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Advisory Group to the Follow-up Committee on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

**1st meeting
(22 November 2021 - online)**

List of Decisions

Adoption of the agenda

The Advisory Group adopted the agenda of the meeting as appended in Appendix I. The list of participants is appended in Appendix II.

Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

The Advisory Group adopted its Rules of Procedure as appended in Appendix III.

Elections

The Advisory Group elected:

- Mr Corentin SEGALEN (France) as Chair
- Mr Chiel WARNERS (the Netherlands) as Vice-Chair

and as Bureau members:

- Ms Christine Casteels (Belgium)
- Ms Maria Dimopoulou (Greece)
- Mr Kristian Johnsen Hjetland (Norway)
- Mr Darren Mullaly (Australia)
- Mr Stephen Paine (United Kingdom).

T-MC / GOC cooperation

The Advisory Group acknowledged the need for a close cooperation and articulation of its work with the work of the Follow-up Committee, welcoming the participation of the Chair of the Follow-up Committee in its meetings, as well as the participation of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Group in the meetings of the Follow-up Committee. The Advisory Group will ensure a meaningful contribution to the work of the Follow-up Committee, avoiding duplication of work.

GOC Action Plan 2022-2025

The Advisory Group entrusted its Bureau with the further development of the 2022-2025 Action Plan based notably on the following priority areas of work (see the subsequent items of the agenda below): information sharing and data protection, typology of manipulations, (also related to the logbook), benchmark on e-sports betting, contribution to major international sport events, and capacity building activities (upgrading national platforms and performance working group). Various methodologies (general guidance, table-top exercises, communication, research, etc.) and the establishment of the corresponding working groups will have to be considered, together with the level of involvement of other stakeholders.

Information sharing and data protection

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by Mr Daniel Cooper, consultant for the Group, and welcomed the joint adoption of the Macolin Principles by the Follow-up Committee of the Macolin Convention and Committee of Convention 108 (Council of Europe data protection Convention). The Group agreed to pursue this work focusing on specific issues relevant for national platforms, such as the regime of international data transfers, or the sharing of information between stakeholders. tasking its Bureau to advance this work in view of the next meeting of the Group.

Benchmark on E-Sports betting

The Advisory Group, acknowledging that e-sport organisations are not included in the list of sport organisations adopted by the Follow-up Committee, and taking note of the responses to the short survey, agreed on the relevance of examining e-sports betting. It entrusted its Bureau, with the support of Mr Robert Dingli, consultant, to prepare a document providing an overview and state of play on e-sports for its next meeting.

Typology of manipulations' update

The Advisory Group took note of the instrumental work carried out on the Typology and agreed, in light of the constantly evolving nature of the manipulation of sport competitions, on the need to ensure that the Typology tools and materials are up to date, further promoted and made more accessible. The Advisory Group also highlighted the relevance of a data base illustrating the various cases, building on the existing logbook of alerts initiated in 2017. It tasked its Bureau to ensure this review and communication plan, with the support of Ms Lorraine Pearman, consultant.

Coordination and Monitoring of major international sport competitions

The Advisory Group took note of the contribution of the national platforms in several international competitions, IOC Pyong Chang Winter Games in 2018, FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019, and this year, the UEFA Euro 2020 and IOC Tokyo 2020 Games. The Advisory Group noted the forthcoming contribution and monitoring for the IOC Beijing Winter games. Similar cooperation will be sought for the FIFA Qatar World Cup 2022. It welcomed this work as concrete illustration of multistakeholder cooperation at international level, with a positive impact on the national dynamics and confirmed the Group's willingness to pursue such coordination and monitoring.

Capacity building: cooperation projects

The Advisory Group took note of the work carried out in the context of the KCOOS+ project and FLAGS initiative implemented by the Council of Europe with the support of FIFA. It stressed the importance of this work in building the capacity of national platforms (also in connection with the work already carried out on "upgrading national platforms") and ensuring an expansion of the network of national platforms. The Group noted the outcomes of the work of the Performance Working Group and supported the continuation of work on this topic. Finally, the Group noted the call for financial contributions to the future project proposed to build on the impact of KCOOS+.

