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Mrs Margaret May MP
Acting Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
C/o JSCOT Secretariat
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Dear Mrs May

I am writing to clarify evidence I provided as a witness at the public hearing held on Monday 28 November 2005 in regard to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping In Sport.

In response to Senator Wortley's question 'Are there countries that are unlikely to accede to the Convention and, if so, what are the reasons for this?' I replied that Kiribati is the only country in Oceania that is yet to accede to the Convention.

This is incorrect. To date, only Sweden has acceded formally to the Convention. I would like to clarify that Kiribati is the only country in Oceania that have not signed the *2003 Copenhagen Declaration on Doping in Sport*, a non-binding international agreement in which signatories agreed to develop a legally binding international convention before the Turin Winter Olympics in February 2006. As at 28 October 2005, 182 countries had signed the Declaration.

I would be grateful if you could advise the Committee and amend the record accordingly. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 6271 7086.

Yours sincerely

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