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#### INFORMATION NOTE

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Subject: France deposits its national ratification instrument of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (the Macolin Convention)  
*- Information from the French delegation*

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the French delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under ‘Any other business’ of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting of 15-16 May 2023.

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Against the exceptional backdrop of hosting the 2023 Rugby World Cup and the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, France will shortly deposit with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe the ratification instrument enabling it to become a Party, on a national level, to the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, known as the Macolin Convention, which is currently the only binding international instrument to combat sports manipulation.

The ratification of this Convention is part of France's commitment to ensure the prevention and punishment of attacks on sporting integrity, including corruption, sports fraud and illegal betting within competitions.

Following the signing of the Convention on 2 October 2014, the national act authorizing its ratification was published on 12 December 2022.

However, France remains, under the framework set out by the Court of Justice of the European Union<sup>1</sup>, firmly committed to the practice of common accord with regard to the conclusion of mixed agreements by the European Union. Within this framework, it commends the major efforts made within the Council to reach a common accord of the Member States and would like the EU and all Member States to be able to accede to the Macolin Convention as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Opinion 1/19 (Istanbul Convention), 6 October 2021, EU:C:2021:832.