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7th Meeting of the Group of Copenhagen (GoC)

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

14-15 November 2024

List of Decisions

I. OPENING

1. WELCOME

The President welcomed the participants to this 7th meeting, which started with an open session on “Follow the Money” in the manipulation of sports competitions. This session was highly successful, bringing together nearly 80 participants both online and in person.

He congratulated the countries that had recently ratified the Convention: Belgium, Lithuania, and Spain.

He warmly welcomed Nigeria as an observer to this meeting.

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

- ✓ The event marking the 10th anniversary of the Macolin Convention organised prior to the 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (8-10 October) and the adoption of a Resolution on “Collaborative governing and good governance in sport: supporting a fresh approach to match its societal importance”.
- ✓ The setting-up of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, which was launched on the occasion of the conference on promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport (Athens, 4-5 November) jointly organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Hellenic Parliament.
- ✓ The election of the new Secretary General, Alain Berset, who took up his duties on 18 September 2024.
- ✓ The transfer of the Sport Division from the Directorate General on Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII) to the Directorate General on Human Rights and the Rule of Law (DGI).

II. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

The Advisory Group took note of developments presented by the participants.

5. SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC

The French platform thanked the national platforms for their support and commitment in monitoring the Olympic events. Indeed, 24 platforms shared this task with great professionalism.

The Advisory Group took note of the results and recommendations made by the French platform for future major international sporting events.

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

The Advisory Group took note of the results of the annual meeting, which was held on 18 and 19 June at INTERPOL headquarters in Lyon.

III. DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION

7. ALERTS

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

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

8. MONITORING OF INTERNATIONAL SPORT COMPETITIONS

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

The Group took note of the results of the survey aimed at identifying who has access to which data and processes in place to obtain it. It welcomed the significant progress made by many platforms in this area.

The Group decided to place the following major competitions under surveillance:

- ✓ Men's Handball World Championship, from 14 January to 2 February 2025 (Norway, Denmark, and Croatia);
- ✓ UEFA Women's Euro 2025, in Switzerland, from 2 to 27 July 2025;
- ✓ E-sports World Cup, in Saudi Arabia, in July and August 2025;
- ✓ Men's European Basketball Championship 2025, from 27 August to 14 September (Latvia, Cyprus, Finland, and Poland);
- ✓ UFC: Conor McGregor vs Michael Chandler (date to be defined);
- ✓ Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Morocco 2025, from 21 December 2025 to 18 January 2026.

IV. AWARENESS RAISING, EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

9. UPGRADING NATIONAL PLATFORMS

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

The Group invited members to express their interest in participating in a training of trainers for the implementation of missions under the ACT framework.

The Group invited all new coordinators to contact the secretariat if they wished to receive online training accompanied by a tabletop exercise.

10. GROUND

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

The Group approved the terms of reference of this new Working Group.

11. ACT PROJECT (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

The Advisory Group welcomed the announcement of a further financial support for ACT to be provided by Switzerland. It invited other countries and organisations to provide such a financial support, even with modest amounts

It took note of the possible organisation of the project's closing event in Canada during the first half of 2025. It welcomed the preparation and launch of the ACTII project, which is essential for the effective implementation of the Convention.

V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW APPROACHES

12. ESPORTS

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

It encouraged the Working Group to continue working on the list of integrity criteria for betting offers for Esports competitions.

The Group also decided to submit to the Follow-up Committee a request to consider the opportunity of including ESports competitions within the scope of the Convention (see the [list of sport organisations](#) as adopted by the Follow-up Committee in 2021) and in the context of the specific Olympic Games to be held in 2025.

13. MOTIVACTION

The Advisory Group took note of the final results of this project aimed at improving the reporting of manipulations by athletes, referees, and coaches. It invited national platforms to participate in the closing event, which was held on Friday, 13 December, in Paris.

14. COSMOS

The Advisory Group took note of the final results of the project ([website](#)).

15. FOLLOW THE MONEY

The Advisory Group thanked all participants in the open session and invited the national platforms to contribute to the finalisation of conclusions and next steps.

VI. INTERNAL ORGANISATION, COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

16. RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Advisory Group took note of the resignation of the Vice-President and decided of a status quo of the composition of the current bureau.

During the elections that will take place at the end of 2025, countries that will not have ratified within the 18 months stipulated in the Rules of Procedure will no longer be considered as members and thus eligible.

Only members of the Group will be entitled to submit candidacies for the positions of President, Vice-President, or bureau member.

VII. SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

17. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

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

18. FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

The Advisory Group took note of the update provided by Georgios Mavrotas, Chair of the Follow-Up Committee, regarding the 9th meeting of the Committee (7 October) in Porto.

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

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Advisory Group took note of the options for the date of its 8th meeting scheduled between April and June 2025.

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APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
AUSTRALIA	MCCANN	Luke	Deputy CEO Corporate	Sport Intergity Australia
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BULGARIA	CHAPOV	Georgi	State expert	Ministry of youth and sports
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CYPRUS	SKORDIS	Stefanos	Lawyer	Commission of Ethics in Sports
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DENMARK	PEDERSEN	Simon Hørkjær	Special adviser	Danish Gambling Authority
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ESTONIA	ROOS	Kalle	Anti-match-fixing coordinator	Estonian Center for Integrity in Sports
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FRANCE	BOYER	Joanna	Project Officer	Ministry of Sports, Youth, and Community Life
FRANCE	CARTON	Amandine	Legal expert in charge of sports integrity	Ministry of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games

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GREECE	KERAMARIS	Vasileios	Legal Advisor	General Secretariat of Sport
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