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

8-9 November 2023

List of Decisions

I. OPENING

1. WELCOME

The Advisory Group thanked the Moroccan authorities for hosting this 5th meeting and their warm hospitality.

The Group welcomed the participation of 10 countries of the African continent, invited as guests for the open session: Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, and Uganda.

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 93 participants from 39 countries and representing other stakeholders.

The Advisory Group welcomed, in accordance with the rules of procedure, the open nature of the first session of the meeting (8 November) enabling the participation of invited partners.

3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEVEL

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

- ✓ **4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe**, 16-17 May 2023, in Reykjavik, Iceland, was an historical reaffirmation of their union around common values.
- ✓ The important work of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) in protecting sport integrity and formalising the **Network of Magistrates and Prosecutors responsible for Sports (MARS)**, which held its meeting on 18-19 September 2023 in Paris (France), with participation of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Sports, Olympic and Paralympic Games of France.
- ✓ The adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe of a **Declaration on sport integrity** (adopted on 27 September 2023) which notably stresses the importance of ratifying and implementing the Macolin Convention.

The Secretariat also presented the on-line free HELP course on sport and human rights, soon available in Arabic, French and Spanish.

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. A compilation of contributions will be sent to members and observers.

5. PARTNERSHIPS

The Advisory Group took note of the work undertaken by the Working Group in 2023 and welcomed the excellent collaboration with the sports sector, law enforcement agencies, betting operators, and other international institutions engaged in safeguarding the integrity of sport.

The Group decided to entrust its Bureau for any relevant follow-up.

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

The Advisory Group took note of the information provided by the Secretariat.

The Group highlighted the importance of each national platform working closely with prosecutors and invited each country, if not already done, to help identify a national point of contact in the public prosecutors' offices.

III. DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION

7. ALERTS

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by the French national platform and ULIS on the alerts logbook and highlighted the importance of this tool to better understand the phenomenon of manipulation.

The Group took note of the work undertaken by the Working Group in 2023 and the current results of the survey on alerts, presented by the Danish national platform. All the national platforms are invited to respond to the questionnaire before the end of the year.

The Group tasked the Working Group to submit Terms of Reference for 2024 before the end of this year. Additionally, it requested an analysis of the new IT platform's functionalities, specifically designed for exchanging alerts, to be presented at the next plenary meeting.

8. SHARING BEST PRACTICES

The Advisory Group took note with great interest of 4 presentations as follows:

- Presentation of a case study by the Estonian national platform on the "TT-Cup" table tennis competition and the exclusion of 5 players;
- Presentation by the Portuguese national platform on the biggest challenges to overcome and the landscape of sports betting;
- Presentation by the Swedish national platform on the limitation of sports betting supply;
- Presentation by the Slovakian national platform on the betting on cards, ghost matches, and fake investors in football.

9. MONITORING OF INTERNATIONAL SPORT COMPETITIONS

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by the external consultant, Chiel Warners, on the lessons learned from events monitored by the Group over the last two years.

The Group thanked the Maltese national platform for its presentation on the action plan and tasked the Working Group to submit Terms of Reference for 2024 before the end of the year.

IV. AWARENESS RAISING, EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

10. UPGRADING NATIONAL PLATFORMS

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by the external consultant, Christian Kalb, on the development of the national platforms.

The Group requested the Working Group to validate the 5-level framework and to submit Terms of Reference for 2024 before the end of this year.

11. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

The Advisory Group welcomed the development of a comprehensive education programme developed in close cooperation with UEFA.

Each national platforms are invited to express - before the end of the year - interest in participating in the training which is scheduled to take place at the end of the first quarter of 2024. Given the limited number of seats, each platform is invited to submit its application as soon as possible.

12. OPERATIONAL WORKSHOP IN COLLABORATION WITH INTERPOL AND THE IOC

The Advisory Group thanked INTERPOL and the IOC for organising a dedicated workshop for participants, which highlighted the importance of national cooperation in establishing platforms and of international cooperation across all continents.

The Group took note of the presentation by UNODC on the legal approaches to tackling the manipulation of sports competitions.

