

To the members of the Bureau of the Council

Zurich, 20 June 2019

Appointment of a FIFA General Delegate for Africa

Dear members of the Bureau of the Council,

Following recent events at CAF, I have been approached by the CAF President in order to provide FIFA's assistance and expertise to help implement and accelerate the ongoing reform process at CAF level.

The current situation has been the subject of intensive discussion between the CAF President and myself in past weeks and I am now writing to the Bureau of the Council to inform you of our position and to seek your approval for a proposed course of action. In our opinion, it is vital that FIFA and CAF act together to address the issues that have been identified and that we do so with a real sense of urgency.

Given current circumstances, the FIFA Administration has already recommended that a central audit review be conducted of all FIFA Forward Funds allocated to CAF, to ensure that funds have been, and are being, put to proper use and that there is no evidence of wrongdoing or mismanagement. Additionally and in the same spirit, the CAF Executive Committee has agreed to a comprehensive forensic audit of its finances as well as requested a visit of both FIFA's governance and ethics teams in order to assist on ongoing reviews and investigations.

In light of the current exceptional situation facing CAF, we are requesting the Bureau of the Council to support the decision to appoint, on a temporary basis, a FIFA General Delegate for Africa, acting under the authority of both CAF and FIFA. The aim of this mission is amongst others to lead a team providing the relevant expertise, ensuring that the necessary reforms are implemented within CAF at all levels. Tasks will also include reviewing the operational management of CAF, including governance and administrative procedures, ensuring the efficient and professional organization of all CAF competitions and supporting the growth and development of football in all countries and regions of CAF.

The proposed FIFA General Delegate for Africa is Fatma Samoura, current FIFA Secretary General. During this temporary period, Fatma Samoura would stay Secretary General of FIFA, and will

delegate her functions within the FIFA administration in accordance with the relevant internal regulations.

Whilst the situation is admittedly unusual and exceptional, we are fully satisfied that there is a legal and political framework for a FIFA-CAF joint decision on this matter. In particular, Article 22(3) of the FIFA Statutes provides that confederations have a number of rights and obligations, including:

“(a) to comply with and enforce compliance with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA;

(b) to work closely with FIFA in every domain so as to achieve the objectives stipulated in art. 2 and to organize international competitions;

(g) to nurture relations and cooperation with FIFA actively and constructively for the good of the game through consultative meetings and to discuss and resolve any problems relating to the interests of the confederations and FIFA;”

Notably, the objectives of FIFA, as referenced in the above Article 22(3)(b), include promoting integrity, ethics and fair play and also eradicating corruption, as well as organizing international competitions and improving the game of football constantly and on a global level.

At the same time, the CAF Statutes provide in Article 2(2) and 2(3) as follows:

“CAF is required to comply at all times and unreservedly to the principles of good governance, integrity and sportsmanship; as well as to the Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives of FIFA.”

Article 55 of the CAF Statutes (“unforeseen circumstances”) states that:

“CAF Executive Committee shall decide any matters not provided for by the current Statutes or cases of force majeure, such decisions shall take immediate effect.”

In view of the background set out above, it is logical that these efforts should be carried out in close cooperation with FIFA and, ideally, that a senior FIFA official should be appointed to lead them. Hence the reason for proposing to appoint the most senior official in the FIFA Administration as FIFA General Delegate for Africa.

It is, therefore, against this background that I have agreed to this proposal to address the current situation with the CAF President Ahmad. He has obtained the unanimous support of the CAF Executive Committee and we now seek the support of the Bureau of the Council for this appointment.

PRESIDENT



Based on the above, we kindly ask you to approve the following decision by 20 June 2019, 10:30 CET. As previously mentioned, both CAF President and FIFA President fully support the decision:

“to appoint Fatma Samoura as “FIFA General Delegate for Africa” for a 6-month period from 1 August 2019 to 31 January 2020, renewable with the agreement of CAF and FIFA. During this period, Fatma Samoura will stay Secretary General of FIFA and will delegate her functions within the FIFA administration in accordance with the relevant internal regulations.”

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Gianni Infantino".

Gianni Infantino