

FIFA governance reform process – proposals approved by the Executive Committee

In accordance with the agreed reform road map, today the FIFA Executive Committee reviewed the remaining governance reform proposals, which had previously been examined by the relevant working group of the confederation general secretaries, chaired by FIFA Executive Committee member Dr Theo Zwanziger, and the FIFA Legal Committee, chaired by FIFA Vice-President Ángel María Villar Llona.

In this regard, the FIFA Executive Committee agreed on proposals to be submitted to the upcoming FIFA Congress, which include:

1. Confirmation of the members of the FIFA Executive Committee

- a. Persons who hold or seek to hold an official FIFA position as President, vice-president, female member or other member of the Executive Committee, chairman, deputy chairman or member of the Audit and Compliance Committee, or chairman, deputy chairman or member of the judicial bodies shall undergo an integrity check prior to their election or re-election.
- b. The integrity check is based on standards established by FIFA and includes:
 - i. A declaration signed by the relevant candidate stating that no sports governing body has ever imposed any disciplinary or similar sanction or measure on him in the past for actions which amount to violations of the rules of conduct set out in part II section 5 of the FIFA Code of Ethics;
 - ii. A declaration signed by the relevant candidate stipulating that he has not previously been convicted by a final decision of any intentional indictable offence or of any offence corresponding to a violation of the rules of conduct set out in part II section 5 of the FIFA Code of Ethics;
 - iii. A section with regard to facts and circumstances which may give rise to potential conflicts of interest regarding the relevant candidate;
 - iv. An additional declaration relating to candidates for the office of chairman or deputy chairman of each chamber of the Ethics Committee as well as the Audit and Compliance Committee concerning the fulfilment of additional independent criteria.
- c. The integrity check for candidates for the offices of the FIFA vice-presidents and the other members of the FIFA Executive Committee not elected by the FIFA Congress shall be conducted at confederation level prior to their election or re-election in accordance with the standards established by FIFA. The respective confederation shall provide the FIFA general secretariat with the result of the integrity check conducted by the confederation for its information.
- d. The integrity checks for those candidates mentioned under section 1 (a) above shall be conducted at FIFA level by the investigatory chamber of the FIFA Ethics Committee, except for the candidates for chairman, deputy chairman or members of each chamber of the

FIFA Ethics Committee, which shall be conducted by the Audit and Compliance Committee.

- e. Removal from office of an installed vice-president or other member of the Executive Committee before completion of his mandate: an installed vice-president or other member of the Executive Committee may only be removed from office before completion of his mandate by the FIFA Congress or the congress of the confederation concerned.

2. Composition of the FIFA Executive Committee

The privilege of the four British associations to elect a FIFA vice-president shall be removed; the seat in question as FIFA vice-president shall go to UEFA. UEFA may determine the modalities for the allocation of this seat as FIFA vice-president at confederation level.

3. Election of the FIFA President

- a. A candidature for the office of FIFA President shall only be valid if supported by a total of at least five member associations.
- b. Moreover, the Executive Committee proposes to include a further condition in the FIFA Statutes requiring that a candidate for the office of FIFA President must have played an active role in association football for two of the last five years before being proposed as a candidate for the office of FIFA President.

4. Term of office

The executive agreed to submit this item to the vote of the Congress.

5. Age limit

The executive agreed to submit this item to the vote of the Congress.

6. Stronger representation of key parties involved in football

The Executive Committee is of the opinion that the inclusion of a provision in the FIFA Statutes recommending that all FIFA members involve all relevant stakeholders in football in their own structure would result in stronger representation of key parties involved in football.

7. Bidding process/decision on venue of the FIFA World Cup™

The FIFA Congress shall take the decision on the venue for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup™ based on a shortlist consisting of up to three bids submitted by the FIFA Executive Committee. This decision aims to achieve the objective of securing the best possible hosting conditions in the host country. In particular, the procedure to be followed ensures that, based on specific regulations to be issued by the Executive Committee, the FIFA general secretariat shall establish a fair and transparent bidding procedure, inviting all qualified members to submit a bid and defining in detail the requirements for the bidding and hosting as well as criteria for selecting the host of the event. In addition, the relevant provisions

stipulate that the FIFA general secretariat shall submit to the Executive Committee a public report evaluating the compliance of all bids with the bidding procedure and the requirements for hosting the event, taking into consideration the defined criteria for selecting the host. Equally, the provisions on this procedure contained in the proposal of the Executive Committee provide that a Congress may not award the hosting rights to more than one FIFA World Cup™ at the same meeting and that the right to host the event shall not be awarded to members of the same confederation for two consecutive editions of the FIFA World Cup™.

8. Various clarifications and specifications in the FIFA Statutes

In this regard, the Executive Committee agreed that various clarifications and specifications shall be included in the FIFA Statutes; in particular, articles 2 and 3 of the FIFA Statutes shall contain stronger and more detailed wording on the promotion of ethics and the fight against discrimination respectively.

9. International Football Association Board (IFAB)

The Executive Committee welcomes the agreement reached by the IFAB at its last Annual General Meeting held in Edinburgh on 2 March 2013 to reform its own structure and governance as a result of FIFA's governance reform proposals.

10. Regulations Governing Candidatures for the Office of President

These regulations shall be drafted and issued by the competent body once the statutory basis has been established.

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