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## **8<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)**

**19-20 June 2025**

**List of Decisions**

## **I. OPENING**

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### **1. WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed participants to the 8th meeting, which began with an open session on 19 June entitled: “One Step Ahead: improving the detection, investigation and sanctioning of the manipulation of sports competitions.”

He warmly welcomed the representatives of stakeholders from Japan, Türkiye and Croatia for their participation.

### **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.

## **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.

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

The Advisory Group took note of the information provided by the EPAS Secretariat regarding the next plenary meeting, to be held in Strasbourg on 1 and 2 July 2025 which will notably include an extended session with the participation of representatives of sport organisations.

It invited each EPAS member state to ensure that a prosecutor from their respective country takes part in the work of the network as member, as well as other countries which are not members of EPAS as observing participants.

## **III. DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION**

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### **6. ALERTS**

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

The Group encouraged the Working Group to continue working on monitoring alerts, developing the new application for alert exchange, and advancing the pilot project to combat the manipulation of friendly matches.

The Chair reminded participants of the importance of sharing alerts using the existing system.

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

The Advisory Group took note of the work carried out by the Working Group. It highlighted the good cooperation with UEFA regarding the monitoring of the Women's Euro taking place in

Switzerland. It emphasised the need to set up similar oversight for the forthcoming Africa Cup of Nations, to be hosted by Morocco later this year, and urged the platforms to state whether they are willing to help several participating countries in establishing their own national monitoring platforms.

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

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##### **8. 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 project.

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

##### **9. GROUND**

The Advisory Group took note of the work undertaken by the Working Group, as well as the questionnaire that has been developed. The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport has agreed to Chair this Working Group.

The Chair warmly thanked the representative of the Estonian National Platform, Kalle Roos for his unwavering support in the implementation of the Convention. He wished him every success in his new endeavours.

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

The Advisory Group welcomed the announcement of a further financial support for the ACT project to be provided by Switzerland.

It encouraged other countries and organisations to offer similar support, even on a modest scale.

The Chair recalled the example of the French platform, which contributed €120 000 by dividing the amount among four of its members: the Ministry of Sport, the National Lottery, the CNOSF and the gambling regulator.

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

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##### **11. ESPORTS**

The Advisory Group noted the forthcoming finalisation of the report on match-fixing in esports, which includes a set of integrity criteria for betting markets on esports competitions.

It also took note of Khalid Naili's departure for new ventures and appointed Shaun Mumford as the coordinator of this Working Group, with a much more operational remit.

The Group also decided to submit to the Follow-up Committee a request to consider the opportunity to review the [list of sport organisations](#) as adopted by the Follow-up Committee in 2021, and possibly to include other competitions in the scope of the Convention.

## **12. ADDICTION**

The Advisory Group took note of the initiatives undertaken in the field of athletes' addiction to sports betting as a tool to prevent manipulation of sports competitions.

The Group took note of the closing meeting of the FBPA (Football Players Betting Addiction) project, carried out in collaboration with the Sport Division and the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, which was scheduled to take place in Athens on 30 June.

In this context, the Group recalled that the draft APES Strategy 2026-2027 is currently being drawn up, and that it is expected to build on the work already undertaken by APES to prevent and treat sports-betting addiction—work exemplified by the parliamentary hearing on the subject held on 25 June 2024 in Strasbourg.

It underlined the importance of this issue in the context of combating the manipulation of sports competitions and called on all stakeholders to take measures to address this phenomenon.

## **13. IMPROVING DETECTION, INVESTIGATION AND SANCTIONING**

The Advisory Group welcomed the successful conduct of the open session held on 19 June, hosted by the French National Assembly in Paris. The conference brought together some 83 participants—representatives of national platforms, regulatory authorities, the sports world, betting operators, data companies and investigative journalists—thereby fostering rich and constructive exchanges.

The morning session focused on reviewing the progress made over the past ten years in the fight against manipulation. The afternoon was dedicated to future perspectives, drawing inspiration from innovative approaches implemented in other sectors.

