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UWinnipeg Professor at Forefront of International Olympic Committee Consensus Statement on Sexual Harassment & Abuse

WINNIPEG –UWinnipeg's Dr. Sandra Kirby is one of 14 international researchers who have developed a new IOC Consensus Statement on Sexual harassment and Abuse in Sport. This groundbreaking document was adopted by the Executive Board of the IOC on Feb. 8, 2007, after a conference held by the IOC Medical Commission in October 2006 in Lausanne Switzerland.

The document defines the problems, identifies the risk factors and provides guidelines for prevention and resolution, with the aim of improving the health and protection of athletes through the promotion of effective preventive policy. This policy will also increase awareness of these critical issues within the entourage of the athletes themselves.

Dr. Kirby is available for expert commentary regarding the development of the consensus statement and the overarching issues of sexual harassment and abuse in sports.

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