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

3-4 December 2025

List of Decisions

I. OPENING

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed participants to the 9th meeting, which was held on 3 December and concluded with an open session entitled: "Controversies in Match-Fixing".

He warmly welcomed the representatives of the stakeholders, particularly those who had travelled from especially far away, such as Australia, Canada and Japan.

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

4. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

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

It thanked the United Kingdom's platform for its presentation on the lessons learned from manipulation cases. It also thanked the Danish platform for its presentation on sports betting data farms.

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

The Advisory Group took note of the information provided by the EPAS Secretariat regarding the last plenary meeting, which was held in Strasbourg on 1 and 2 July 2025.

III. DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION

6. ALERTS

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

It encouraged the Group to organise a workshop aimed at harmonising the creation of alerts. It also invited the Working Group to monitor the development of the new exchange platform during the first half of 2026.

The Group thanked Sportradar for collecting information on alerts related to friendly matches. It encouraged the national platforms of the jurisdictions concerned to take concrete measures.

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 the Confederation of African Football and the Moroccan national platform regarding the monitoring mechanism for the upcoming Africa Cup of Nations, to be hosted by Morocco.

It invited the Group to liaise with the IOC and the Italian platform with a view to setting up the monitoring mechanism for the Milan–Cortina Olympic Games.

It also invited the Group to liaise with FIFA and the Canadian national platform with a view to establishing the monitoring mechanism for the 2026 World Cup.

The Group endorsed the list of competitions to be placed under monitoring in the first half of 2026.

8. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Advisory Group adopted the Terms of Reference of the working group, which would be led by the coordinator of the French platform with the support of Sportradar. The work would run until 31 December 2026.

Three thematic reports would be produced by sub-groups: one on detection and predictive analysis, a second on the use of AI for intelligence and investigation, and a third on ethical, legal and governance frameworks.

A training webinar would be offered to the coordinators of the national platforms to present the challenges and opportunities of AI for protecting sporting integrity.

The project's results would also be the subject of a peer-reviewed scientific article.

A final synthesis report would bring together operational recommendations for public authorities, regulators and private partners. These conclusions would be presented and discussed at the meeting of the Copenhagen Group in June 2026, and subsequently at a closing conference bringing together institutional and economic stakeholders, aimed at preparing a supervised pilot project.

Lastly, the working group would continue to play a monitoring role to ensure the alignment of standards and to disseminate good practices in the responsible use of AI in sporting integrity.

IV. AWARENESS RAISING, EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

9. GROUND

The Advisory Group took note of the work undertaken by the Working Group on questionnaire. Each national platform is invited to disseminate it to as many athletes as possible in its country.

10. ACT PROJECT II (ADDRESSING COMPETITIONS' MANIPULATION TOGETHER)

The Advisory Group welcomed the launch of the new ACT II project. It took note of the various initiatives planned over the next two years, including the development of the alert-exchange platform, the organisation of an annual awareness-raising event, training in intelligence and investigation, and the organisation of workshops aimed at establishing national platforms.

It thanked Norway, the World Lottery Association (WLA), European Lotteries (EL), La Française des Jeux (FDJ), the French Football League, and the International Olympic Committee for their pledged contributions.

It invited other countries and organisations to provide similar financial support, even if modest.

V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW APPROACHES

11. ESPORTS

The Advisory Group took good note of the forthcoming revision of the report on manipulation in Esports, including the list of integrity criteria for betting offers on such competitions.

12. ADDICTION

The Advisory Group took note of the results of the FBPA (Football Players Betting Addiction) project and of the next steps presented by Dimitris Davakis, Integrity Officer of the Hellenic Football Federation.

13. TECHNICAL MANIPULATION

The Advisory Group took note of the presentation by Severin Moritzer from Play Fair Code (Austria) on the analysis of technical manipulation in sport.

VI. INTERNAL ORGANISATION, COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

14. RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Secretariat recalled the provisions of the Rules of Procedure concerning members (Article 2):

“Can be Members of the T-MC Advisory group the representatives of national platforms of countries that have ratified the Convention or have signed it. For the latter, their membership in the T-MC Advisory group will be re-examined after a period of 18 months (starting from the adoption of the present Rules) as sole membership of representatives of Parties to the Convention is foreseen eventually”.

The Group decided to maintain member status for signatory countries that had not yet ratified the Convention for an additional period of 18 months starting on 1 January 2026. At the end of this period, any country that had not ratified the Convention would no longer be considered a member and would therefore no longer be eligible.

The Secretariat also recalled the provisions of the Rules of Procedure concerning observers (Article 6):

“The T-MC Advisory Group may invite, any State which is not Party to the Convention and is not subject to Article 2 of the present Rules, or has not signed it, any international organisation or body, to be represented as observer at its meeting. Representatives appointed under this paragraph shall participate in meetings of the T-MC Advisory Group without the right of vote.

Candidates shall request the status of observer by a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the T-MC Advisory Group. The Bureau examines the request and prepares a recommendation for the T-MC Advisory Group. The status of observer is granted by the T-MC Advisory Group's decision.

Observer status shall be granted for a period of 18 months".

The Group decided to maintain observer status for countries that had not yet signed the Convention for an additional period of 18 months starting on 1 January 2026. At the end of this period, any country that had not signed the Convention would no longer be considered an observer.

15. ELECTIONS

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

- As Chair: Samuel Wahlberg (Sweden)
- As Vice-Chair: Rute Soares (Spain)
- As Bureau member: Oscar Pérez Peña (Spain)
- As Bureau member: Ioannis Iakovidis (Greece)
- As Bureau member: Simon Pedersen Hørkær (Denmark)
- As Bureau member: Nick Oliver (United Kingdom)
- As Bureau member: James Möller (Australia)

VII. SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

16. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

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

It recalled that one of the strategic objectives is to connect the five continents within a common cooperation framework.

The Group took note of announcements by several countries concerning possible forthcoming ratifications, in particular Australia, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, United Kingdom and Poland.

The Group took note of Brazil's accession process and also invited Japan to submit a letter in order to formally initiate the procedure.

17. FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

The Advisory Group took note of the agenda for the Committee's closed session, which will be held on 5 December.

The main items on the agenda of this meeting were the follow-up to the Convention, data protection, reasonable betting, illegal betting and the fight against money laundering in sports betting.

VIII. CLOSING

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Advisory Group took note of the intention expressed by several national platforms to establish a working group on the sponsorship and marketing of sports betting.

He thanked Türkiye for taking on the coordination role and invited the Group to work on the Terms of Reference.

19. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Advisory Group took note of the possible date of its 10th meeting, which would be held in Cyprus in early May 2025.

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APPENDIX II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS

COUNTRY	SURNAME	NAME	POSITION	INSTITUTION
AUSTRALIA	MOLLER	James	Head of Strategy & International Policy	Sport Integrity Australia
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