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Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

**Network of National Platforms (Group of Copenhagen)
Explanatory note**

Bearing in mind the following:

- The Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (Macolin Convention);
 - The Conclusions of the Strasbourg *Conference on the Fight Against the Manipulation of Sports Competitions – Promotion and Implementation of the Macolin Convention* (20-21 September 2016);
 - Resolution 1.2 of the 14th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sports related to the manipulation of sports competitions (29 November 2016);
 - The Council of Europe Programme of Activities for Sport 2016-2017,
1. The Secretariat of the Council of Europe (Sport Conventions Division, DGII) established the “Network of National Platforms” (henceforth referred to as the Group of Copenhagen in reference to the meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 5 July 2016) to act as a collaborative network within the framework of co-operation activities for the promotion of the Macolin Convention.
 2. The “Group of Copenhagen” is composed of Coordinators of the National Platforms that have been officially established by national public authorities with the aim to perform the role described in Article 13 of the Macolin Convention.
 3. The “Group of Copenhagen” exists primarily as a platform for exchange of information, experience and expertise in support of the implementation of the standards contained in the Macolin Convention, in particular in the context of:
 - a. the elaboration of studies and compilations of good practices ;
 - b. practical support provided to existing National Platforms to consolidate and further improve their systems;
 - c. assistance to countries for the creation of new National Platforms;
 - d. capacity building initiatives for the benefit of institutional actors and professionals at national level.
 4. The Secretariat convenes meetings as necessary. In consultation with active members, it determines the list of coordinators members of the network, the list of participants in meetings and the agenda. . In addition to the Coordinators, other members of the National Platforms or international actors may be invited to contribute to specific discussions.
 5. The “Group of Copenhagen” is part of the Secretariat’s strategy to mobilise national and international actors as well as to develop international cooperation.
 6. The objectives of the “Group of Copenhagen” may evolve according to the progress made on the Macolin Roadmap and the needs identified within the framework of the Macolin Process.