V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW APPROACHES

13. ESPORTS

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by the Maltese platform on the fundamentals of Esports and the Moroccan platform's overview of alerts since 2020, as well as the next steps proposed for the work to be carried out on this matter.

The Group tasked the Working Group to submit Terms of Reference for 2024 before the end of the year.

VI. INTERNAL ORGANISATION, COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

14. ELECTIONS

The Advisory Group elected (or re-elected) by acclamation:

- as Chair: Corentin Segalen, France
- as Vice-Chair: Darren Mullaly, Australia
- as Bureau Member: Christine Casteels, Belgium
- as Bureau Member: Natalia Chiriac, Republic of Moldova
- as Bureau Member: Maria Dimopoulou, Greece
- as Bureau Member: Kristian Johnsen Hjetland, Norway
- as Bureau Member: Nick Oliver, United Kingdom

15. ACTIVITY REPORT

The Advisory Group took note of the proposed activity report for the 2022-2023 period and requested each national platform to provide additions or modifications before the end of the year.

16. STRATEGIC WORKSHOP

The Advisory Group tasked its Bureau to develop a roadmap for 2024, based on the outcome of the roundtable organised in Rabat around the following two questions:

- What is the Group's vision for the next two years?
- What is the possible level of involvement of each national platform in the Group's activities during this period?

VII. SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

17. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

The Advisory Group welcomed the recent ratification by France, which has become the ninth State Party to the convention.

The Group took note of the positive developments announced, among others, by the representatives of Australia, Belgium, Morocco, the Netherlands, Spain, and Sweden.

18. FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

The Advisory Group took note of the update provided by Georgios Mavrotas, Chair of the Follow-Up Committee, regarding the 6th meeting of the Committee (9-10 May, Paris) in Paris and the upcoming meeting in Athens, scheduled for 29-30 November 2023 during the Sport Integrity Week. The main agenda items of this meeting are data protection, Responsible/Reasonable betting, as well as Anti-Money Laundering in sports betting.

The Chair of the Follow-Up Committee invited each member or observer country of the Advisory Group to sign and/or ratify the Convention, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2024. Several events will be organised to mark this occasion.

VIII. CLOSING

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair of the Advisory Group alerted participants about the problem of gambling addiction among professional athletes. Indeed, in England, France, and Italy, signs of an intensification of this problem have emerged in recent weeks. Major match-fixing scandals have notably shown that the gambling addiction of some athletes, referees, or coaches is often exploited by criminal networks to facilitate the manipulation of sports competitions.

Each national platform is invited to assess the situation in its country and to relay this information to the Secretariat, which will then contact the Pompidou Group (Council of Europe International Cooperation Group on Drugs and Addictions) for the organisation of a joint event on this theme.

20. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Advisory Group took note of the possible dates for its 6th meeting, scheduled for the end of May or beginning of June 2024.

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APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
AUSTRALIA	MULLALY	Darren	Head of International Relations, Strategic Policy and Intelligence	Sport Integrity Australia
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BELGIUM	REINENBERGH	Guy	National coordinator – Head Sports Fraud Team Belgium	Federal Police – Serious & Organised Crime Directorate (DJSOC) – Central Anti-Corruption Office (CDBC/OCRC)
BULGARIA	CHAPOV	Georgi	State expert and integrity specialist	Ministry of Youth and Sports
BULGARIA	KARO	Lorentso	Senior Expert at European Programmes, Projects and International Cooperation Directorate	Ministry of youth and sports
CYPRUS	SKORDIS	Stefanos	Lawyer	Commission of Ethics in Sports
DENMARK	PEDERSEN	Simon Hoerkjaer	Special adviser	Danish national platform
DENMARK	RUBAEK	Silje	Legal Manager	Anti-doping Denmark
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	BEGHIN	Antoine	Directeur de l'intégrité sportive	La Française des Jeux (FDJ)
FRANCE	SEGALEN	Corentin	Coordinator French National Policy	National Gaming Authority (ANJ)
GERMANY	WELLMAN	Lothar	Policy Officer	Ministry of Interior / NP Germany
GREECE	DIMOPOULOU	Maria	Head of the Security and Administrative Sanctions Division	Greek National Platform, Hellenic Gaming Commission (HGC)
GREECE	KARAMANLAKI	Fotini	Single Point of Contact with IOC	Hellenic Olympic Committee
GREECE	MAVROTAS	Georgios	Secretary General of Sport	Ministry of Culture and Sport, Head of the Greek National Platform
HUNGARY	LISZKAI	Roland	Head of Unit	State Secretariat for Sport
ITALY	MAURELLIO	Silvia	Analyst of Games Control Office	Customs and Monopolies Agency
ITALY	TURCHI	Luca	Games Control Office Manager	Customs and Monopolies Agency
LITHUANIA	KOVALENKA	Aleksandras	Manager	Lithuanian Antidoping Agency
LUXEMBOURG	HUSTING	Alexandre	Conseiller Affaires Internationales et Européennes	Ministry of Sports
MOROCCO	ACHERKI	Abdelmonaim	Head of Department	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans Residing Abroad
MOROCCO	ANOUAR	Inrhaoun	Authority Agent	Ministry of the Interior

