

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

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Manipulation of Sports Competitions
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**12th meeting of the Follow-up Committee on the
Manipulation of Sports Competitions (T-MC)**

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List of decisions

I. OPENING

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the participants to this 12th meeting, held at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne.

She thanked the IOC for hosting the meeting, and the IOC representative to the Committee addressed a few words of welcome to the participants.

The Chair welcomed San Marino and Armenia, which had recently ratified the Convention, and looked forward to their active contribution to the work of the Committee.

The Committee also welcomed its two new observers, CONMEBOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), whose expertise would be a valuable addition to its work.

The Chair thanked the long-standing members of the wider Macolin family, whether attending in person or online, with a particular thought for the Ukrainian delegation following the meeting from Kyiv.

In the course of the meeting, the Committee had the honour of being addressed by the President of the International Olympic Committee, Ms Kirsty Coventry.

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 Follow-up Committee took note of the update provided by the Secretariat on recent developments at the level of the Organisation.

At its 135th Session, held in Chişinău on 14-15 May 2026, the Committee of Ministers adopted the Chişinău Declaration on the ECHR and migration. It established the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine. It also instructed the Secretary General to submit proposals for negotiating a legal instrument on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI). At the close of the Session, Monaco took over the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers.

The Committee further noted that the IOC, the Olympic Refuge Foundation and the IPC had been awarded the 30th North-South Prize of the Council of Europe for the Refugee Olympic and Paralympic Teams.

At the level of the Sport Division, the Committee took note of the ongoing work on good governance and on the autonomy of sport, as well as of the safeguarding policies. It noted that the 19th Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport will be held in Monaco on 3-4 November 2026, on the theme "Safer and Healthier Sport for All Children".

II. STANDARD SETTING AND LEGAL ISSUES

4. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

The Follow-up Committee took note of the state of signatures and ratifications of the Convention. It welcomed once again the recent ratifications by San Marino and Armenia.

The Committee noted that the Committee of Ministers, at the 1556th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies on 8 April 2026, had decided to invite Brazil to accede to the Convention. This invitation is valid for five years.

The Committee welcomed the confirmation by Estonia, invited to this meeting, of its intention to ratify the Convention. It expressed the hope that further ratifications would follow in the near future.

5. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION

The Follow-up Committee took note of the overview provided by the Secretariat of the Macolin data protection framework. This framework brings together the documents adopted under Article 14 of the Convention to help Parties share data lawfully: rules, practical guidance and model agreements.

The Committee took note of the presentation by the IOC of the draft guidelines on the cross-checking of personal data (T-MC(2026)2). Cross-checking consists in matching the lists of persons banned from betting against the records of betting operators, in order to detect prohibited bets. The presentation included national examples from Australia, Italy, France, Spain and Sweden.

The Committee invited the Secretariat to finalise the guidelines, with a view to their adoption at the next meeting.

The Committee also held an exchange of views on the scouting and selling of sports data. The discussion focused on how to govern these practices, in legal and ethical terms, so that they do not feed illegal betting and competition manipulation.

6. REASONABLE BETTING

The Follow-up Committee recalled that the guidelines on possible criteria for defining a reasonable sports betting offer (T-MC(2025)5) had been adopted by written procedure on 31 December 2025. It decided to publish the guidelines on the website of the Convention.

The Committee took note of the opinion adopted by the Group of Copenhagen on betting on competitions involving athletes under the age of 18, presented by its Chair.

As regards dissemination, the Committee welcomed the confirmation by Greece and Lithuania of their intention to work on the implementation of the guidelines in their respective countries.

7. ILLEGAL BETTING

The Follow-up Committee recalled that the guidelines on a typology of betting operators (T-MC(2025)6) had been adopted by written procedure on 31 December 2025. It decided to publish the guidelines on the website of the Convention.

It encouraged each State Party and observer to make use of the guidelines, whether for the granting of betting licences or for the signature of sponsorship deals. In this respect, the Committee underlined the identification of the ultimate beneficial owner of betting companies as a key criterion of the transparency of operators.

The Committee took note of the presentation by Prof. Stefano Caneppele of a standardised framework for estimating the online illegal betting market, developed by the University of Lausanne (UNIL) with the World Lottery Association (WLA).

As regards the use of artificial intelligence to detect and combat illegal betting, the Committee took note of the presentation by the WLA. It decided to set up a working group on this question.

8. MONEY LAUNDERING AND SPORTS BETTING

The Follow-up Committee recalled that the guidelines on combating money laundering through sports betting (T-MC(2025)4) had been adopted by written procedure on 31 December 2025. It decided to publish the guidelines on the website of the Convention.

The Committee took note of the presentation of the guidelines by the Secretariat at the 71st plenary meeting of MONEYVAL, on 28 May 2026. It welcomed the cooperation with MONEYVAL and encouraged its continuation.

The Committee also underlined the importance of cooperating with the Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) and with the Egmont Group, the global network through which FIUs exchange financial intelligence.

