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4th Meeting of the Group of Copenhagen (GoC)

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

4-5 April 2023

List of Decisions

I. OPENING

1. WELCOME

The Advisory Group welcomed the first participation of representatives of Türkiye as members of the Group, and of Algeria as guest participants. It warmly thanked the Ukrainian delegation for its presence online, expressing its solidarity with the people of Ukraine. It also expressed solidarity with the people in Türkiye who suffered from the recent earthquake.

The Advisory Group paid tribute to Eric Bisschop, Deputy Federal Prosecutor of Belgium who was a key driving force in the fight against the manipulation of sport competitions. Finally, the Advisory Group wished a full and prompt recovery to Nicolas Saydé, Head of the Macolin Secretariat.

2. AGENDA

The Advisory Group adopted the meeting agenda as attached in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II, with a total of 87 participants from 37 countries and representing other stakeholders.

The Advisory Group welcomed that, in accordance with the rules of procedure, the afternoon session of 5 April is open to invited partners.

3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEVEL

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

- ✓ **4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe**, 16-17 May 2023, in Reykjavik, Iceland, and the preparation of the subsequent programme of activities for 2024-2027
- ✓ The adoption of two resolutions by the **Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for sport** (25-27 October, Antalya, Türkiye)
- ✓ The review exercise of the work of the Sport Division and the forthcoming availability of the results.

II. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

The Advisory Group took note of the rich and varied developments presented by the participants from over 30 countries.

5. PARTNERSHIPS

The Advisory Group took note of the ongoing work and adopted the terms of reference of the Working Group (see Appendix [T-MC/GOC\(2023\)1](#)) after having added a deliverable regarding the mapping of Erasmus+ projects and other research in the field.

The representatives of Bulgaria and Luxemburg were invited to join this Working Group.

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

The Advisory Group took note of the information provided by Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux, French Deputy Prosecutor representing the Network, regarding the webinar on “Beyond the odds: Navigating the evolving landscape of sports betting” held on 3 March 2023 and the organisation of the 2023 annual meeting of the MARS to be held in Paris on 18/19 September (TBC).

The Advisory Group highlighted the importance of close cooperation with MARS, in particular in respect of the work of the Working Group on alerts.

7. NETWORK OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNITS (FIU) – THE EGMONT GROUP

The Advisory Group took note of the information provided by Chiel Warners and welcomed the participation at its next meeting of representatives of the Egmont Group. It welcomed any the sharing of examples of collaboration between National Platforms and FIUs before the next meeting to incorporate them in the presentation to be given.

III. DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION

8. ALERTS

The Advisory Group took note of the ongoing work and adopted the terms of reference of the Working Group (see Appendix [T-MC/GOC\(2023\)2](#)). A first tabletop exercise will be held on 21 April 2023 and a total of 11 countries confirmed participation in it.

9. SHARING BEST PRACTICES

The Advisory Group took note of two presentations of best practices as follows:

- Presentation of a case study by Severin Moritzer from Play Fair Code, Austria, which the Advisory Group proposed to include in the 2022 annual activity report;
- Presentation of “Best Practice for Requesting Betting Operator Data”, by Jack Byrne, IBIA. The Working Group encouraged National Platforms to sign Memoranda of Understanding aimed at facilitating access to instrumental information held by betting operators.

10. MONITORING OF INTERNATIONAL SPORT COMPETITIONS

The Advisory Group took note of the ongoing work and adopted the terms of reference of the Working Group (see Appendix [T-MC/GOC\(2023\)3](#)) inviting countries hosting international sport competitions to join the Group, which will notably be the case for France and Germany. It also invited the National Platforms to share with the Working Group information on any competitions they consider relevant to monitor.

IV. AWARENESS RAISING, EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

11. UPGRADING NATIONAL PLATFORMS

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by Christian Kalb on the findings of the self-evaluation questionnaire which was completed by 31 countries.

The Advisory Group adopted the terms of reference of the Working Group (see Appendix [T-MC-GOC\(2023\)4](#)) and underlined the need to support platforms in the reinforcement of their capacities, notably through technical assistance provided under ACT. It invited the Working Group to build on those findings to elaborate qualitative guidance.

12. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

The Advisory Group welcomed the update provided by the Secretariat on the implementation of ACT, notably the preparation of the first technical assistance mission to Morocco in May 2023. Further financial support will be instrumental for the sustainability of this action and all stakeholders were invited to consider providing extra-resources to the project.

V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW APPROACHES

13. ESPORTS

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by Ian Smith, ESIC, regarding the importance of addressing manipulation in the context of Esports.

The Advisory Group adopted the terms of reference of the Working Group (see Appendix [T-MC/GOC\(2023\)5](#)) underlining the operational nature of this work, mainly aimed at handling alerts.

14. WHISTLEBLOWING AND REPORTING

The Advisory Group took note of the update on the ongoing work of the Erasmus+ Sport EU funded MotivAction project provided by Pim Verschuuren from the University of Rennes.

The Advisory Group looks forward to the presentation of the results of the project and took note of the organisation of an international conference to be held in Warsaw on 13 December 2023.

15. ALLEGED CASES OF CORRUPTION IN SPORT

The Advisory Group took note of the following presentations:

- "The Database on Alleged Cases of Corruption in Sport: An Empirical Analysis of 2021 Findings", by Stefano Caneppele from the University of Lausanne;
- Overview of the NOCs' activation framework and IOC intelligence work, by Evangelos Alexandrakis and Aiden Yang from the Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions;
- COSMOS project by Chiel Warners.

