

## AIU AND OCLAESP SIGN PARTNERSHIP



***STRENGTHENING THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING:*** Head of the Athletics Integrity Unit, Brett Clothier (right) and Director of Operations and Employment of the DGGN, Lieutenant General Olivier Kim (middle), sign the partnership agreement between the AIU and the Office Central de Lutte Contre Les Atteintes à L'environnement et à La Santé Publique (OCLAESP). At left is Kyle Barber of the AIU.

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**10 MARCH 2023, MONACO:** On Monday 6 March 2023 at the headquarters of the General Directorate of the Gendarmerie Nationale (DGGN) in ISSY LES MOULINEAUX (92), Brett Clothier, Head of the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) and Lieutenant General Olivier Kim, Director of Operations and Employment of the DGGN, signed a partnership agreement between the AIU and the Office Central de Lutte Contre Les Atteintes à L'environnement et à La Santé Publique (OCLAESP) which is a central judicial police office attached to the DGGN.

This ceremony served to formalise and extend the collaboration between these two agencies which have already been working together for years. Their mutual interest is to increase effective information-sharing in investigating alleged doping offences and in dismantling doping or trafficking networks involving French and/or foreign nationals on French territory. This cooperation is particularly timely with the Paris 2024 Olympic Games on the horizon.

Established in 2017, the AIU is the global, independent integrity authority for athletics whose remit includes handling anti-doping matters. Meanwhile, the OCLAESP is responsible for combating environmental and public-health offences, including sports doping. It comprises military and civilian personnel from the Gendarmerie, police officers and technical advisors from the Ministries of the Environment and Health.

More specifically, the OCLAESP's mandate is to lead and coordinate judicial police investigations into doping offences, to gather information on potential perpetrators and accomplices, to centralise and share information on doping offences, to assist national gendarmerie and police units in these cases and to support training and information activities in its areas of competence.

Clothier and Lieutenant General KIM stressed that doping in high-level sport represents an enormous risk to athletes' health, goes against the values and principles of the Olympic Movement, and as well as tarnishing the image of sport overall.

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NOTE - The English Translation for OCLAESP: The Central Office for the Fight against Environmental Damage and Public Health.

### About the Athletics Integrity Unit

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is the independent body created by the World Athletics that manages all integrity issues - both doping and non-doping - for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes anti-doping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behaviour with regards to transfers of allegiance, and detecting other misconduct including bribery and breaches of betting rules. It is the AIU's role to drive cheats out of our sport, and to do everything within its power to support honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through dedication and hard work.

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