

Presenting the President of Russia with the Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events to be submitted for ratification

The Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events was signed by the Russian Federation in Saint-Denis (France) on 3 July 2016.

Reference

The draft federal law On Ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events, hereinafter referred to as the Convention, was developed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation.

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At present the Convention has been signed by 23 states and ratified by Monaco and France. It will enter in force when the member states of the Council of Europe agree to assume commitments on its implementation.

The Convention is aimed at improving international cooperation on ensuring the safety and security of spectators during competitions in different sports, in particular, football matches, and at reducing the risks of acts of violence or public disorder by citizens or groups of citizens.

The Convention provides for the establishment of the Committee on Safety and Security at Sports Events.

To carry out the Convention the required amendments were introduced into the legislation of the Russian Federation and relevant regulatory acts adopted in 2016. In 2015, the Ministry of the Interior established a national football information centre.

In accordance with the Federal Law On International Treaties of the Russian Federation, the Convention is subject to ratification as it concerns the basic human and civil rights and freedoms.