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Welsh Government

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Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach to Football Matches and Other Sporting Events

Dear Mark

At our meeting on 29 June 2023, the Committee considered Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events.

The UK Government's Explanatory Memorandum confirms that the Convention engages both reserved and devolved matters and that the devolved governments were consulted on the drafting of the Convention and the preparation of the Explanatory Memorandum.

The Welsh Government's [National Events Strategy for Wales 2022-2030](#) sets out its main aims for attracting and supporting major events, including sporting events, and how the government intends to achieve these. The strategy lists several major events hosted in Wales which help to deliver on its ambition to "stand out amongst the global crowd".

As a result of this, the Committee would like to ask for the Welsh Government for further information on:

- Its view on the Convention, including its impact in Wales and how it relates to relevant Welsh Government strategies, including the National Events Strategy for Wales 2022-30;
- Its involvement in the Convention's development, including whether this is reflected in the Convention's documents;
- The nature of intergovernmental discussions relating to the Convention;
- To what extent the Convention's requirements are already in place for football matches and other sporting events in Wales;
- Whether further steps are needed to fully implement the Convention's requirements; and

- The role and responsibilities of the Welsh Government and others in implementing the Convention in devolved areas. .

I would be grateful if you could provide a response by 14 August 2023.

Yours sincerely



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Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.