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

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8th meeting of the Follow-up Committee on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (T-MC)

22 May 2024

List of decisions

I. OPENING

1. WELCOME

The President welcomed the participants to this 8th meeting which marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Macolin convention, in this symbolic place that is the Macolin National Sports Centre. He thanked the Swiss authorities for hosting the meeting on this important occasion and for their kind hospitality.

The Committee expressed its heartfelt support and condolences to one of its members.

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. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEVEL

The Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat, notably:

- ✓ The adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the 2024-2027 Programme and Budget of the Council of Europe.
- ✓ The Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine ("Register of Damage for Ukraine" or "RD4U") which has been accepting claims since April 2024.
- ✓ The celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe and the related Ministerial conference (17 May 2024).

II. STANDARD SETTING AND LEGAL ISSUES

4. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

The Follow-up Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat and welcomed the announced upcoming ratifications by a number of countries such as Lithuania, Spain and Belgium.

The Follow-up Committee took note of the letter sent by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the Tunisian Minister of Foreign Affairs inviting Tunisia to sign and ratify the Convention.

5. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION

The Follow-up Committee adopted the data sharing agreement aimed at facilitating the exchange of information between sport organisations and betting operators.

The Working group was invited to continue its efforts and report on its progress, particularly on developing the Macolin data protection toolbox. Additionally, the group was also encouraged to enrich the toolbox with another template document enabling cross-checking to verify if athletes are betting.

6. REASONABLE BETTING

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation by Christian Kalb and invited the Working group to continue its work on defining indicators for the applicable criteria, in accordance with Article 9.1.b of the Convention.

7. ILLEGAL BETTING

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation by Christian Kalb on the typology of betting operators. The Committee invited the Secretariat to create a specific Working group on the subject to continue the work on the subject.

8. MONEY LAUNDERING AND SPORTS BETTING

The Committee took note of the presentation by Pim Verschuuren and invited the Working group to prepare a publication for the next plenary meeting.

The Committee encouraged the Group to continue its works in 2024 in close collaboration with MONEYVAL. It also invited the group to use the specific provision in Italy's ratification law to the Convention as a possible model for other countries.

III. MONITORING OF THE CONVENTION

9. STRATEGY 2024-2027

The Committee adopted the principles and strategy for 2024-2027. It also approved the order in which countries will be assessed. For the next meeting, the Committee suggested piloting the process in the first country, Norway.

IV. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

10. DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

The Follow-up Committee took note of the developments of the past ten years during the roundtable by the States Parties, the invited country, the observers and the experts.

11. ADVISORY GROUP

The Follow-Up Committee took note of the publication of its activity report and of the objectives of the 6th meeting to be held on 23 May 2024. The Committee also noted the presentation of the survey results on the state of national platforms.

12. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

The Follow-up Committee thanked Norway and the FDJ for their additional contribution at the beginning of 2024. It invited other countries and organisations to provide such a financial support.

The Follow-up Committee welcomed the outcomes of the training program developed in cooperation with UEFA in March 2024 and the organisation of the ACT conference in Buenos Aires in April 2024.

13. NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS (MARS)

The Follow-up Committee took note of the information provided on the development of country profiles on national judicial systems and the content of the next annual meeting, which will be held on June 18-19 at INTERPOL headquarters.

V. CLOSING

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee invites the Secretariat to consider developing an online training tool based on the model of the Saint-Denis Convention.

15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Follow-up Committee took note of the date of 7 October for its 9th meeting.

It will be held on the sidelines of the 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, which will take place in Portugal from 8 to 10 October 2024.

A conference for the tenth anniversary of the Convention will be organised on the morning of 8 October.

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Annex II – List of participants

MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	Position	INSTITUTION
FRANCE	CARTON	Amandine	Legal expert in charge of sports integrity	Ministry of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games
GREECE	DIMOPOULOU	Maria	Head of the Security and Administrative Sanctions Division	Hellenic Gaming Commission (HGC)
GREECE	KARAMANLAKI	Fotini	Executive Assistant, Ethics, Integrity & Compliance Commission	Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC)
GREECE	KERAMARIS	Vasileios	Legal Advisor	General Secretariat of Sport
GREECE	MAVROTAS	Georgios	Secretary General of Sport Chair of the T-MC Committee	Ministry of Culture and Sport
ICELAND	ÓLAFSSON	Örvar	Senior Advisor	Ministry of Education and Children
ITALY	CARLETTI	Andrea	Official of the Department for Sport	Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for Sport
ITALY	MATTIA	Costanzo	Official of Games Control Office	Customs and Monopolies Agency (ADM)
ITALY	NAPOLEONI	Luca	UISS Secretariat	Ministry of the Interior
NORWAY	GLASSER	Trond	Director International Relations Bureau member of the T- MC Committee	Ministry of Culture and Equality
NORWAY	TYSSE	Eirik Haugen	Coordinator of the Platform Bureau member of the T- MC Committee	Norwegian Gambling Authority
PORTUGAL	ALMEIDA	João	General director	Olympic Committee
PORTUGAL	ESPINHO	Maria	Financial director	Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa - Department of Games
PORTUGAL	FIGUEIREDO	Esperança	Director	Gambling Regulation and Inspection Service
PORTUGAL	LOPES	Duarte	Chief of Staff	Cabinet of the State Secretary of Sports
PORTUGAL	SOARES	Rute	Director Integrity and Compliance Unit	Portuguese Football Federation
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	ARTIOM	Juciov	General director	National Anti-Doping Organisation
SWITZERLAND	TONDURY	Andri	Jurist	Swiss Gambling Supervisory Authority
SWITZERLAND	EICHENBERGER	Patrik	Coordinator National Platform; Deputy Director	Swiss Gambling Supervisory Authority