Next meetings

The Advisory Group took note of the proposed dates for its next meeting (between 5 to 7 April 2022) and the intent to hold the first meeting of its Bureau early February 2022.

Appendix I - Agenda

I. First session

1. Welcome words by the Chair of the T-MC and Secretariat
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
4. Elections
5. T-MC / GOC cooperation

II. Second session

6. GOC Action Plan 2022-2025
7. Information sharing and data protection
8. Benchmark on E-Sports betting within the GoC
9. Typology of manipulations' update
10. Coordination and Monitoring of major international sport competitions
11. Capacity building: cooperation projects
12. Any other business
13. Dates of future meetings
14. Closing of the meeting

APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS

COUNTRY	Surname	Name	Position	Institution
AUSTRALIA	Gough	Jeff	Director Sports Integrity	Sport Integrity Australia
AUSTRALIA	Mullaly	Darren	Deputy CEO – Strategy & International Engagement	Sport Integrity Australia
AUSTRALIA	Whybrow	Jason	Director Sports Wagering and Competition Manipulation, Strategy and International Engagement Branch	Sport Integrity Australia
AUSTRIA	Spindler-Oswald	Barbara	Senior Expert, Division II – Sport	Federal Ministry for Arts, Culture, the Civil Service and Sport
BELGIUM	Casteels	Christine	Senior Policy Advisor, Sports Fraud Team	Belgian Federal Judicial Police
BULGARIA	Chapov	Georgi	State Expert, Integrity Specialist	Ministry of Youth and Sports
CYPRUS	Solomou	Costas	Head of National Sports Programs	Cyprus Sports Organization
DENMARK	Voss	Søren	Intelligence and Investigations Manager	Anti Doping Denmark
ESTONIA	Klaan	Margus	Deputy Head of the Sports Department	Ministry of Culture
ESTONIA	Roos	Kalle	Anti Match-Fixing Coordinator	Estonian Centre for Integrity in Sports
FINLAND	Ikonen	Jouko	Chief Investigative Officer	Finnish Center for Integrity in Sports (FINCIS)
FRANCE	Segalen	Corentin	Coordinator French National Policy	National Gaming Authority (ANJ)
FRANCE	Vidal	Christophe	Deputy Coordinator French National Policy	National Gaming Authority (ANJ)
GERMANY	Schulte	Gunnar	Advisor	Ministry of Interior / NP Germany
GREECE	Dimopoulou	Maria	Head of the Security and Administrative Sanctions Division	Greek National Platform, Hellenic Gaming Commission (HGC)
GREECE	Giannakopoulou	Melina	Head of Department Legislative Initiative and Parliamentary Control	Ministry of Culture and Sport

GREECE	Mavrotas	George	Head of National Platform and Secretary General of Sport Chair of the T-MC Follow-up Committee	Greek National Platform (EPATHLA)
LATVIA	Ungurs	Janis	Director of the Administrative and Legal department	Lotteries and Gambling Supervisory Inspectorate
MOLDOVA	Chiriac	Natalia	Sports Law Counsel	Football Association of Moldova
MOLDOVA	Vortolomei	Ianis	Senior officer of investigations	National Inspectorate of Investigations
MOLDOVA	Stan	Marian	Secretary of State	Ministry of Education and Research
MOROCCO	El Mechrafi	Mustapha Younes	CEO	Moroccan Games and Sports Association (MJDS)
MOROCCO	Hassouni	Omar	Special Councillor to the General Director	Moroccan Games and Sports Association (MJDS)
MOROCCO	Naili	Khalid	Project Manager	Moroccan Games and Sports Association (MJDS)
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NORWAY	Hjetland	Kristian	Senior Adviser / Coordinator of the Norwegian National Platform	Norwegian Gambling Authority
NORWAY	Tysse	Eirik Haugen	National Platform Coordinator	Norwegian Gambling Authority
POLAND	Janus	Henryk	Main Expert	Ministry of Sport and Tourism
PORTUGAL	Almeida	João Paulo	Director General	Portuguese Olympic Committee
PORTUGAL	Carvalho	Pedro	Advisor	Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Youth of Sport of the Portuguese Republic
PORTUGAL	Figueiredo	Esperança	Director	Gambling Regulation and Inspection Service
PORTUGAL	Lyra	André	Lawyer	Santa Casa da Misericórdia de

