



## TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1728

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### **70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress, to be held as an online event on 18 September 2020 at 15:00 CET**

Dear Sir or Madam,

This circular letter serves as the formal convocation to the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress, to be held as an online event on 18 September 2020 at 15:00 CET. Interpreting into the official Congress languages will be provided as part of this online event.

#### **1. Documents relating to the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress**

In accordance with art. 25 par. 2 of the FIFA Statutes, we are pleased to share the Congress agenda together with the FIFA Annual Report 2019, the revised budget for 2019-2022, the detailed budget for 2021 and the proposed amendments to the Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress. All of these documents – as well as the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress, which were distributed to the member associations with circular no. 1708 in February 2020 – are available to download [HERE](#).

#### **2. Congress participation and exercise of voting rights prior to and during the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress**

Pursuant to art. 27 of Ordinance 3 on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (previously art. 6b of Ordinance 2, first issued on 13 March 2020, with updated versions made available as the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic developed), as an entity headquartered in Switzerland subject to Swiss law, FIFA may, like other Swiss-based associations, organise its annual Congress remotely and allow its member associations to exercise their rights, including voting rights, in writing or online.

Therefore, in line with the respective provisions of the said ordinance, on 11 May 2020, the Bureau of the FIFA Council decided to stage the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress as a virtual meeting via an online platform.

In principle and to the extent possible, the voting shall be conducted prior to the Congress (with a technical solution to be put in place to enable votes to be cast during the Congress should a need to do so arise in the course of the event).

Further information relating to Congress participation and the exercise of voting rights by member associations prior to the Congress is available in enclosure 1. We count on your cooperation to submit the respective ballot papers (which can be found in enclosure 2) in good time and in accordance with the provisions outlined in enclosure 1.

If the three delegates representing a member association are unable to join from the same location, only the main delegate representing the member association (i.e. the delegate assigned to exercise voting rights on behalf of the member association) will be invited to join via the online platform. The two remaining delegates will be invited to follow the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress through a web stream (on [fifa.com](http://fifa.com) and/or YouTube).

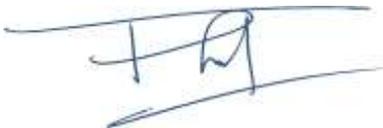
These two remaining delegates are invited to exercise their rights as Congress delegates through an intermediary, i.e. the main delegate assigned to represent the member association. Please kindly submit the name and title of the main delegate representing your member association (the president of the association or a delegate assigned by the president) to [voting70Congress@fifa.org](mailto:voting70Congress@fifa.org) by no later than 31 August, together with the delegate's email address and the number of the business or private mobile phone to which he or she will have access during the Congress.

The FIFA administration will dispatch further information to the main delegates in due course and invite them to online preparatory sessions, during which they will be guided through the installation of the voting application on their mobile devices.

We remain at your disposal at [congress@fifa.org](mailto:congress@fifa.org) for any questions you may have with regard to the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress and look forward to welcoming you for this online event.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Fatma Samoura  
Secretary General

Encl. 1: Participation and Exercise of Voting Rights  
Encl. 2: Ballot paper

cc: - FIFA Council  
- Confederations

**AGENDA**

of the

**70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress**

to be held as an online event

on Friday, 18 September 2020 at 15:00 (CET)

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Roll call and declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes**
- 3. Appointment of scrutineers and members to check the minutes**
- 4. Suspension or expulsion of a member**
- 5. Approval of the agenda**
- 6. Approval of minutes**  
69<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress – Paris, 5 June 2019
- 7. President's address**
- 8. Annual Report**
  - 8.1 Activities in 2019
  - 8.2 Consolidated financial statements for 2019
  - 8.3 FIFA statutory financial statements for 2019
  - 8.4 Auditors' report to the Congress
  - 8.5 Report by the chairman of the FIFA Audit and Compliance Committee
  - 8.6 Vote on approval of the consolidated financial statements for 2019 and of the FIFA statutory financial statements for 2019
  - 8.7 Revised budget for 2019-2022 and detailed budget for 2021
  - 8.8 Vote on approval of the revised budget for 2019-2022 and the detailed budget for 2021
  - 8.9 Appointment of the auditors for 2020-2022
- 9. Election or dismissal of members of the judicial bodies, the Audit and Compliance Committee, and the Governance Committee**
- 10. Vote on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress**
- 11. Discussion of proposals duly submitted by the member associations and the Council within the period stipulated in art. 28 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes**
- 12. President's closing remarks**
- 13. Next Congress**  
71<sup>st</sup> FIFA Congress in 2021

