Panel to address betting-related and other integrity issues facing the sport. Pursuant to its Terms of Reference, the Panel, made up of Adam Lewis QC, Beth Wilkinson and Marc Henzelin, has conducted an Independent Review of Integrity in Tennis, addressing the nature and extent of the problem over time; the appropriateness and effectiveness of the sport's historical and present approach to addressing it; and potential changes to improve how the sport tackles it in the future. The Panel has undertaken its work with the assistance of its Secretariat (Northridge Law LLP).

On 25 April 2018, the Panel published its Interim Report and underlying Record of Evidence and Analysis. The provisional conclusions contained in the Interim Report were then made available for consultation. During the consultation period, interested parties provided extensive submissions in relation to the Panel's proposed recommendations.

The Panel now issues its Final Report, which contains the Panel's final conclusions and recommendations. The Final Report can be downloaded on the Panel's website (www.tennisirp.com).

The Panel's findings are based on its comprehensive analysis of betting-related and other integrity issues facing professional tennis, including interviews of witnesses, examination of records and documents, and consultation with experts in various fields. In producing its Final Report, the Panel has fully considered all of the submissions that it received through the consultation process.

The Panel has been impressed with the level of assistance and cooperation provided to it throughout the Review.

The Governing Bodies previously committed to implementing and funding the Panel's final recommendations. The Panel thanks the Governing Bodies for their support through the publication of the Final Report and considers that the sport is well-positioned to address the integrity challenges that it faces.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Details of publication are below:

The Final Report is available to download from the Panel's website (www.tennisirp.com).