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

3rd meeting

17-18 October 2022

List of Decisions

1. WELCOME

The Advisory Group welcomed the first participation of representatives of Croatia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, and the Czech Republic. It warmly thanked the Ukrainian delegation for its presence in Strasbourg, expressing its solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

The Advisory Group took note of the statement of Marja RUOTANEN, newly appointed Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity. It welcomed the reaffirmation of her interest and support for the convention and work of the Advisory Group.

2. AGENDA

The Advisory Group adopted the meeting agenda as attached in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II and totals participation of 36 countries.

The Advisory Group welcomed that, in accordance with the rules of procedure, the afternoon session of October 18 is open to invited partners.

3. BUREAU MEMBER

The Advisory Group elected Nick Olivier (United Kingdom) by acclamation as a member of the Bureau for the remaining duration of the current term.

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Advisory Group took note of the information provided by the Secretariat, notably regarding the following:

- The forthcoming Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for sport (25-27 October, Antalya, Türkiye);
- Some important outcomes of the Autumn session of the Parliamentary Assembly (the adoption of Resolution 2465 on "[the fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport](#)" and the organisation of a hearing on workers' rights in Qatar;
- The recent report of the High-level reflection Group which contains a reference to the Macolin Convention and the importance of the EU's accession to it.

5. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

The Advisory Group noted the rich and varied developments presented by the participants, welcoming in particular (non-exhaustive list):

- In Australia, the collaboration in the context of major sport events, involving the corruption unit and law enforcement agencies;

- In Belgium, important ongoing investigations;
- In Estonia, the forthcoming publication of research on match fixing cases, and the analysis of the national legal system and provisions sanctioning the manipulation;
- In Germany, the current debate on a (partial) ban of sport betting advertisement;
- In Greece, the preparation of an e-learning tools and an in-house alerting system;
- In Malta, the implementation of AIMS, the new authority responsible for the implementation of the National Platform;
- In Morocco, the increase of illegal betting and the importance of the creation of the platform to increase countermeasures;
- In the Netherlands, the ongoing reform of the national platform,
- In the USA, the work and ongoing cooperation related to social media threats.

The Group recalls that national platforms needing specific technical assistance are invited to contact the Secretariat.

6. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Advisory Group adopted the strategic framework document and invited the Working Group “Links (partnerships)” to advance on the definition of a shared vision with possible partners.

Concerning Erasmus+ projects, the Group invited interested delegations to liaise with the Secretariat to identify existing projects where the input of the Macolin community would be beneficial and explore the drafting of future project proposals.

The Group regretted the incomplete content of the first version of the draft accountability report prepared by the G20 presidency of Indonesia. It obtained confirmation from Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA that their engagement in the work of the GoC must be indicated in table 11 of the report.

The Group instructed the Secretariat to share this information with the G20 presidency of Indonesia.

7. NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORTS (MARS)

The Advisory Group welcomed the information from Eric Bisschop (Deputy Federal Prosecutor, Belgium) and strongly supported establishing the network. It looks forward to cooperating notably in raising awareness on the typology of manipulations and performance analysis.

8. SPORT INTEGRITY AGENCIES

The Advisory Group noted of the presentation by Jorge Leyva (iNado) and the Finnish National Platform (FINCIS). It looks forward to continuing the dialogue through the “Links” Working Group.

9. ALERTS SYSTEM

The Advisory Group confirmed the importance of sharing alerts in the fight against the manipulation of sports competition and the need to revitalise this exchange, allowing all participating countries access the platform and feed it with alerts, as appropriate.

It instructed the Secretariat to develop an onboarding procedure for the GoC to ensure that any new participating country is informed and enabled to use the system.

10. SHARING GOOD PRACTICES

The Advisory Group thanked the Netherlands and Swedish delegations for sharing relevant cases, a valuable exercise to be repeated at future meetings.

11. COORDINATION AND MONITORING OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The Advisory Group noted the contribution of the national platforms in the monitoring of UEFA WEURO and the forthcoming World Cup in Qatar. In this respect, it decided on the composition of GoC national coordinators contributing to the monitoring exercise.

12. FLAGS PROJECT

The Advisory Group noted the results of the FLAGS project. Highlighting the value of the initiative, it agreed to stand ready to contribute to any future similar project.

13. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS’ MANIPULATION TOGETHER

The Advisory Group recalled its support to the ACT project, which enabled it to promote the Convention and its implementation. It took note of the Chair’s proposal to seek financial help from national delegations in the form of a fundraising letter to be sent to GoC participating countries.

14. TYPOLOGY OF MANIPULATIONS

The Advisory Group noted the presentation by Lorraine Pearman on the revised methodological framework and interactive tool. It invited the Working Group to define future next steps, including cooperation with the MARS network.

15. SPORT PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The Advisory group agreed to publish the group's final report and forward it to the MARS network.

16. WHISTLEBLOWING AND REPORTING

The Advisory Group noted the update of the Cyprus national platform of the MotivAction project, which aims to motivate athletes, referees and coaches, when asked to fix a match, to report it to their national platform.

17. ESPORTS

The Advisory Group noted the presentation by Tom Mace (Sportradar) and the case study by the Finnish National Platform. It invited the Working Group “Esports” to explore this subject further.

18. ALLEGED CASES OF CORRUPTION IN SPORT

The Advisory Group noted of the presentation by Stefano Caneppele (UNIL, Université de Lausanne), presented the DACCS project on open-source sports corruption cases. It invited the Working Groups “Alerts” and “Typology” to liaise with the UNIL to explore further collaboration.

19. ACTION PLAN 2022-2025

The Advisory Group approved the Action Plan 2022-2025 and the corresponding setting up of various Working Groups:

- Upgrading National Platforms (UP NPs) – interest of Belgium, Finland, Portugal and France;
- Partnerships (Links) – interest of Cyprus, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, and USA;
- International event monitoring – interest of Denmark; France, Malta, Portugal, United Kingdom and USA;
- Alerts follow-up – interest of Denmark, France, Germany, Norway and Switzerland;
- Typology – interest of Belgium and Netherlands;
- Esports – interest of Finland, Netherlands, Malta, Morocco and Norway.

It tasked the concerned delegations to present draft mandates for adoption by written procedure to allow Working Groups to start functioning.

20. LOGBOOK 2.0

The Advisory Group thanked the French National Platform for this initiative and welcomed the presentation made by the FDJ representative.

21. ANNUAL REPORT

The Advisory Group confirmed the initial elements of the 2022 annual report and committed to contributing by sharing with the Secretariat any relevant information. The draft report will be shared with delegations early 2023.

22. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

The Advisory Group appreciated the letter – jointly signed by the Chairs of the Group of Copenhagen and the Follow-up Committee – sent to countries that have not signed/ratified the Convention. This letter triggered some concrete outcomes, such as the first representation of some countries in the GoC.

The Group noted the continuation of ratification processes for the Macolin Convention is underway in some countries such as Australia, France, Germany, the Netherlands or United Kingdom.

The Group also welcomed the signature of North Macedonia at the next ministerial conference to be held in Antalya.

23. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION

The Advisory Group noted Daniel Cooper's presentation on the model legal provisions and guidance document.

The Group agreed to continue working on transborder data flows in particular.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No specific matter was raised.

25. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Advisory Group took note of the proposed dates for its next meeting (week of 1 to 5 April 2023). It intended to hold the next meeting of its Bureau early November 2022.

26. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The Advisory Group adopted the present list of decisions.

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APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
AUSTRALIA	MULLALY	Darren	Deputy CEO – Strategy & International Engagement	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
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BULGARIA	KARO	Lorentso	Junior expert	Ministry of youth and sports
CROATIA	MILOŠ LONČAR	Klaudia	Head of Independent Sector-Chief sports inspector	Ministry of Tourism and Sport
CYPRUS	SOLOMOU	Costas	Head of National Sports Programs	Cyprus Sports Organization
DENMARK	RAVN	Kim	CEO	Anti-Doping Denmark
ESTONIA	NESTOR	Kaarel	Adviser in the Sports Department	Ministry of Culture
ESTONIA	ROOS	Kalle	Anti-Match-Fixing Coordinator	Estonian Center for Integrity in Sports
FINLAND	IKONEN	Jouko	Chief Investigative Officer	Finnish Center for Integrity in Sports (FINCIS)
FRANCE	CARTON	Amandine	Chargée de mission juridique	Ministère des Sports et des Jeux Olympiques et Paralympiques
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