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INFORMATION NOTE

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Subject: Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions
(match fixing) – ways forward for the EU
- Information from the Danish delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Danish delegation on the above subject, which has been placed under 'Any other business' on the agenda for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 22 and 23 May 2019.

**Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (match fixing) –
ways forward for the EU**

Based on recent information from the Council of Europe, it is very likely that the Match Fixing Convention will soon have been ratified by at least five State Parties, and will therefore enter into force in 2019 or early 2020.

While the Convention has been widely supported by EU Member States, it has however until now not been possible to reach the requested unanimity in Council in order for the EU to accede to the Convention.

Several key issues in the Convention remain unresolved and have been left to the discretion of the “Convention Follow-up Committee”. These include important issues such as the list of Sports organisations to be covered by the convention (art. 31.2.), and which criteria are to be met by Sports organisations and are expected to meet in order to benefit from the exchange of information (art. 31.3.a).

In order to promote the EU’s interests and to ensure that the Convention will be a strong and relevant instrument in the international fight against match fixing, it would be essential that the EU and its Member States are able to play an active role in the Convention Follow-up Committee from the beginning.

In light hereof, Denmark would invite the Council Member States to discuss next steps towards ensuring EU’s full participation in the Convention.