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SLOVAKIA	Dedik	Peter	Director General for Sport	Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport
SLOVAKIA	Mickovicova	Adriana	Senior State Adviser	Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport
SLOVENIA	Verovnik	Zoran	International Relations, Sport Directorate	Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
SWEDEN	Frisö-Grön	Daniel	Coordinator Against Match-Fixing	Swedish Gambling Authority
SWEDEN	Uddeholt	Jakob	Integrity Officer	Swedish Sports Confederation
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UNITED KINGDOM	Paine	Stephen	Betting Integrity Lead, UK National Platform Coordinator	Gambling Commission
UKRAINE	Radchuk	Nataliia	Head of Department of International Cooperation and European Integration	Ministry of Youth and Sports

OBSERVERS

COUNTRY/ORGANISATION	Surname	Name	Position
CANADA - CENTRE FOR ETHICS IN SPORT	Luke	Jeremy	Senior Director, Sport Integrity
CANADA - CENTRE FOR ETHICS IN SPORT	Elizabeth	Carson	Sport Integrity
LIBERIA - NATIONAL LOTTERY AUTHORITY	Jallah	Peter	Monitoring and Evaluation Staff
NEPAL - INCLUSIVE SPORTS (NATIONAL PLATFORM)	Lama	Sour Singh	President (National Coordinator)
SPAIN - DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR GAMBLING REGULATION, MINISTRY FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS	Álvarez Fernández	Eugenio	Deputy Assistant General Director of Gambling Regulation
SPANISH GAMBLING REGULATOR	Martos Otero	Pedro	Head of the Regulatory Area
SPANISH NATIONAL POLICE	Pérez Peña	Oscar	Inspector
USA - FBI	Gillespie	Joseph	Unit Chief – Transnational Organized Crime and Threats Section
USA - FBI	Pension	Lisa	Supervisory Special Agent and Integrity Lead—Transnational Threats

USA - FBI	Quiroga	Heriberto	Supervisory Special Agent - Transnational Threats
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COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Surname	Name	Position
Kwasny	Sophie	Head of the Sport Conventions Division
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Tilden	Luke	Interpreter
Trapp	Christine	Interpreter

APPENDIX III

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ADVISORY GROUP

The Advisory Group,

Having regard to Article 5 of the Rules of procedure of the Follow-up Committee,

Having regard to its terms of reference adopted by the Follow-up Committee,

Adopts the present Rules of Procedure.

PART I: THE ADVISORY GROUP

Article 1: Mandate

1. Set up by the Follow-up Committee (T-MC) under Article 31.4 of the Macolin Convention and Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the T-MC, the Advisory Group is responsible for:
 - The coordination and support of the Network of National Platforms according to the general guidance provided by the T-MC.
 - The formulating and developing of proposals to further enhance the establishment, operation and development of National Platforms.
 - The strengthening of the broader Macolin community.

2. The functioning and operation of the T-MC Advisory Group shall be governed by these Rules of Procedure.

Article 2: Delegates

Can be Members of the T-MC Advisory group the representatives of national platforms of countries that have ratified the Convention or have signed it. For the latter, their membership in the T-MC Advisory group will be re-examined after a period of 18 months (starting from the adoption of the present Rules) as sole membership of representatives of Parties to the Convention is foreseen eventually.

