

**Follow-up Committee on the
Manipulation of Sports Competitions
(T-MC)**

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**6th meeting of the Follow-up Committee on the
Manipulation of Sports Competitions (T-MC)**

**9-10 May
Paris Office**

List of decisions

I. OPENING

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the first participation of Iceland as new Party to the Macolin Convention and expressed the Committee's wishes for a full and prompt recovery of Nicolas Saydé.

2. AGENDA

The Follow-up Committee adopted the agenda of the meeting as appearing in Appendix I. The list of participants features in Appendix II.

3. ELECTIONS

The Follow-up Committee elected (or re-elected) by acclamation:

- as Chair: George Mavrotas, Greece
- as Vice-Chair: Wilhelm Rauch, Switzerland
- as Bureau Member, Eirik Haugen Tysse, Norway
- as Bureau Member: Natalia Chiriac, Republic of Moldova
- as Bureau Member, Nataliia Radchuk, Ukraine

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEVEL

The Follow-up Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat, notably regarding the following:

- Launch of the CoE-UE joint project on promoting greater gender equality in sport "All In plus" on 10 May 2023, organised within the framework of the Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- Fourth Council of Europe Summit to be held on 16-17 May in Reykjavik;
- 2023 Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the State of democracy, human right and the rule of law, which includes a section on the integrity of sport and the reference of Macolin Convention;
- the recent meeting of the Steering Committee of the International Partnership Against Corruption (IPACS);
- the hearing held on 25 April by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on excluding athletes from Russia and Belarus from taking part in the Olympics;
- the forthcoming annual meeting of the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) to be held on 8-9 June in Strasbourg, which will include a specific thematic round-table on the integrity in sport;
- the organisation of the annual Forum on Human Rights in Sport, to be held on 30 June 2023 to address data protection in sport. Themes which will be discussed during that day:
 - Performance analysis
 - Exchange of information in the fight against offences/crime
 - Anti-doping
 - Facial recognition and crowd management

II. STANDARD SETTING AND LEGAL ISSUES

5. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

The Follow-up Committee welcomed the ratification by Iceland and the first participation of its representatives in the Follow-up Committee meeting, as well as the signatures by North-Macedonia and Türkiye.

The Committee welcomed the announced ratifications in the coming months from a number of countries, including non-European ones.

6. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation made by members of the Working Group on data protection (Friedrich Martens and Dieter Braekeveld). The working group directed its work in three axes:

- 1) Access to account data
- 2) Betting by athletes
- 3) Exchange of data with public authorities

7. RESPONSIBLE/REASONABLE BETTING PRINCIPLES

The Follow-Up Committee took note of the presentations by Christian Kalb and Luca Esposito and re-affirmed the relevance and topicality of the work entrusted to this Working Group, tasking it, in accordance with Article 9.1.b of the Convention, to develop proposals for the definition of reasonable betting and the corresponding applicable criteria to be used at global level by operators.

III. MONITORING OF THE CONVENTION

8. QUESTIONNAIRE

The Committee took note of the presentation made, by Ramune Bistrickaitė, of the results of the questionnaire completed by the seven Parties and decided that the second round would be launched, starting with a review of the process and existing questionnaire based on this first iteration. The questionnaire will then be made publicly available, as will the report presented by the expert of the results of the analysis of the replies to the questionnaire.

Based on the results of the analysis, the Committee recommended to Parties to:

- revise and harmonise the applicable national legal frameworks and relevant measures with a purpose to enhance and improve the compliance with the text and spirit of the Macolin Convention;
- enhance the level of international co-operation, apply the examples of best practices, make a better use and stronger empowerment of the Macolin Convention in the context of the international fight against the manipulation of sports competitions;
- increase the accuracy of submissions and responses to the self-evaluation questionnaire during the next monitoring round.

IV. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

9. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

A tour de table was held and the Committee took note of the recent developments presented by States parties, observers and invited guests, which continue to translate the pro-active involvement and commitment of all stakeholders in the fight against the manipulation of sports competitions.

10. ADVISORY GROUP

The Follow-Up Committee took note of the work of the Group of Copenhagen and the outcomes of the 4th meeting of the Advisory Group held on 4-5 April.

11. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

The Follow-up Committee took note of the update provided by the Secretariat and welcomed the dynamic pace of activities, in particular the assistance mission to Morocco and the preparation of a regional African event in November.

12. NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS (MARS)

The Follow-up Committee welcomed the setting-up of this Network and stressed its importance. It took note of the information provided by the Secretariat regarding the work of the Network, the webinar held in March titled "Beyond the odds: Navigating the evolving landscape of sports betting", and its second meeting scheduled to take place on 18-19 September (TBC) in Paris.