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
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MOROCCO	EL AKARI	Abderrazak	Director of Sport	Ministry of Education, Extracurricular Activities and Sport
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MOROCCO	NAILI	Khalid	Project manager	La Marocaine des Jeux et des Sports
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NORWAY	TYSSE	Eirik Haugen	Coordinator of the National Platform	Norwegian Gambling Authority
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PORTUGAL	ESPINHO	Maria	Senior Gambling Inspector	Tourism of Portugal, SRIJ (online sports betting regulator)
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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	MUNTEAN	Victor	Prosecutor	Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office of Republic of Republic of Moldova
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UKRAINE	RADCHUK	Nataliia	Head of Department of International Cooperation and European Integration	Ministry of Youth and Sports
UNITED KINGDOM	OLIVER	Nick	Intelligence Manager (Betting Integrity)	Gambling Commission

OBSERVERS

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SPAIN	CALVETE SARASA	David	Head of gambling	National Police
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SPAIN	PEREZ	Oscar	Inspector	Spanish National Police/ Gambling Control Service
SPAIN	RODRIGUEZ	Raul	Director of the Legal Department	High Council of Sport
SWEDEN	BERGMAN	Daniel	Investigator	Swedish Gambling Authority
SWEDEN	WAHLBERG	Samuel	Coordinator Against Match-Fixing	Swedish Gambling Authority
USA	QUIROGA	Beto	Supervisory Special Agent	FBI

INVITED COUNTRIES (OPEN SESSION)

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
CAMEROON	ABDOUN NASSIR		Ethics Committee Focal Point	Cameroon National Olympic and Sports Committee
CAMEROON	NDEMA	Rémi Aimé	Director of Public Safety	General Delegation for National Security
CAMEROON	ISSANDA	Alain Salomon	Director of Political Affairs	Ministry of Territorial Administration
EGYPT	Elerian	Sharif	Secretary General / vice President	Egyptian Olympic Committee
EGYPT	FANOUS	Merit	Egyptian Equestrian Federation Board Member	Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation
EGYPT	Khawar	Jawid	High Performance Analyst	Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation
YVORY COAST	FOFANA	Nah Aminatah	Executive Director	National Olympic Committee of Côte d'Ivoire (NOC-CIV)
GHANA	AZANU	Prince Emekor	Operations Officer, National Anti-doping Committee	Ministry of Youth and Sports
GHANA	ADDO-YOBO	Juliana	Legal member, National Anti-doping Committee	Ministry of Youth and Sports
GHANA	KWAKYE	Patrick	Investigator	Gaming Commission
GHANA	OTU	Frederick Lartey	2nd Vice President	Ghana Olympic Committee
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TUNISIA	HAMDI	Abdelkader	Information Systems Director	Promosport company
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TUNISIA	ZRIBI	Akram	Lawyer and Chair of the Conseil National d'Arbitrage Sportif CNAS	National Olympic Committee
UGANDA	RUKARE	Donald	Chair	National Olympic Committee

INVITED (OPEN SESSION)

SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION/ ORGANISATION
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MAILLET	Gilles	Chair	ULIS
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COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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LAHMIL	Noufissa	07-08-09 November
ZELLOU	Aziz	07-08-09 November