9. SPORTING-RELATED COMPETITION MANIPULATION

Due to time constraints, the Follow-up Committee was unable to consider this item. It agreed that it would either be addressed through a webinar organised with the International Olympic Committee, or be postponed to its next plenary meeting.

III. MONITORING OF THE CONVENTION

10. NATIONAL EVALUATION

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation by the Secretariat on the state of the evaluation process. Three evaluations out of the eight planned by the end of 2027 have been carried out. They will be adopted by written procedure before the next plenary meeting. The presentation covered the evolution of the method since 2023, the common structure of the reports, and the cross-cutting legal questions arising from them.

In the discussion, the Parties suggested introducing a national report to enrich the method of the future evaluations. This approach draws on the practice of the evaluations carried out under the Anti-Doping Convention. The UNODC suggested that the monitoring mechanism of the United Nations Convention against Corruption could also serve as a source of inspiration.

The Secretariat will propose a template to be used for the next evaluations, concerning Switzerland and Ukraine. Some States underlined the importance of keeping to a strict interpretation of the provisions of the Convention, in particular as regards criminalisation.

IV. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

11. DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

The Follow-up Committee took note of the updates provided by the Parties, observers and other participants on the key developments at national and international level since the last meeting.

For the first time, a common structure was proposed for the presentation of these updates, built around three headings: challenges and risks, good news, and investigations and alerts. The Committee agreed to continue refining this format for the next meeting.

12. ADVISORY GROUP

The Follow-up Committee took note of the update provided by the Chair of the Group of Copenhagen on the work of the Group and on its 10th meeting, held in Nicosia on 5-6 May 2026 at the invitation of the Cypriot authorities.

The Chair presented his two priorities for the Group: turning alerts into investigations and increasing the number of national platforms while enhancing existing ones.

The Committee also took note of the progress made by the working groups of the Group of Copenhagen, covering in particular alerts, the monitoring of international sport competitions, artificial intelligence, education (GROUND), advertising and sponsorship, and esports.

A new working group on football players' addiction to sports betting has been created, led by Portugal. The Group also held an exchange of views on prediction markets.

The Committee thanked the Chair and the members of the Group for their work.

13. ACT II PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

The Follow-up Committee took note of the update provided by the Secretariat on the ACT II project and its strategy for 2026-2027. The strategy rests on two ambitions: promoting the Convention and implementing it. The priority will be the creation of new national platforms and the strengthening of existing ones.

A new assessment survey of the national platforms will be launched. It will be complemented by interviews with the coordinators, to understand where the platforms stand, what works and what can be improved. On this basis, a plan will be drawn up to organise workshops in the countries to create or strengthen platforms. Requests from several countries have already been registered.

The call for tenders for the development of the new alert-sharing tool should be launched before the end of the summer.

The Committee thanked the current contributors to the project: Norway, European Lotteries, Française des Jeux, the World Lottery Association, the Ligue de Football Professionnel and the International Olympic Committee. It also thanked UEFA for its support to certain activities. It invited the States Parties and observers to contribute to the funding of the project.

14. THE NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS (MARS)

The Follow-up Committee took note of the update provided by the Chair of the MARS network, Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux, on the key points of the last plenary meeting of the network, held in Strasbourg on 28-29 April 2026.

The network addressed in particular the use of artificial intelligence in the investigation of sport integrity crimes.

The Chair referred to ongoing cases in tennis, which illustrate the importance of exchanging information with the sports movement. The network will continue to develop its cooperation with the Group of Copenhagen.

V. INTERNAL ORGANISATION

15. LIST OF SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation by the Secretariat and the International Olympic Committee of the proposal for a new list of sports organisations. The list defines the scope of the Convention: a competition is covered when it is organised by an organisation appearing on the list.

The Committee took note of the proposed changes compared with the list adopted in 2021. The new draft is based on the international federations recognised by the Olympic movement and on explicit criteria relating to governance, integrity risk and visibility.

The new draft sets out what falls outside the scope of the Convention, such as purely virtual events without real competitors, animal-only races and informal friendly games. Esports could be included examined for inclusion under certain conditions, although some delegations expressed objections. Multi-sport events would be explicitly included.

The Committee decided to set up a working group to prepare a new proposal for its next plenary meeting.

16. OBSERVERS

The Follow-up Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the correspondence received from the International Betting Integrity Association (IBIA) following the elections of December 2025, and on the reply provided by the Secretariat.

17. EXTERNAL EVALUATION

The Follow-up Committee took note of the presentation by the Secretariat of the proposed external evaluation of the Convention's contribution to strengthening cooperation in the fight against the manipulation of sports competitions. The evaluation would be entrusted to external evaluators and based on a learning-oriented approach.

The Committee held an exchange of views on the interest of conducting such an evaluation, weighing its advantages and drawbacks. It agreed to return to this question at its next plenary meeting.

VI. CLOSING

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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The Follow-up Committee confirmed that its next meetings would be held in Vilnius, in December 2026, during a Macolin Week which will also bring together the Group of Copenhagen.

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MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
BELGIUM	CASTEELS	Christine	Senior Project Coordinator	Belgian Federal Judicial Police
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COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
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OBSERVERS

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