Participation in observer capacity is subject to the provisions of Article 6 of the present Rules.

Each member shall nominate as their representatives – hereinafter referred to as delegates – one or more delegates specialised in the fields relevant to the Convention, including, but not limited to, representatives of public authorities responsible for sport, law-enforcement, betting regulation or sport organisations.

1. Where a member designates more than one delegate, it shall indicate the head of Delegation. Only one delegate shall have the right to vote.

2. The member which holds the Chairmanship of the T-MC Advisory Group may appoint an additional expert. Only one delegate of that country shall have the right to vote.
3. Any changes in the composition of the delegation should be notified to the Secretariat General. Delegates leaving the positions that they held at national level when they joined the delegation should also notify the Secretariat.

Article 3: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson

1. The T-MC Advisory Group shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among the delegates representing a governmental or public agency.
2. The terms of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be of two years, renewable once.
3. The Chairperson shall not be entitled to stand for re-election to any post on the T-MC Advisory Group for a period of two years.
4. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by a simple majority of the votes cast. The elections are held by secret ballot, unless the T-MC Advisory Group decides otherwise by unanimity.
5. The Chairperson shall, in close co-operation with the Bureau and the Secretariat, direct the work of the T-MC Advisory Group and preside at its meetings, as well as the meetings of the Bureau. By doing so, the Chairperson shall conduct proceedings and sum up the conclusions whenever s/he thinks necessary. S/he may call to order a speaker who departs from the subject under discussion or from the T-MC Advisory Group's terms of reference. The Chairperson shall perform all other functions conferred upon him/her by these Rules of Procedure or by the T-MC Committee.
6. The Chairperson shall retain the right to vote and to participate in the discussions. The Chairperson, or the Vice-Chairperson when carrying out the duty of the Chairperson, shall be replaced in the chair during any discussion concerning their country, or in any other situation where they are in a situation of a real or perceived conflict of interests.
7. The Vice-Chairperson shall replace the Chairperson if the latter is absent or otherwise unable to preside at the meeting. If the Vice-Chairperson is absent, the Chairperson shall be replaced by another member of the Bureau, appointed by the latter. If none of these persons is able to carry out their duties or if the Bureau has not been designated, the T-MC Advisory Group may designate one of its members to take the chair in an acting capacity or entrust this task to the Secretariat.
8. Should any of the above offices fall vacant before the completion of the relevant terms of office, the T-MC Advisory Group shall decide to hold an election for the vacant post at the beginning of its next meeting. Any person so elected shall complete the term of office of his or her

predecessor. This shall not count as a term of office should the person be subsequently elected Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

Article 4: Bureau

1. The T-MC Advisory Group shall appoint a Bureau consisting of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and five additional members elected by a majority of the votes cast for a term of two years, renewable once.
2. The composition of the Bureau should take into account the following criteria:
 - a. geographical distribution;
 - b. gender balance: delegations are invited to take into account the Recommendation No. R (81) 6 of the Advisory Group of Ministers to member States on the participation of women and men in an equitable proportion in Advisory Groups and other bodies set up in the Council of Europe for the candidates' proposals as well as for the election;
 - c. ensure a representation of public authorities responsible for sports, law enforcement and betting regulation.
3. The members of the Bureau shall be particularly involved in the core activities of the T-MC Advisory Group, namely by actively contributing to its coordination work and international cooperation.
4. A member of the Bureau may, on expiry of his/her term, be appointed Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
5. Elections shall be held at the last meeting which precedes the expiry of the terms of office concerned. For practical reasons, and no matter whether or not they are re-elected, this meeting stays under the direction of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The terms of office of the new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson start immediately after the meeting in which they are elected.
6. Should any of the above offices fall vacant before the completion of the relevant terms of office, the T-MC Advisory Group shall decide to hold an election for the vacant post at the beginning of its next meeting. Any person so elected shall complete the term of office of his or her predecessor.

