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Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms

Data base – country fact sheet

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1. Administrative issues / State of progress

State of Progress

- ❖ The law regarding match fixing is at the final stage of discussion at the parliament.
- ❖ On 27/9/2017 is the last meeting regarding this matter and the next step is to forwarded for voting.

Legal Status

- ❖ The Law on Combating Manipulation of Sports of 2017

Responsible Secretariat

- ❖ Committee of Ethics and Sport Safeguarding

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Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)

- ❖ A five-member Committee of Ethics and Sport Safeguarding comprised of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and three (3) other Members appointed by the Council of Ministers, following a consultation with the Cyprus Sports Organization. The Committee operates as the National Platform, in accordance with article 13 of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions CETS 215 and shall serve as the contact point of the Republic for the purposes of the Convention.

- ❖ The Committee of Ethics and Sport Safeguarding is responsible for preventing and combating the manipulation of sports competitions and corruption in sport. Its powers include investigating suspicious betting activity and complaints, collecting and analysing information, operating complaint mechanisms, cooperating with national and international bodies, conducting trainings and awareness campaigns, carrying out risk assessments and preparing annual reports and recommendations on match-fixing and integrity-related issues in sport.

2. Structure / Operational Aspects

Priorities / functions of the NP

- ❖ N/A

Objectives

- ❖ N/A

Operational procedures

- ❖ N/A

Implementation

- ❖ N/A

Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)

- ❖ The expenses of the Committee, including the remuneration of its members and the investigating officers, appointed by it, as well as the salaries of the staff recruited for the Committee's works, shall be included in the budget of the C.S.O. with separate title under the chapter "Budget of the Committee on Ethics and Protection of Sports" and shall be covered by the tax paid by the licensed recipients to the National Betting Authority.

3. Development Process

Origin of the initiative

- ❖ Cyprus Sports Organization

Leading actors involved in the development process

- ❖ Cyprus Sports Organization, Ministry of Justice (prepare the legislation), National Betting Authority, Police

Work carried out to mobilise actors? How many meetings necessary / agendas?

- ❖ Apart from the expert visit in Cyprus last May, the related stakeholders managed to meet a couple of times. However, we had more than 4 meetings at the parliament where we discussed the new legislation and we express our views.

Process in defining priorities and objectives (assessments, analysis, documents produced / published)

- ❖ N/A

Previous situation (domestic law in application, difficulties in proceeding)

- ❖ N/A

Challenges in defining tasks and responsibilities / Reasons for inclusion or exclusion of main actors* (and inclusion/exclusion of representatives)

- ❖ Difficulties to convince the Ministry of Justice regarding the composition of the National Platform.