To the members of FIFA
Circular no. 1378

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Integrity declaration for the international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees on the 2014 FIFA lists

Dear general secretaries,

Recalling your vote at the 63rd FIFA Congress in favour of the FIFA Integrity Initiative, we trust that a member association’s word is its bond – a bond that forms the ethical basis for its commitment to conducting best football practices and being accountable. The FIFA Security Division has introduced the integrity declaration for international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees to raise awareness on match manipulation and corruption and to obtain their guarantee that they will not act unethically in pursuit of profit and report any relevant approach or knowledge. It is a simple statement of integrity to which they sign their name and assume full accountability for their actions and practices. It is quick and easy yet persuasive and powerful.

Please distribute the attached integrity declaration to each of the referees who intend to be on the 2014 FIFA refereeing list for completion and return by 20 September 2013 to:

FIFA Security, FIFA-Strasse 20, P.O. Box 8044 Zurich, Switzerland

Please note that, in order to be accepted, each integrity declaration must contain:
- a recent photo of the referee
- all information requested
- confirmation
- the referee’s original handwritten signature

Please note that in the event of non-compliance with this requirement, referees will not be included in the 2014 refereeing list.

Match manipulation and corruption in football is a global threat: it undermines the integrity of football and sustainable economic development. Effective measures must be taken to ensure its prevention, through awareness-raising initiatives, education, prosecution and punishment.

By asking all FIFA-listed referees to complete and return the integrity declaration, we are striving to consolidate their commitment to safeguarding the integrity of football.

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The prevention of match manipulation and corruption is a vital part of our combined efforts to ensure the integrity of football and fairness of competitions.

We greatly appreciate your valuable support, commitment and assistance in tackling the threat of match manipulation and corruption head-on.

Thank you for informing the referees concerned accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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