70<sup>TH</sup> **FIFA**<sup>®</sup>  
CONGRESS 2020  
18 SEPTEMBER

# Participation and the Exercise of Voting Rights



## **I. PREAMBLE**

1. At the 69<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress in Paris, the FIFA President confirmed that the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress would take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2020. However, on 10 March 2020, on account of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Bureau of the FIFA Council took the decision to postpone the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress, which had been scheduled for 5 June 2020; the new date set was 18 September 2020, with the location (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) remaining unchanged.
2. Subsequently, based on article 6b of the 11 May 2020 update to Ordinance 2 on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (Swiss COVID-19 Ordinance 2), issued by the Swiss Confederation, the Bureau of the FIFA Council decided on 11 May 2020 to hold the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress as a virtual meeting in the sense of the said Swiss COVID-19 Ordinance 2.
3. The above-mentioned decisions were subsequently ratified by the FIFA Council at its meeting of 25 June 2020, in accordance with article 38 paragraph 3 of the FIFA Statutes.
4. Pursuant to article 27 of Swiss COVID-19 Ordinance 3 (previously article 6b of Swiss COVID-19 Ordinance 2 and hereinafter Swiss COVID-19 Ordinance 3), which is applicable to FIFA as a Swiss association, and in the context of the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress, FIFA may order its member associations to exercise their rights, including voting rights, exclusively in writing or online.

## **II. PARTICIPATION IN THE 70<sup>TH</sup> FIFA CONGRESS**

### **A. EXERCISE OF RIGHTS**

5. As set out in FIFA circular no. 1716, member associations must exercise their rights in the context of the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress exclusively in writing or online. The procedure for the exercise of voting rights is detailed in section III below.

### **B. REPRESENTATION**

6. In order to ensure that the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress can be conducted as smoothly as possible and due to the technical limitations of a congress held in accordance with the Swiss COVID-19 Ordinance 3, each member association is invited to attend the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress online, with one delegate having access to the online voting system.

### **C. PROPOSALS, REQUESTS TO SPEAK AND DEBATES**

7. Each delegate of a member association may submit proposals in writing at least two months before, in accordance with article 28 paragraph 1 of the FIFA Statutes, or during the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress, in accordance with article 7 of the Standing Orders of the Congress.
8. In accordance with article 6 of the Standing Orders of the Congress, a member association's delegate may request permission to speak during the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress.
9. Debates on an agenda item that has been included at the request of a member association shall be preceded by a short report by the delegate of the said member association.

### III. VOTING RIGHTS AT THE 70<sup>TH</sup> FIFA CONGRESS

#### A. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR VOTING

10. In accordance with Swiss COVID-19 Ordinance 3, all member associations are requested to vote in writing on the specified agenda items prior to the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress. The votes must be submitted to the FIFA administration by no later than 15 September 2020, following the process set out in section B below.
11. In the event that one or more additional votes need to be conducted during the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress, each member association acknowledges and must be aware that, in accordance with article 26 paragraph 1 of the FIFA Statutes, only votes of member associations present at the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress will be counted.
12. Furthermore, blank ballot papers, blank votes on ballot papers or not signed ballot papers, invalid votes and electronic votes manipulated in any other way, as well as abstentions, will be disregarded when calculating the majorities.