Article 5: Working groups

1. The T-MC Advisory Group may establish working groups to undertake specific tasks which cannot be performed by the entire T-MC Advisory Group, such as work related to the preparations or monitoring of an international sporting event.

2. The Chairs of such Working Groups shall be elected by the T-MC Advisory Group for the term of the mandate of the respective group unless otherwise specified.
3. Unless as otherwise provided, procedure in the Working Groups shall follow that in the T-MC Advisory Group.

Article 6: Observers

1. The T-MC Advisory Group may invite, any State which is not Party to the Convention and is not subject to Article 2 of the present Rules, or has not signed it, any international organisation or body, to be represented as observer at its meeting. Representatives appointed under this paragraph shall participate in meetings of the T-MC Advisory Group without the right of vote.
2. Candidates shall request the status of observer by a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the T-MC Advisory Group. The Bureau examines the request and prepares a recommendation for the T-MC Advisory Group. The status of observer is granted by the T-MC Advisory Group's decision.
3. Observer status shall be granted for a period of 18 months.
4. Observers may contribute to the meetings by making oral or written statements on the subjects under discussion. They shall not assist to the sessions held *in camera* and shall have no access to the documents discussed in these sessions. Otherwise, they shall have access to all working documents.

Article 7: Secretariat

1. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall provide the T-MC Advisory Group with the necessary staff as well as with the administrative and other services it may require.
2. The Secretariat shall be responsible for the material preparation and distribution of the working documents to be examined by the T-MC Advisory Group. Documents should normally be sent to delegates, in the official languages, at least one month before the opening of the meeting. However, in exceptional cases, if no member objects, the T-MC Advisory Group may deliberate on a document submitted at a later stage.
3. Documents shall be made public after the meeting of the T-MC Advisory Group for which they were prepared, unless the T-MC Advisory Group decides otherwise.
4. At the end of each meeting, the Secretariat shall submit to the T-MC Advisory Group a draft list of the decisions taken during the meeting for its approval. Unless the T-MC Advisory Group decides otherwise, the list of decisions shall be made public.
5. The Secretariat shall prepare a draft report after each meeting which shall be considered as adopted unless objections are formulated within one month of the date of its circulation to Delegations. In the event that objections are formulated, the report shall be presented for adoption at the following meeting.

6. The Secretary General or his/her representative may at any time make an oral or written statement on any matter under consideration.
7. Information and communication technologies should be used whenever possible.

Article 8: Meetings

1. Pursuant to its terms of reference, the T-MC Advisory Group shall meet at least twice a year either physically or by teleconference.
2. Videoconference meetings may be held whenever physical meetings are not advisable, possible or needed.
3. Members, participants and observers who are unable to attend a meeting or a part thereof shall notify, in due time, the secretariat who shall inform the chairperson.
4. When a meeting has been convened, any request for postponement must reach the Secretary General at least two weeks before the date previously fixed for the opening of the meeting. A decision in favor of postponement shall be considered as having been taken when a majority of the delegates shall have notified the Secretary General of their agreement seven days before the date previously fixed.
5. Meetings shall normally be held at the premises of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Exceptionally, a meeting can be held in member's country upon its invitation and provided there is a agreement by the T-MC Advisory Group and that changing the venue does not entail costs for the Council of Europe that its budget cannot cover.

Article 9: Convocation

1. Meetings of the T-MC Advisory Group shall be convened by communication addressed by the Secretariat to the delegates, participants and observers. Convocations shall be circulated six weeks in advance of the meeting, except in cases of urgency which shall be duly explained.

