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List of Decisions

At its tenth meeting, held in Monaco on 3-4 November 2026, the Committee on Safety and Security at Sports Events, of the Saint-Denis Convention (hereafter "T-S4" or "Committee"):

1. Adopted the agenda of the meeting as it appears in document T-S4(2026)34;

2. Welcomed the European Football Clubs (EFC) as new Observer to the Committee, as of 1 July 2026, for a term of 3 years, renewable;

3. Welcomed Andorra and San Marino as new signatory States;

4. Praised the organization of the Conference to celebrate of the 10th anniversary of the Saint-Denis Convention, which enabled to take stock of the achievements, challenges and perspectives for the second decade;

5. Invited delegations of Observer States to further promote the Convention at national level towards its ratification;

Legal Issues

6. Took note of the adoption of the T-S4 Recommendation (2026)2 on Essentials and Guidelines on strengthening the Safety and Service pillars of the Convention;

7. Took note of the current revision by the Advisory Group T-S4 LI of the draft report on sharing the costs of policing football matches in Europe;

8. Instructed the Advisory Group T-S4 LI to carry out the revision and update of Annexes A to C of the T-S4 Recommendation Rec (2021)1 on Safety, Security and Service, aiming at reinforcing the gender equality perspective, to be submitted to the Committee for adoption by written procedure within one month upon receipt;

9. Instructed the Advisory Group T-S4 LI to draft a new Recommendation on sharing the costs of policing football matches across Europe, to be submitted to the Committee in 2027;

10. Instructed the Advisory Group T-S4 LI to draft a new Recommendation on accessibility and inclusion, to be adopted by the Committee in 2027 by written procedure;

Monitoring

11. Took note that Germany submitted to the Committee, for adoption, an Action Plan and Situation Report on the state of implementation of the agreed recommendations;

12. Took note of the oral interim follow-up report presented by Greece;

13. Took note that Greece will consider inviting the Committee for a follow-up visit, late 2027, in accordance with the Guidelines on Monitoring;

14. Took note of the adoption of the Turkish Action Plan;

15. Took note of the adoption of the Bulgarian Action Plan;

16. Took note of the adoption of the full report of the monitoring visit to Hungary and that the draft Action Plan will soon be submitted for adoption by written procedure;

17. Took note that the full report of the monitoring visit to Portugal will soon be submitted for adoption by written procedure;

18. Took note that the monitoring visit was held to the United Kingdom last September, and thanked the British delegation for the professional and hospitable organisation of the visit;

19. Took note that Poland and Serbia will host visits in 2027;

20. Took note of the request by Sweden to anticipate the visit to the 2nd semester of 2028 and requested forthcoming host countries to formalise their request for such visits, in due time;

21. Took note of the drafting of the report on the “Biennial Monitoring Questionnaire on football seasons 2023/2024 – 2024/2025 and years 2024-2025”, which shall

be submitted late this year to the Committee for adoption by written procedure, within one month upon receipt;

22. Took note of the launch and analysis of the online questionnaire on good practices in the field of the Saint-Denis Convention, and that a collection will be published online and regularly updated, aiming at showcasing and replicating them;

International Cooperation and Technical Assistance

23. Took note of the future publication of debrief reports on FIFA World Cup 2026, by participating countries and organisations, as well as by FIFA and the three host countries, as a legacy for future major sporting events;

24. Took note of the setting-up of the Ad hoc Working Group on UEFA EURO 2028, organised by UEFA and co-hosted by the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland;

25. Took note that the Ad hoc Working Group decided to keep its scope unchanged and only follow-up FIFA World Cup and UEFA EURO tournaments;

26. Took note of the role and activities of Formula 1 and Sport & Rights Alliance, and that these organisations will request the granting of the observer status to the Committee;

27. Took note that a survey on improving stewarding at football matches and other sports events, will be launched early 2027, and, based on its report, a Recommendation on this topic shall be drafted by the T-S4 LI Advisory Group and submitted to the Committee for adoption during the second semester of 2027;

28. Took note of the Council of Europe's online course on gender equality, congratulated the Portuguese authorities for offering to translate it into Portuguese and invited the other delegations to do so;

29. Took note of the developments made by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) in the field of safety, security and service standards at football matches and other sports events;

30. Took note of the debrief on the security good practices of the African Cup of Nations 2025 by Morocco;

31. Took note of the debrief and praised the relevance of the report of the European Union Open Method of Coordination (OMC) on ““Fight against hate speech in sport”;

32. Took note of recent developments in legislative, regulatory, administrative and institutional frameworks, as well as good practices and lessons learned, at national level and by non-State organisations;

European Union – Council of Europe joint projects

33. Took note of the important legacy and follow-up of the European Union - Council of Europe joint project “Balance S4: Strengthening the Safety and Service Pillars of the Saint-Denis Convention;

34. Took note of the state of play of implementation of the European Union - Council of Europe joint project “Active and Equal: Women's health in sport across generations”;

35. Took note of the legacy of the European Union - Council of Europe joint project “Sport For All: Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities”;

36. Stressed the importance of these European Union - Council of Europe joint projects in the field of sport as tools to ensure effective technical assistance to Member States in implementing the Council of Europe’s sports values and standards;

Showcasing the Saint-Denis Convention

37. Recalled Parties and Observer States to send their country profiles and to regularly update them;

38. Acknowledged the relevance of the toolkit of 16 factsheets and the new series of factsheets as a way to further promote the Convention and its standards; invited the national delegations to translate into their own languages these

toolkits of factsheets on the Saint-Denis Convention; and invited all Parties and Observers to promote the toolkits and share them as largely as possible on their webpages, social networks, events, etc.;

39. Took note of the recent publication of the new ECRI Factsheet on preventing and combating racism and intolerance in and through sports and invited all Parties and Observers to disseminate it;

40. Took note of the recent launch of the Greek version of the MOOC and congratulated the Greek authorities for this initiative;

41. Invited national delegations and Observers to contribute to the dissemination of the MOOC on the Saint-Denis Convention;

42. Praised the continuing interest of States in translating the MOOC, the toolkit of factsheets and other showcase tools into their national languages;

Next meeting

43. Decided to hold its 11th meeting on 8-9 June 2027, in Strasbourg, back-to-back with the 1st meeting of the Ad-hoc Working Group on UEFA EURO 2028 (UK/IRL).