#### B. VOTING IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE 70<sup>TH</sup> FIFA CONGRESS

13. When the member associations receive the convocation for the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress together with a copy of the agenda, as well as the FIFA Annual Report 2019, they will also receive a ballot paper and underlying documentation related to the agenda items that they are requested to vote on.
14. Each member association is requested to read the documentation carefully and to cast its vote by filling in the ballot paper attached to the respective FIFA circular.
15. The original (hard-copy) ballot paper must be signed by the president and/or the general secretary of the respective member association. Once filled in and signed, the **original ballot paper must be sent by registered post to:**

**Fédération Internationale de Football Association**  
**General secretariat**  
**FIFA-Strasse 20**  
**8044 Zurich**  
**Switzerland**

**FIFA must receive the original ballot paper by no later than 15 September 2020.** Furthermore, the member association must also send an electronic copy to [voting70Congress@fifa.org](mailto:voting70Congress@fifa.org). **Only original ballot papers received by FIFA by 15 September 2020 shall be considered valid votes.** Votes only received by email shall not be considered valid and shall be disregarded.

16. Original ballot papers that reach FIFA after 15 September 2020 shall be disregarded and counted as an abstention. If a member association does not submit a valid ballot paper, it cannot retroactively submit an electronic vote on the respective agenda items at the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress.

### **C. VOTING ONLINE AT THE 70<sup>TH</sup> FIFA CONGRESS**

17. In the context of point 11 above, prior to the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress, an electronic voting system will be provided to the member associations together with a user manual. Each member association shall be responsible for the installation and handling of such electronic voting system, and for the online vote being cast in a timely manner through the system.

## 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress – ballot paper

Please cast your vote on the following agenda items by ticking the respective box. **In order to submit a valid vote, please return the duly signed and filled-in original ballot paper by registered post to:**

Fédération Internationale de Football Association  
General secretariat  
FIFA-Strasse 20  
8044 Zurich  
Switzerland

**FIFA must receive the original ballot paper by no later than 15 September 2020.**

Furthermore, the member association must also send an electronic copy to [voting70Congress@fifa.org](mailto:voting70Congress@fifa.org).

Please take note that the underlying documents related to the below agenda items have been provided to you with the formal convocation.

### 2. Roll call and declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes

The Bureau of the Council recommends that the Congress allow the Eritrean National Football Federation to vote at the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress

**Do you agree with allowing the Eritrean National Football Federation to vote at the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress?**

YES       NO       ABSTAIN

### 3. Appointment of scrutineers and members to check the minutes

The following two members are proposed to serve as scrutineers to examine the functioning of the electronic voting system and approve the protocol:



Ghana



Portugal

The following five members are proposed to check the minutes:



Austria



Japan



Senegal



Turks and  
Caicos Islands



Uruguay

Do you approve the appointment of the two members as scrutineers to examine the functioning of the electronic voting system and approve the protocol, and the five members to check the minutes?

YES       NO       ABSTAIN

#### 5. Approval of the agenda

Do you approve the agenda of the 70<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress?

YES       NO       ABSTAIN

#### 6. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress have been checked by the following five members:



Algeria



Liechtenstein



Panama



Scotland



St. Lucia

Do you approve the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> FIFA Congress in Paris?

YES       NO       ABSTAIN

#### 8.6 Vote on approval of the consolidated financial statements for 2019 and of the FIFA statutory financial statements for 2019

Do you approve the consolidated financial statements for 2019 and the FIFA statutory financial statements for 2019?

YES       NO       ABSTAIN

#### 8.8 Vote on approval of the revised budget for 2019-2022 and the detailed budget for 2021

Do you approve the revised budget for 2019-2022 and the detailed budget for 2021?

YES       NO       ABSTAIN

#### 8.9 Appointment of the auditors for 2020-2022

FIFA recommends the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors for another term

Do you approve the appointment of the auditors for 2020-2022?

YES       NO       ABSTAIN

**10. Vote on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress**

**Do you approve the amendments to the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress?**

**YES**       **NO**       **ABSTAIN**

**Do you approve the amendments to the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes?**

**YES**       **NO**       **ABSTAIN**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Member association: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_