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Group of Copenhagen



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## **Group of Copenhagen**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> meeting  
5-6 April 2022**

**List of Decisions**

## **1. WELCOMING BY THE CHAIR**

The Advisory Group expressed its support and solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their national representatives in the Group following the invasion by the Russian Federation.

## **2. 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.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Group confirmed that the observer status was granted to member states of the Council of Europe that have not signed the Macolin Convention yet, as well as to representatives of Canada, Liberia, Nepal, Spain and USA.

The Group recalled that any future request for observer status would be subject to the provisions of article 6 of the Rules of Procedure.

## **3. UPDATE BY THE SECRETARIAT & PARTICIPANTS**

### **Secretariat**

The Advisory Group welcomed Irena Guidikova, newly appointed Head of the Children's Rights and Sport Values Department, and Nicolas Saydé, Secretary of the Follow-up Committee and the Group of Copenhagen.

The Group took note of the Council of Europe strategic priorities for sport for the period 2022-2025.

The Group took note of the Follow-up Committee's (T-MC) contribution to the Committee of Ministers' reply to the Parliamentary Assembly's Recommendation 2021(2022) on "Football governance: business and values".

The Group agreed to coordinate a joint response to the consultation of the UNODC/IOC/Interpol on a draft Guide on the Investigation of the Manipulation of Sports Competitions and to ensure representation of the Group in the related meetings.

### **Participants**

The Advisory Group took note of the recent developments presented by participants. It welcomed the numerous initiatives and achievements in the development of legislation and public policy in many countries.

The Group noted that ratification processes for the Macolin Convention are underway in some countries such as Australia, France, the Netherlands and Spain.

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

The Group tasked the Secretariat to use the information shared during the meeting to update the Country fact sheets.

In light of current trends, the Group instructed the Secretariat to prepare a letter to be sent by the President to the authorities responsible for the manipulation of sports competitions in South American countries.

#### **4. ACTION PLAN 2022-2025**

The Group approved the draft structure of its Action Plan 2022-2025. It instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft final action plan to be examined at the next Bureau meeting before its adoption by the Group.

A call will be made to members of the Advisory Group to express interest in participating in the implementation of specific parts of the action plan.

#### **5. TYPOLOGY**

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by Lorraine Pearman on the latest work on Typology. It instructed the Secretariat to ensure that the revised Typology is presented at the next Bureau meeting for possible endorsement by the Group, before submitting it to the Follow-up Committee.

#### **6. MOTIVACTION**

The Advisory Group acknowledged the relevance for all the National Platforms of the MotivAction project, which aims to motivate athletes, referees and coaches, when approached to fix a match, to report it to their national platform. The findings of this project will be presented to all platforms for dissemination.

#### **7. E-SPORTS**

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by Robert Dingli on the status of E-sports and related betting.

The Group agreed to submit the report to the Follow-up Committee for information.

The Group decided that contact should be made with the Esports Integrity Commission (ESIC) to organise an exchange on competitions' manipulation.

## **8. COSMOS & OTHER ERASMUS+ PROJECTS**

The Advisory Group highlighted the relevance of the COSMOS project in relation to the work on the logbook and typology. The contribution from the Advisory Group is essential to make the final product as relevant as possible to the national platforms and the Group of Copenhagen.

The Group took note of the overview on the Erasmus+ projects developed in cooperation with national platforms, notably PROFS and underlined the role of the Group in supporting synergies and avoiding duplication of efforts.

## **9. COMBATING MATCH FIXING IN CLUB FOOTBALL NON-COMPETITIVE MATCHES**

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by Steve Menary on the findings of the Erasmus+ project on “Combating match fixing in football non-competitive matches”.

The Group agreed to point to the attention of the Follow-up Committee the relevance of this topic in light of Article 9.1.b of the Convention.

## **10. COORDINATION AND MONITORING OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SPORT COMPETITIONS**

The Advisory Group took note of the contribution of the national platforms in several exercises of coordination and monitoring of international competitions.

The Group agreed to set up the UEFA WEURO coordination Group and to liaise with FIFA to prepare the coordination and monitoring of the World Cup in Qatar.

The Group held an initial exchange of views on the format of such coordination exercises, underlining the importance of ensuring the independence of such coordination Groups and the benefits of table-top exercises. The Group suggested to work on a background paper explaining why independent monitoring is important and which key elements should be included in future major event monitoring.

The Group also agreed to create a working group to define the most appropriate approach for the monitoring of Paris 2024 Summer Games.

## **11. FLAGS**

The Advisory Group took note on the recent developments on the FLAGS project. The Group encourages the launch of new similar initiatives, including in other sports such as tennis.

**12. INFORMATION ON ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)**

The Advisory Group welcomed the upcoming launch of the new ACT cooperation project and took note of the call for financial support of this important project.

**13. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION**

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by Daniel Cooper on the preliminary overview of the findings of the survey on model legal provisions.

The Group instructed the Secretariat to ensure that draft model legal basis provisions are presented at the next Bureau meeting before being submitted for approval to the Follow-up Committee.

The Group agreed to continue working on data protection (transborder data flows and FAQ).

**14. UPDATE ON THE STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS**

The Advisory Group instructed the Secretariat to prepare a letter – to be jointly signed by the Chairs of the Group of Copenhagen and the Follow-up Committee – to countries that have not signed/ratified the Convention (with specific text for EU member States).

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No specific matter was raised.

**16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Advisory Group took note of the proposed dates for its next meeting (week of 17 to 22 October 2022). It intended to hold the next meeting of its Bureau early June 2022.

**17. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

The Advisory Group adopted the present list of decisions.

## **APPENDIX I – AGENDA**

### **I. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. WELCOMING BY THE CHAIR
2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
3. UPDATE BY THE SECRETARIAT & PARTICIPANTS
4. ACTION PLAN 2022-2025

### **II. RESEARCH**

5. TYPOLOGY
6. MOTIVATION
7. E-SPORTS
8. COSMOS
9. COMBATING MATCH FIXING IN CLUB FOOTBALL NON-COMPETITIVE MATCHES

### **III. OPERATIONS**

10. COORDINATION AND MONITORING OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SPORT COMPETITIONS
11. FLAGS
12. INFORMATION ON ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

### **IV. CAPACITY BUILDING**

13. INFORMATION SHARING AND DATA PROTECTION

### **V. SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE**

14. UPDATE ON THE STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

### **VI. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
17. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

## APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

### MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
AUSTRALIA	LAVERTY	Michael	Director of Investigations	Sport Integrity Australia
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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)
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