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Manipulation of Sports Competitions  
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## **6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group of Copenhagen (GoC)**

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

**23 May 2024**

**List of Decisions**

## **I. OPENING**

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### **1. WELCOME**

The President welcomed the participants to this 6th meeting which marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Macolin convention, in this symbolic place that is the Macolin National Sports Centre. He thanked the Swiss authorities for hosting the meeting on this important occasion and for their kind hospitality.

The Group expressed its heartfelt support and condolences to one of its members.

### **2. AGENDA**

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

### **3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE LEVEL**

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

- ✓ The adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the 2024-2027 Programme and Budget of the Council of Europe.
- ✓ The Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (“Register of Damage for Ukraine” or “RD4U”) which has been accepting claims since April 2024.
- ✓ The celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe and the related Ministerial conference (17 May 2024).

## **II. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

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### **4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL**

The Advisory Group took note of developments presented by the participants, including the new webpage of the Spanish national platform with the possibility to report suspected match manipulation, the formal creation of the national platform in Morocco and Malta, and the revision of the penal code in Australia and Ukraine.

### **5. NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORTS (MARS)**

The Advisory Group took note of the information provided on the development of country profiles on national judicial systems and the content of the next annual meeting, which will be held on June 18-19 at INTERPOL headquarters.

## **III. DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION**

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### **6. ALERTS**

The Advisory Group took note of the work undertaken by the Working Group in 2024.

The Advisory Group encouraged the working group on the new application for alert exchanges and on the project to combat the manipulation of friendly matches.

## **7. SHARING BEST PRACTICES**

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

- Presentation of a case study by Spain on the Mursal operation;
- Presentation of the new regulatory framework by Denmark;
- Presentation of a sports integrity workshop for journalists by Slovakia;
- Presentation of the MotivAction project by France; this project aims to encourage athletes, referees, and coaches to report any attempts of approaches by sports competition manipulators to their platform.

## **8. MONITORING OF INTERNATIONAL SPORT COMPETITIONS**

The Advisory group took note of the work undertaken by the Working Group in 2024. It encouraged the group to continue its analysis to fully understand who has access to which data and what processes are in place to obtain them.

The Advisory Group welcomed the cooperation with UEFA and the IOC for the upcoming Euro football tournament in Germany and the next Olympic Games organised in France.

## **IV. AWARENESS RAISING, EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

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### **9. UPGRADING NATIONAL PLATFORMS**

The Advisory group took note of the work undertaken by the Working Group in 2024.

The Group took note of the presentation by the external consultant, Christian Kalb, on the results of the self-assessment of national platforms in 2024.

The Group invited the platforms to respond to the survey if this had not been done. It asked to review the methodology for next year to improve the quality of the responses.

### **10. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)**

The Advisory Group thanked Norway and the FDJ for their additional contribution at the beginning of 2024. It invited other countries to do the same.

The Group welcomed the outcomes of the training program developed in cooperation with UEFA in March 2024 and the organisation of the ACT conference in Buenos Aires in April 2024.

## **V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW APPROACHES**

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### **11. ESPORTS**

The Advisory Group took note of the work undertaken by the Working Group in 2024. It encourages the working group to continue working on the list of integrity criteria for betting offers for Esports competitions.

## **VI. INTERNAL ORGANISATION, COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY**

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### **12. ELECTIONS**

The Advisory Group elected by acclamation:

- as Bureau Member: Simon Pedersen (Denmark)
- as Bureau Member: Kornelija Tiesnesyte (Lithuania)

### **13. ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Advisory Group invited national platforms to share the communication regarding the publication of the activity report 2022-2023. All translated versions can be posted on the Council of Europe website, on the Group of Copenhagen page.

### **14. CREATION OF A NEW WORKING GROUP**

The Advisory Group welcomed the proposal by Estonia to create a new working group "GROUND" focusing on sports, athletes, staff, and referees.

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

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### **15. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS**

The Advisory Group took note of the information provided by the Secretariat and welcomed the announced upcoming ratifications by a number of countries such as Lithuania, Spain and Belgium.