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
SWITZERLAND	RAUCH	Wilhelm	Head of strategic legal services Vice-Chair of the T-MC Committee	Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports, Federal Office of Sport
SWITZERLAND	SPESCHA- AFFOLTER	Giannina Tilla	Lawyer	Federal Department of Justice and Police, Federal Office of Justice
UKRAINE	PEREVEZENTSEV	Oleksiy	First Vice-President	National Olympic Committee of Ukraine
UKRAINE	POLUBINSKYI	Denys	Expert in Anti-Corruption in Sports	Ministry of Youth and Sports
UKRAINE	RADCHUK	Nataliia	Head of Department of International Cooperation and European Integration Bureau member of the T- MC Committee	Ministry of Youth and Sports

OBSERVERS

INSTITUTION	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION
ADVISORY GROUP/GROUP OF COPENHAGEN	SEGALEN	Corentin	Chair of the Group of Copenhagen, Coordinator of the French National Platform
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC)	ALEXANDRAKIS	Evangelos	NOCs Contact Manager, Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions
INTERPOL	BRAEKEVELD	Dieter	Police training Officer
INTERPOL	MARINELLI	Claudio	Criminal Intelligence Officer / Project Manager, Organized and Emerging Crime Directorate
UEFA	EICHENBERGER	Stephanie	Anti-Match-Fixing Expert
UEFA	VEN	Vincent	Head of Anti-Match-Fixing
UNITED LOTTERIES FOR INTEGRITY IN SPORTS (ULIS)	ESPOSITO	Luca	General Secretary
UNITED LOTTERIES FOR INTEGRITY IN SPORTS (ULIS)	MAILLET	Gilles	President
UNITED LOTTERIES FOR INTEGRITY IN SPORTS (ULIS)	SWAN	Cristina	Project manager

INVITED COUNTRY

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	Position	INSTITUTION
BELGIUM	CASTEELS	Christine	Senior Policy Advisor, Sports Fraud Team	Belgian Federal Judicial Police
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BULGARIA	KARO	Lorentso	European Programmes, Projects and International Cooperation Department	Ministry of youth and sports
CANADA	EAST	Jocelyn	Manager International, Safety and Integrity in Sport Unit	Sport Canada, Department of Canadian Heritage
CYPRUS	SKORDIS	Stefanos	Member of the Committee of Ethics and Safeguarding in Sport in Cyprus (CESS)	Cyprus Sports Organization (CESS)
DENMARK	PEDERSEN	Simon	Special adviser	Danish Gambling Authority
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LATVIA	UNGURS	JANIS	Director of the Legal department	Lotteries and Gambling Supervisory Inspectorate
LITHUANIA	TIESNESYTE	Kornelija	Advisor	Lithuanian Antidoping Agency
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POLAND	JANUS	Henryk	Main Expert Legal Department	Ministry of Sport and Tourism
POLAND	GILARSKI	Adam	Disciplinary Spokesman	Polish Football Association
SLOVENIA	VEROVNIK	Zoran	Secretary for International Affairs	Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
SPAIN	JIMENEZ LUNA	Estela	Technical Advisor in the Directorate General for Gambling Regulation	Ministry of Social Rights, Consumer Affairs and 2030 Agenda
SPAIN	PEREZ PEÑA	Oscar	Inspector	Spanish National Police
SPAIN	RODRIGUEZ PORRAS	Raúl	Director of the Legal Affairs Department High Council for Sports	Ministry of Culture and Sports
SWEDEN	WAHLBERG	Samuel	Coordinator Against Swedish Gamblir Match-Fixing Authority	
SWEDEN	BERGMAN	Daniel	Investigator	Swedish Gambling Authority
UNITED KINGDOM	OLIVER	Nick	Intelligence Manager (Betting Integrity)	Gambling Commission

INVITED EXPERTS

SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION/ ORGANISATION
DIACONU	Madelina	Professor	University of Neufchatel
KALB	Christian	Director	CK Consulting
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COUNCIL OF EUROPE

SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	
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SAYDÉ	Nicolas	Secretary of the Macolin Convention	

INTERPRETERS

SURNAME	NAME	DATE
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WORSDALE	Clarissa	22/05 and 23/05