The Advisory Group underlined the importance of the availability of such comparative data and called for facilitating access to it.

VI. INTERNAL ORGANISATION, COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

16. RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Advisory Group adopted the following amendment to its Rules of Procedure (highlighted in grey below) and urged participants to support where appropriate the ratification of the Convention by their national competent authorities.

Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure:

“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 in November 2021*) as sole membership of representatives of Parties to the Convention is foreseen eventually.”

*This period is extended for 18 months starting in April 2023, based on the decision adopted as an exceptional measure by the Advisory group at its 4th meeting.

17. ANNUAL REPORT

The Advisory Group tasked its Bureau to ensure the drafting of the 2022 activity report and agreed that regular (possibly quarterly) updates would be circulated to the Group.

VII. SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

18. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

The Advisory Group welcomed the recent ratification by Iceland, becoming the 8th Party to the Convention, and the signatures by North-Macedonia and Türkiye.

The Advisory Group took note of the forthcoming ratification announced by the representative of Morocco, as well as ongoing processes in Belgium, France and Spain.

19. FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

The Advisory Group took note of the update provided by Georgios Mavrotas (Chair of the Follow-Up Committee) regarding the forthcoming meeting of the Committee (9-10 May 2023, Paris) which will aim at holding the elections of the Bureau, reviewing the work on data protection and Responsible/ Reasonable betting as well as the outcomes of the monitoring exercise.

The Chair of the Follow-Up Committee invited participants to seize the opportunity of forthcoming ratifications announced to add to this important momentum.

VIII. CLOSING

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

21. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Advisory Group took note of the dates of its 5th meeting, to be held in Morocco on 7-8 November and followed by an ACT regional conference.

22. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The Advisory Group adopted the present list of decisions.

APPENDIX I – AGENDA

I. OPENING

1. WELCOME

- ✓ **For information** – Opening by Corentin SEGALEN, Chair

2. AGENDA

- ✓ **For adoption** – Agenda of the 4th meeting of the Group of Copenhagen

3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEVEL

- ✓ **For information** – Update by the Secretariat
- ✓ **For information** – List of decisions of the last meeting (17-18 October 2022) | [T-MC-GOC\(2022\)12](#)

II. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

- ✓ **For information** – Update by the participants on current trends and initiatives

5. PARTNERSHIPS

- ✓ **For information** – Update by the working group
- ✓ **For adoption** – Working group Terms of Reference | [T-MC/GOC\(2023\)1](#)

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

- ✓ **For information** – Update by Jean-Yves LOURGOUILLOUX, Deputy Prosecutor

7. NETWORK OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNITS (FIU) – THE EGMONT GROUP

- ✓ **For information**

III. DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION

8. ALERTS

- ✓ **For information** – Update by the working group
- ✓ **For adoption** – Working group Terms of Reference | [T-MC/GOC\(2023\)2](#)

9. SHARING BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ **For information** – Presentation of a case study by Severin MORITZER, Play Fair Code
- ✓ **For information** – Presentation of “Best Practice for Requesting Betting Operator Data”, by Jack BYRNE, IBIA

10. MONITORING OF INTERNATIONAL SPORT COMPETITIONS

- ✓ **For information** – Update by the working group
- ✓ **For adoption** – Working group Terms of Reference | [T-MC/GOC\(2023\)3](#)

IV. AWARENESS RAISING, EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

11. UPGRADING NATIONAL PLATFORMS

- ✓ **For reflection** – Presentation of preliminary results on the survey of national platforms, by Christian KALB (independent expert) and Corentin SEGALEN (Chair)
- ✓ **For information** – Update by the working group
- ✓ **For adoption** – Working group Terms of Reference | [T-MC-GOC\(2023\)4](#)

12. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

- ✓ **For information** – Update by the Secretariat

V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW APPROACHES

13. ESPORTS

- ✓ **For reflection** – Presentation of the situation today and recent developments, by Ian SMITH (Esports Integrity Commission)
- ✓ **For information** – Update by the working group
- ✓ **For adoption** – Working group Terms of Reference | [T-MC/GOC\(2023\)5](#)

14. WHISTLEBLOWING AND REPORTING

- ✓ **For information** – Update on the ongoing work of the MotivAction project, by Pim VERSCHUUREN (independent expert)

15. ALLEGED CASES OF CORRUPTION IN SPORT

- ✓ **For information**
 - Presentation “The Database on Alleged Cases of Corruption in Sport: An Empirical Analysis of 2021 Findings”, by Stefano CANEPPELE and Fiona LANGLOIS (University of Lausanne)
 - Overview of the NOCs' activation framework and IOC intelligence work, by Evangelos ALEXANDRAKIS and Aiden YANG (Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions)
 - Presentation of the COSMOS project by Chiel WARNERS (Vice-Chair)

VI. INTERNAL ORGANISATION, COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

16. RULES OF PROCEDURE

- ✓ **For reflection** – Reexamination of the membership of signatory countries after a period of 18 months | [T-MC-GOC\(2021\)RoP](#)

17. ANNUAL REPORT

- ✓ **For adoption** – Presentation of the annual report | *in preparation*

VII. SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

18. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

- ✓ **For information** – Chart of signatures and ratifications | [Treaty Office website](#)
- ✓ **For information** – Update by the participants on possible signatures or ratifications

19. FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

- ✓ **For information** – Exchange with Georgios MAVROTAS (Chair of the Follow-Up Committee)

VIII. CLOSING

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

21. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

22. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
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