The open session shed light on how artificial intelligence is influencing the fight against manipulation and the ways in which criminals are exploiting it.

The Advisory Group expressed its deep gratitude to the National Assembly for its warm welcome and the excellent organisation of the day, both of which were essential to the success of the conference.

The next day, on 20 June, the Group proposed the creation of an 18-month working group on artificial intelligence and manipulation. It instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft mandate and submit it to the Advisory for possible adoption by written procedure.

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

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### **14. RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The Advisory Group noted that elections would be held at the December plenary. The Chair reminded members that, having reached the end of his second two-year term, he was not eligible for re-election, and he invited the coordinators to put themselves forward for the posts of Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau member.

The Secretariat recalled that countries which had not ratified within the 18-month period set out in the Rules of Procedure would no longer be considered members and, as a result, would no longer be eligible.

Only members of the Group were entitled to submit nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Bureau member.

## **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 the participants. It welcomed the ratification of the Convention announced by San Marino, reaching a total of 15 Parties.

It recalled that one of the strategic objectives was to connect all five continents within a shared legal space for cooperation. It also invited Australia and Morocco to finalise accession steps.

The Group noted the interest expressed by several countries, in particular Brazil, Japan and Tunisia.

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

The Advisory Group took note of the update provided by Georgios Mavrotas, Chair of the Follow-Up Committee, regarding the 10th meeting of the Committee (22 May) in Nyon.

The main items on the agenda of this meeting were the monitoring of the Convention, data protection, reasonable betting, illegal betting and anti-money laundering in sports betting, athletes' addiction to sports betting, and the criteria for accepting new observers.

## **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 9th meeting, to be held in Strasbourg on 3 and 4 December 2025.

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

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## APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

### MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
AUSTRALIA	WHITTOCK	Chris	Assistant Director, Sports Wagering and Competition Manipulation	Sport Integrity Australia
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CROATIA	CALIC	Slobodan	Head of Service – senior sports inspector	Ministry of Tourism and Sport
CYPRUS	IOANNOU	Christina	Academic	Committee of Ethics and Sport Safeguarding
CYPRUS	SKORDIS	Stefanos	Lawyer	Committee of Ethics and Sports Safeguarding
DENMARK	RUBAEK	Silje	Legal Manager	Anti-Doping Denmark
DENMARK	NIMAND HANSEN	Christina	Special Advisor	Danish Gambling Authority
ESTONIA	NESTOR	Kaarel	Adviser in the Sports Department	Ministry of Culture
ESTONIA	ROOS	Kalle	Anti-match-fixing coordinator	Estonian Center for Integrity in Sports
FINLAND	IKONEN	Jouko	Chief Investigative Officer	FINCIS Finnish Center for Integrity in Sports
FRANCE	CARTON	Amandine	Deputy Director of the Office of Ethics, Integrity and Preventive Policies	Ministry of Sports, Youth and Community Life
FRANCE	SEGALEN	Corentin	Chair of the GoC	Autorité Nationale des Jeux (ANJ)
FRANCE	BORDES	Lionel	Lead Investigator for Sports and Horse Betting	Autorité Nationale des Jeux (ANJ)
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GERMANY	WELLMANN	Lothar	Desk Officer	Federal Ministry of the Interior
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ITALY	COSTANZO	Mattia	Responsabile Match Fixing	Customs and Monopolies Agency
ITALY	PARRILLA	Antonio	Official of the Department for Sport	Department for Sport - Presidency of the Council of ministers
ITALY	GUGLIOTTA	Oscar Rosario	Official	Customs and Monopolies Agency

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<b>MOROCCO</b>	EL MECHRAFI	Mustapha Younes	CEO	La Marocaine Des Jeux et des Sports
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<b>NORWAY</b>	TYSSE	Eirik Haugen	Coordinator of the national platform / Senior Adviser	The Norwegian Gambling and Foundation Authority
<b>NORWAY</b>	STOKKE	Vegard Holmelid	Senior advisor	The Norwegian Gambling and Foundation Authority
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