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To the attention of: Mr Agim Ademi, President

28 January 2026

Your correspondence dated 19 January 2026

Dear Mr Ademi,

We refer to your letter of 19 January 2026 concerning the email received on 12 January 2026 from the Commission for the Licensing of Sports Federations at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS) in relation with the convening of the Electoral Assembly of the Football Federation of Kosovo (FFK), scheduled to take place on 5 February 2026.

In this respect, we recall that amendments to the FFK Statutes were initially adopted at the Extraordinary Assembly held in Pristina on 27 January 2023, introducing a series of substantial reforms aimed at significantly strengthening the governance and the statutory and regulatory framework of the FFK.

Furthermore, the FFK convened its Ordinary Assembly on 20 February 2024, during which it adopted the FFK Electoral Code and elected the members of the Electoral Commission. At the subsequent Ordinary Assembly of 5 February 2025 as well as the Extraordinary Assembly of 11 August 2025, additional statutory amendments were approved in order to align the FFK Statutes with FIFA and UEFA principles and recommendations, as well as with the Law No. 08/L-277 on Sport and the recommendations and requirements issued by the MCYS. Representatives of FIFA and UEFA attended all of these Assemblies to ensure that the relevant processes were conducted in accordance with the governance standards of both institutions.

All of the above reforms, which envisaged wide-ranging changes at all levels of the federation's governance structure, were the result of an inclusive and coordinated consultation process involving FIFA, UEFA, FFK and the MCYS. Moreover, we understand that each revised version of the FFK Statutes was duly communicated to all relevant parties, including the MCYS, up to and including the last amendments approved by the Extraordinary Assembly on 11 August 2025.

It is therefore our understanding that, since these latest amendments were introduced specifically to ensure alignment with national law on sport and, in light of the apparent absence of any comments or objections from the MCYS for more than five months, there were no remaining indications of potential impediments to be compliant with the applicable national sports legislation.

Therefore, we find it highly concerning that, following the Extraordinary Assembly of 11 August 2025, the MCYS only on 12 January 2026 – just a few weeks before the FFK elections scheduled for 5 February 2026 - requested substantial amendments to the FFK Statutes, particularly regarding provisions that have been introduced in the FFK Statutes since 2023 and, to our knowledge, were not questioned at any stage during the consultation process until now.

In this context, we wish to draw your attention to Article 14 paragraph 1 (i) and Article 19 of the FIFA Statutes, as well as Article 7bis paragraph 2 of the UEFA Statutes, which require member associations to manage their affairs independently and without undue influence from any third party. Pursuant to these provisions, member associations must ensure, through their Statutes, a democratic procedure guaranteeing that their executive bodies are freely and democratically elected and that all other bodies are elected or appointed in a completely independent manner. Any breach of these obligations may lead to sanctions, including in circumstances where such third-party influence is not directly attributable to the fault of the member association.

Accordingly, it is our firm expectation that the electoral process of the FFK be conducted in full transparency and independence, and without any undue interference by any third party, in accordance with the governance principles applicable to all FIFA and UEFA member associations.

In addition, in line with these same principles, we would like to emphasise that, as set out in the FFK Statutes, any decision relating to the composition of FFK's membership falls within the exclusive competence of the FFK Assembly, as the supreme and legislative body of the FFK, which must equally remain free from any form of decision-making or influence by third-parties.

Furthermore, we wish to highlight the historic sporting achievement of the Kosovo national team's qualification for the European Qualifiers Play-offs for the FIFA World Cup 2026, and to underscore the importance of safeguarding institutional stability at this critical moment, so as not to jeopardise the continued development and success of football in Kosovo.

Moreover, please be informed that representatives of FIFA and UEFA will attend and observe the FFK Electoral Assembly on 5 February 2026 to ensure that the electoral process is conducted in compliance with the FFK Statutes, as well as with the applicable statutes, regulations and principles of FIFA and UEFA.

Finally, as the statutes of a member association are considered a "living document" requiring amendments from time to time in order to maintain high standards of good governance, after the Electoral Assembly, FIFA and UEFA will contact you to assess any potential further amendments to the FFK Statutes to be approved in due course.

We thank you for your cooperation and remain at your disposal should you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

FIFA

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