To the members of FIFA
and the confederations

Circular no. 1053

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Interpretation of the dates listed in the Coordinated International Match Calendar for double fixtures

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 29 June 2005 the FIFA Executive Committee adopted the currently valid Coordinated International Match Calendar for the years between 2006 and 2014.

In the meantime, certain doubts have arisen with regard to the interpretation of the dates listed in the relevant calendar whenever double fixtures (Saturday / Wednesday) are concerned.

Up to the 2005 edition of the Coordinated International Match Calendar it appeared clear that the dates listed for double fixtures were meant as periods and not as two fix dates. In other words, the Associations were left at liberty to decide when exactly they would schedule their international matches, provided they would do it in the period between the first and the last date indicated in the relevant calendar.

The new edition of the Coordinated International Match Calendar has, however, created some misunderstandings in this respect insofar as it could be understood that the previous practice was changed and that the dates listed for double fixtures are now meant as fix dates without any space for flexibility for the Associations.

In this respect, we hereby would like to inform you that the former interpretation with regard to the dates listed in the Coordinated International Match Calendar for double fixtures can be confirmed, being that, as it had been constant practice up to the 2005 edition of the calendar, the relevant dates listed in the calendar indicate a period of time and not two fix dates.
We thank you for taking note of the above, and remain,

Yours faithfully,

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