13. TYPOLOGY OF MANIPULATIONS

The Follow-up Committee welcomed the publishing of the Resource Guide further to the work carried out last year by the Advisory Group with the support of an expert.

V. CLOSING

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No specific matter was raised.

15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The 7th meeting of the Follow-up Committee will be held on 29 November 2023 in Strasbourg.

16. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The Follow-up Committee adopted the present list of decisions.

Annex I – Agenda

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Annex II – List of participants

MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
GREECE	KARAMANLAKI	FOTINI	Ethics, integrity & compliance commission	Hellenic Olympic Committee
GREECE	KONSTANTINIDIS	Dimitris	Collaborator	Greek National Platform
GREECE	MAVROTAS	George	Head of T-MC Delegation Secretary General of Sport	Ministry of Culture and Sport
ICELAND	ÓLAFSSON	Örvar	Senior Advisor	Ministry of Education and Children
ITALY	TAUCER	Ugo	Prefetto - General Prosecutor	C.O.N.I
ITALY	PARRILLA	Antonio	official	Presidenza del consiglio dei ministri - Department of Sport
NORWAY	TYSSE	Eirik Haugen	Coordinator of the national platform // Senior Adviser	The Norwegian Gambling Authority
NORWAY	GLASSER	Trond	Director International Relations	Ministry of Culture and Equality
PORTUGAL	ALMEIDA	João	Director General	Olympic Committee of Portugal
PORTUGAL	FIGUEIREDO	Esperança	Department Director	Tourism of Portugal, SRIJ (online sports betting regulator)
PORTUGAL	LYRA	André	Financial Director	Santa Casa Misericórdia Lisboa - Departamento de Jogos
PORTUGAL	PEREIRA	Rafael	Advisor	Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Youth and Sport
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	CHIRIAC	Natalia	Sports Law Counsel	Football Association of Moldova
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	JUCOV	Artiom	General Director	NADO Moldova
SWITZERLAND	EICHENBERGER	Patrik	Deputy Director	Swiss Gambling Supervisory Authority/Swiss NP
SWITZERLAND	RAUCH	Wilhem	Head of strategic legal service	Federal Office of Sport FOSPO
SWITZERLAND	SPESCHA	Giannina	Lawyer	Federal Office of Justice

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
UKRAINE	PEREVEZENTSEV	Oleksii	State Secretary	Ministry of Youth and Sports
UKRAINE	RADCHUK	Nataliia	Head of Department of International Cooperation and European Integration	Ministry of Youth and Sports
UKRAINE	DAVYDENKO	Oleksandr	Adviser to the president	NOC of Ukraine

OBSERVERS

INSTITUTION	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION
ADVISORY GROUP/GROUP OF COPENHAGEN	SEGALEN	Corentin	Chair of the Group of Copenhagen, Coordinator of the French National Platform
ADVISORY GROUP/ GROUP OF COPENHAGEN	WARNERS	Chiel	Vice-Chair of the Group of Copenhagen, Information coordinator Netherlands Platform
FIFA	DOGGE	Jan Peter	Team Lead Integrity Management
INTERPOL	ALAMEEMI	HUMAID	Anti-Corruption Operations Coordinator
INTERPOL	BRAEKEVELD	Dieter	Integrity in Sports Training Officer
INTERPOL	MARINELLI	Claudio	Operations Coordinator, p.t. - IMFTF Lead
IOC	ALEXANDRAKIS	Evangelos	NOCs relations Manager
IOC	MARTENS	Friedrich	Head of OM Unit PMC
UEFA	LACARRIERE	Sarah	Integrity Policy Specialist
ULIS	ESPOSITO	Luca	General secretary
ULIS	MORIYAMA SWAN	Cristina	Projects Manager, Communications & Administration

INVITED GUESTS

SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION/ ORGANISATION
BISTRICKAITE	Ramune	Expert	Independent expert
GRANT	Scott	Manager, Competition Manipulation	Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport
KALB	Christian	Director	CK Consulting
IGNOTO	Alessandro	Integrity Manager	SPORTRADAR

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SURNAME	NAME	POSITION
KWASNY	Sophie	Head of the Sport Division
MARTIN	Caroline Helene	Project Officer
RIEGER	Céline	Assistance administrative
LEYENBERGER	Stéphane	Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) / <i>Groupe d'Etats contre la corruption (GRECO)</i>
UNGUREANU	Lorena	MONEYVAL

INTERPRETERS

SURNAME	NAME	DATE
OUEDRAOGO	Léa	9-10/05/23
Mc KINNON	Geneviève	9-10/05/23