### **16. FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE**

The Advisory Group took note of the update provided by Georgios Mavrotas, Chair of the Follow-Up Committee, regarding the 8th meeting of the Committee (22 May) in Macolin. The main agenda items of this meeting were the monitoring of the Convention, data protection, reasonable betting, illegal betting and Anti-Money Laundering in sports betting.

## **VIII. CLOSING**

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### **17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **18. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Advisory Group took note of the date of its 7th meeting scheduled for November 15, 2024, in Strasbourg.

The meeting will be preceded by a conference on the topic "Follow the Money in sports manipulation" on November 14, 2024.

### **19. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

## **APPENDIX I – AGENDA**

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## APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

### MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
AUSTRALIA	WHYBROW	Jason	Director, Sports Wagering and Competition Manipulation	Sport Integrity Australia
AUSTRIA	SCHWARZENBACHER	Franz	Head of Integrity in Sports Unit	Federal Police of Austria
AUSTRIA	STUMVOLL	Daniel	Policy Advisor	Ministry for Arts, Culture, Civil Service and Sport
BELGIUM	CASTEELS	Christine	Senior Policy Advisor, Sports Fraud Team <b>Bureau member of the GoC</b>	Belgian Federal Judicial Police
BELGIUM	REINENBERGH	Guy	National coordinator – Head Sports Fraud Team Belgium	Federal Police – Serious & Organised Crime Directorate (DJSOC) – Central Anti-Corruption Office (CDBC/OCRC)
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 Hørkjær	Special adviser	Danish national platform
DENMARK	VOSS	Søren	Head of Intelligence and investigation	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)
FINLAND	JAPISSON	Teemu	Secretary general	Finnish Center for Integrity in Sports (FINCIS)
FRANCE	BORDES	Lionel	Lead Investigator for Sports and Horse Betting – Deputy Head of Combating the Manipulation of Sports Competitions	National Gaming Authority (ANJ)
FRANCE	CARTON	Amandine	Legal expert in charge of sports integrity	Ministry of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games
FRANCE	SEGALEN	Corentin	Coordinator French National Policy <b>Chair of the GoC</b>	National Gaming Authority (ANJ)

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
GERMANY	WELLMAN	Lothar	Policy Officer	Ministry of Interior
GERMANY	MÜLLER-ÖLTZ	Robert	Advisor	German Gambling Authority
GREECE	DIMOPOULOU	Maria	Head of the Security and Administrative Sanctions Division <b>Bureau member of the GoC</b>	Hellenic Gaming Commission (HGC)
GREECE	KARAMANLAKI	Fotini	Executive Assistant, Ethics, Integrity & Compliance Commission	Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC)
GREECE	KERAMARIS	Vasileios	Legal Advisor	General Secretariat of Sport
GREECE	MAVROTAS	Georgios	Secretary General of Sport Chair of the T-MC Committee	Ministry of Culture and Sport
HUNGARY	LISZKAI	Roland	Head of Unit	State Secretariat for Sport
ITALY	CARLETTI	Andrea	Official of the Department for Sport	Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for Sport
ITALY	MATTIA	Costanzo	Official of Games Control Office	Customs and Monopolies Agency (ADM)
ITALY	NAPOLEONI	Luca	UISS Secretariat	Ministry of the Interior
LATVIA	UNGURS	JANIS	Director of the Legal department	Lotteries and Gambling Supervisory Inspectorate
LITHUANIA	TIESNESYTE	Kornelija	Advisor	Lithuanian Antidoping Agency
MOROCCO	NAILI	Khalid	Project manager	La Marocaine des Jeux et des Sports
NETHERLANDS	GEERS	Mark	Project manager	Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport
NETHERLANDS	WASSENAAR	Bart	Investigation Officer Sportcorruption	Fiscal Information and Investigation Service (FIOD)
NORWAY	TYSSE	Eirik Haugen	Coordinator of the National Platform	Norwegian Gambling Authority
POLAND	JANUS	Henryk	Main Expert Legal Department	Ministry of Sport and Tourism
POLAND	GILARSKI	Adam	Disciplinary Spokesman	Polish Football Association
PORTUGAL	ALMEIDA	João	General director	Olympic Committee
PORTUGAL	ESPINHO	Maria	Financial director	Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa - Department of Games
PORTUGAL	FIGUEIREDO	Esperança	Director	Gambling Regulation and Inspection Service
PORTUGAL	RIBEIRO	Luís	Police Chief Inspector	PJ (portuguese criminal police)
PORTUGAL	SOARES	Rute	Director Integrity and Compliance Unit	Portuguese Football Federation
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	ARTIOM	Juciov	General director	National Anti-Doping Organisation
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	CAVOJ	Jakub	Integrity Officer	Slovak Football Association



COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
SLOVENIA	VEROVNIK	Zoran	Secretary for International Affairs	Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
SWITZERLAND	TONDURY	Andri	Jurist	Swiss Gambling Supervisory Authority
SWITZERLAND	EICHENBERGER	Patrik	Coordinator National Platform; Deputy Director	Swiss Gambling Supervisory Authority
SWITZERLAND	RAUCH	Wilhelm	Head of strategic legal services	Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports, Federal Office of Sport
UKRAINE	PEREVEZENTSEV	Oleksiy	First Vice-President	National Olympic Committee of Ukraine
UKRAINE	POLUBINSKYI	Denys	Expert in Anti-Corruption in Sports	Ministry of Youth and Sports
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) <i>Bureau member of the GoC</i>	Gambling Commission

## OBSERVERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
CANADA	EAST	Jocelyn	Manager international, safety and integrity in sport	Canadian government/Sport Canada
CANADA	GRANT	Scott	Manager, Competition Manipulation	Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport
CZECH REPUBLIC	FIBEK	Tomas	Senior Officer	National Sports Agency
MALTA	ABDILLA ZERAFA	Antonio	Head – Financial Crime Compliance	Malta Gaming Authority
MALTA	BUSUTTIL	Luciano	Chief Executive Officer	Authority for Integrity in Maltese Sport (AIMS)
MALTA	MUMFORD	Shaun	Sports Betting Integrity Analyst	Malta Gaming Authority
NEPAL	SOURSINGH	Lama	President	Inclusive Sports
SPAIN	JIMENEZ LUNA	Estela	Technical Advisor in the Directorate General for Gambling Regulation	Ministry of Social Rights, Consumer Affairs and 2030 Agenda
SPAIN	PEREZ PEÑA	Oscar	Inspector	Spanish National Police

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>
<b>SPAIN</b>	RODRIGUEZ PORRAS	Raúl	Director of the Legal Affairs Department High Council for Sports	Ministry of Culture and Sports
<b>SWEDEN</b>	BERGMAN	Daniel	Investigator	Swedish Gambling Authority
<b>SWEDEN</b>	WAHLBERG	Samuel	Coordinator Against Match-Fixing	Swedish Gambling Authority

### **INVITED (OPEN SESSION)**

<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>NOM DE FAMILLE</b>	<b>NOM</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC)</b>	ALEXANDRAKIS	Evangelos	NOCs Contact Manager, Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions
<b>INTERPOL</b>	BRAEKEVELD	Dieter	Police training Officer
<b>INTERPOL</b>	MARINELLI	Claudio	Criminal Intelligence Officer / Project Manager, Organized and Emerging Crime Directorate
<b>UEFA</b>	EICHENBERGER	Stephanie	Anti-Match-Fixing Expert
<b>UEFA</b>	VEN	Vincent	Head of Anti-Match-Fixing
<b>UNITED LOTTERIES FOR INTEGRITY IN SPORTS (ULIS)</b>	MAILLET	Gilles	President

### **INVITED EXPERT**

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>INSTITUTION/ ORGANISATION</b>
<b>KALB</b>	Christian	Director	CK Consulting

### **COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>KWASNY</b>	Sophie	Head of the Sport Division
<b>SAYDÉ</b>	Nicolas	Secretary of the Macolin Convention

### **INTERPRETERS**

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>JUNGLING</b>	Didier	22/05 and 23/05
<b>WORSDALE</b>	Clarissa	22/05 and 23/05