Article 10: Languages

1. The official languages for the documents of the T-MC Advisory Group shall be those of the Council of Europe, namely English and French.
2. Any delegate, participant or observer may, however, use a language other than an official language. In this case, the delegation concerned shall provide for the interpretation into one of the official languages.
3. Any document to be considered by the T-MC Advisory Group, written in a language other than the official languages, shall be translated into one of the official languages; the delegate,

observer or other participant submitting it is responsible for making the necessary arrangements and covering the costs.

Article 11: Duties

1. Fundamental values and principles upheld by the Council of Europe such as gender equality, non-discrimination, prohibition of sexual and other forms of harassment and prohibition of ill-treatment of human beings should be adhered to at all times when involved in activities of the Advisory Group.
2. Pursuant to the Council of Europe's anti-corruption policy (Rule No. 1327 of 10 January 2011 on awareness and prevention of fraud and corruption), members of the Secretariat and delegates have a duty to report any reasonable suspicion of fraud or corruption. Every reporting person has the right to effective protection against retaliatory action.
3. The Council of Europe's anti-harassment policy (Rule No. 1292 of 3 September 2010 on the protection of human dignity at the Council of Europe), applicable to all persons participating in the Organisation's activities, prohibits any form of sexual and psychological harassment in the workplace and/or in connection with work at the Council of Europe as conduct infringing the dignity of men and women.
4. All delegates and observer representatives shall, when involved in activities of the Advisory Group, act responsibly, with integrity, professionalism and honesty, use the resources available to them responsibly and not use their position for their, or anyone else's, private gain.
5. The Chair, the Vice-Chair and the other Bureau members shall perform their duties in their individual capacity and be exclusively guided by the interests of the Advisory Group.

Article 12: Privacy of Meetings

1. Meetings shall not be public. They are only opened to delegates and observers. They can also be opened to one or more relevant individual experts or organisations interested in the work of the T-MC Advisory Group and invited by the Bureau.
2. For some matters, which shall be discussed exclusively by delegates and the Secretariat, parts of the meetings shall be held *in camera*. These sessions shall be mentioned in the agenda of the meeting. Observers and guests shall not be present during these sessions.
3. Delegates, members of the Secretariat and other persons assisting the T-MC Advisory Group are required to maintain the confidentiality of the documents of the T-MC Advisory Group and of the information of which they have become aware at meetings held *in camera*, unless the T-MC Advisory Group decides otherwise.

Article 13: Quorum

1. There shall be a quorum if a majority of the members of the T-MC Advisory Group are present or remotely attending the meeting.
2. In the absence of a quorum, the agenda item(s) requiring a vote shall be postponed until the next meeting.

Article 14: Voting

1. Each Member shall have one vote. The Delegate may appoint a substitute to act and vote in her/his absence and shall inform the Secretariat.
2. The representative of one member may not vote in place of another member.
3. The T-MC Advisory Group shall take decisions by simple majority of votes cast.
4. For the purposes of these Rules, "votes cast" shall mean the votes of the delegates cast in favor or against. Delegates who abstain shall be regarded as not having cast a vote.

Article 15: Consultation with other organisations or with experts

1. The T-MC Advisory Group may decide to invite intergovernmental or non-governmental organisations or bodies to appoint a person who will be available for consultation during a particular meeting or part of a meeting. It may also decide to invite individual experts.
2. The T-MC Advisory Group may, in liaison with the Secretariat, appoint a consultant to make a report on one or more particular matters.

PART II: FINAL CLAUSES

Article 16: Travel and subsistence expenses

1. The travel and subsistence expenses for attending meetings of the T-MC Advisory Group, its Bureau and Working Groups, shall be borne by delegates concerned.
2. The Council of Europe shall only cover where appropriate the travel and subsistence expenses of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the other Bureau members for attending the Bureau.

Article 17: Amendments

These rules may be amended at any time by the T-MC Advisory Group. Amendments to provisions regarding the composition of the T-MC Advisory Group are subject to Article 5.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Follow-up Committee.

Article 18: Entry into force of the rules

The present rules, as well as any amendment, enter into force immediately after their adoption.